



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents

On Friday it was the turn of Saturn children to shine as they presented their Class Assembly on the big screen. We had a welcome break from the festive excitement as we journeyed to the other side of the world for a story set in Australia. Year 1 have been looking at 'fire' following their study of The Great Fire of London. The story 'Wombat Goes Walkabout' was beautifully acted by the children in Saturn with impressive dancing and singing, including a stunning solo. Well done to all the talented children for this wonderful performance and special thanks to Mrs Leyland for such a superb assembly.

Last week we filmed a small Virtual Tour to assist people who have wanted to visit St Christopher's during the Lockdown period. I was made redundant by two young stars Megan R, our Head Girl and Reis P, our Head Boy. They narrated the tour with skill and style and we could not be prouder of our two young ambassadors. Do look out for the Virtual Tour film on social media and on our website.

Special thanks to our Charity Coordinator Mrs Lizzie Russell. Having pioneered a very successful campaign to raise funds for Children's Casey Ward at Epsom Hospital, this week Mrs Russell delivered play equipment to the hospital, generously donated by students at Epsom College. Our fundraising initiative got off to a roaring start at the beginning of the last academic year but was placed on hold during the pandemic of 2020. The play equipment was designed to complement our initiative to refurbish a child's play area and we will continue to monitor the progress of the bigger part of the project as restrictions continue to lift.

On Wednesday we welcomed Quantum Theatre into school to perform 'The Night Before Christmas.' We all enjoyed this festive show, safely in our pods with the joys of live actors. Elf Day has been a spectacular success with all staff and children looking wonderful. Our annual Christmas Tree dressing assembly was made even more magical this year, as elves across the school carefully placed their handmade decorations onto the tree, whilst singing carols led by the talented Mrs Mulhern. The total collection made for 'Alzheimer's Society' will be announced next week. Once again thank you for your generous support. Talented Mrs Ladocha led a wreath making event for parents and has kindly donated her wreath to the school and you can see it proudly hanging on the door under Mr Bennett's spectacular lighting display! The Library Raffle was back this week with the warming theme of friendship. Librarian Mrs Thum assisted Librarians Zachery, Sophie, Ariana, Scarlett, Nancy and Lawrence and delivered the beautiful books to the lucky recipients.

Congratulations to Nikhil K for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar for always saying please and thank you. Well done for impressing the catering team with your sparkling manners.

Congratulations to [Donaldson](#) House for winning the Housepoint challenge this week with a splendid total of 2269 Housepoints. Well done [Donaldson](#) House.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Philosophers of the Week

Bailey T, Ariana A and Paul H

Thought for the Week

How important is it to have courage?

Merit Awards

Conor L, Lia M-L, Imogen C, Tate T, Nyah K, Charlie A

Ilyas A, Juliet F, Felice F, Benjamin C, Ella D and Amelie M



Our Virtual Nativity Preview Film Coming Soon.....



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Christmas has arrived in Nursery! Steve the Elf has arrived; he was hanging from the kitchen display and had a special note from Santa. The children were very pleased to meet him and were able to tell the teachers about his special instructions; we are not allowed to touch him otherwise his magic doesn't work. He has nice big listening ears and his favourite game is hide and seek. Each morning the children have been using their exploring skills to hunt for Steve the Elf. He has been found watching the



screen in Red Room, looking through the window in Blue Room and even climbing on the reading tree in Yellow Room! Every time the children find him they rush to find some paper and a pencil to draw a picture of him and write about him. We have been busy making some wonderful Christmas tree decorations with lots of glitter and stars. In Green Room this week



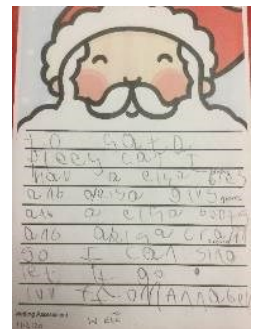
we have been writing letters to Santa and Christmas cards in our Nursery Christmas Post Office. We had a special treat on Wednesday watching "The Night Before Christmas" show; the children were amazed by all of the fabulous singing and dancing as well as seeing Santa come down the chimney! To end our super busy week we had great fun on Friday all dressed up as elves, we had a sprinkle of magic elf dust to keep the Nursery magical all day. Wow, what a busy week!



Reception News



Ho! Ho! Ho! Yes, Christmas has come early to Reception and St. Christopher's! There was much excitement and intrigue this week when 'Buddy' and 'Sparkles' the Elves came to school! We are showing them everyday how good we are so that at night they can fly back to the North Pole and report to Santa. It is fun to try and find the elves in a different place in our classrooms. To show the elves how clever we are we all wrote a letter to Santa

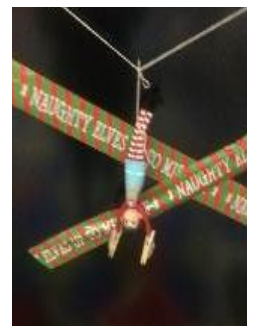


with our requests for presents. We did this independently without any help from our teachers! The elves were very impressed! With our tree decorating assembly on Friday we have been busy making a decoration each for the tree. Neptune Class have made beautiful angels and Mars class have made Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer. We can't wait to take them home to use on our trees. In PE this week we have completed our Halloween dance with Mrs Pryor. We looked super spooky! In Maths this week our elves have been very naughty! They keep 'taking things away!' with this in our minds we decided to



work on some subtraction sums. We have become very good at 'take away' we are sure the elves will tell Santa!

Whilst we were writing to Santa and asking him for presents we started to think about the difference between 'want' and 'need'. We reflected on how others may not be as lucky as us and things we could do to help like our St. Christopher's Toy Assembly. We are looking forward to Christmas and all the fun it brings!





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 9th December - Toy Donation Day for the Foodbank

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Party

Wear your own clothes (mufti)

Friday 11th December - Last Day of Term - Wear a Christmas jumper

Nursery and Pre Reception will finish at 11.15 -back gate

Reception will finish at 11.45 -back gate

Year 1 will finish at 11.45 -front gate

Year 2 will finish at 12.00 -back gate



Mathletics Awards

Congratulations to Edward P d M,

Gabriella L-T and Megan R for their silver certificates.



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school

Congratulations to:

Conor L who was asked this year to design a Christmas card by St Heliers Neo Natal Unit. Conor's Christmas card is on sale in the unit and all proceeds from the sale of Conor's Christmas card go towards funding vital care for babies born sick or premature.

We are extremely proud of Conor for designing his Christmas card and helping raise funds for the unit, who provided Conor with the vital care he needed when he was born.



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