



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

#### Dear Parents

*What an amazing week! On Saturday seven boys representing Year 2 went off to play in the December Downsends Football Tournament. They led with their energy and enthusiasm, if not with their goals, and made us all proud. Benji S enjoyed particular success when rewarded with a medal for being the Judge's choice as the player with most potential. Well done boys and thank you to their coach Mrs Sarah Pryor. Do see the photos on page 2.*

*Meanwhile the PTA elves were hard at work here preparing for the wonderful Christmas Fair. It was brilliantly organised and very well attended and everybody enjoyed the day. Thank you all for your fabulous support.*

*The School Council gave up their Saturday and took turns to raise awareness and funds for MERU our school charity. They then counted the money on Monday and were delighted to have added £325.98 to our wheelchair total.*

*This figure will have more than doubled with the generosity of our parents and families leaving The Magic Jigsaw Christmas Nativity during the week. Every child in the School performed and sang, danced and acted magnificently. They delighted every audience with their confidence and energy and we are all looking forward to the DVD which will be an item to treasure.*

*During the week we shared our Posada, a Mexican Christmas tradition that looks at the journey of Mary and Joseph. Posada means 'shelter' in Spanish and the children looked at the beautiful model and talked about the problems Mary and Joseph faced then and discussed what we would be able to offer if they required help in today's society and why.*

*On Friday we welcomed Reverend Christopher Hancock into school to present an Advent Assembly. This well timed visit complete with interactive roles for the children offered a time for some quieter reflection before the festive season.*

*In the afternoon we were delighted to offer a theatrical treat for all the children as West End in Schools came to present the pantomime 'Cinderella' to a hall full of very excited children who had earned their new role as 'audience' as a reward for all their hard work on stage this week.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is John D for being an absolutely fabulous diner! Well done John for seriously impressing the team*

*Congratulations to **Dahl House** for raising to the top of the Leader Board this week with a wonderful total of **1691** Housepoints.*

*Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

#### Fundraiser of the Week

Zahra K

For leading her School Council Team and adding a substantial amount of her own pocket money to the total.



*Our magnificent 5 a side tournament squad*



*Benji, the judge's choice as the player with the most potential*



*The school Council raising extra awareness for MERU together with an extra £325.98 proceeds from the Christmas Fair bucket*



*Year 2 getting ready to dazzle on stage in The Magic Jigsaw*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Last Ballet**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Toy Assembly – Each child to donate a new or nearly new toy, book or game to donate to the local Charity Oasis please.**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and Pre-Reception to Santa Show at Epsom Playhouse**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**– Party clothes to be worn with their Christmas jumper.**

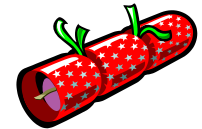
Each class is welcome to provide some extras for the food (NUT-FREE PLEASE):

Nursery: A packet of chocolate coins

Reception: Crisps and savoury snacks

Year 1: Fizzy drinks/juices

Year 2: Cakes & fancy biscuits



**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last Posting Date for Christmas Post Boxes**

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Box in the Entrance Hall**

**Nursery Box in Nursery**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 11am – Christingle Assembly** - Year 2 parents are invited to share this enchanting event with us. Please come to the Hall door at the front of the school.

**TERM ENDS AT MIDDAY**

**SPRING TERM STARTS WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 8.30AM**

This week's Happiness Hamsters

This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and we have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils:

Daisy H, Eliza B and Seth J.



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Christmas play week and the children have been fantastic at getting changed and performing on stage. They danced so bravely in front of our enthusiastic audiences and we are very proud of them all. There have been many activities happening around the nursery this week with children using their fine motor skills to create fairy lights with star stickers and printing. We have made a display of these and they brighten up our day when we see them. The role play is now the nativity scene complete with baby Jesus and the children are enjoying acting out the story. After the visit from Father Christmas at our school fair, the cottage is now turned into a cosy living room, complete with a fireplace for the oncoming visit from Santa. Making paper chains is tricky but the children have tried very hard to make a repeating pattern. Lots still to look forward to with Christmas parties and theatre trips to name a few.



## Reception News

In Reception, we have been very busy showing off our acting talents in the school Christmas performance. We all really enjoyed sharing this with you. Not only have we been busy acting but we have also found time to practise our writing with magnetic letters. Look at some of our sentences! We came into school on Monday to find that Santa was 'stuck in the chimney'. We have also been busy making models too. Look at our 'Monster Trucks'. We have enjoyed practising our number ordering skills with the huge incentive of our Advent Calendars.

*The Foundation Team*

