

St Christopher's School

Weekly News Friday 9th March 2018

Dear Parents

Thank you to all our parents for your kind comments and loyal support during the snow filled days of last week. We were very proud of the famous St Christopher's resilience and even managed two evenings of Parent-Teacher Interviews while the snow gently fell. Our aim was to give you as much notice as possible in the event of dangerous conditions arriving and judging by your complimentary messages received last Friday we succeeded!

On Thursday the phrase, 'from little acorns grow strong oaks' came to mind as we were treated to a superb assembly performed by our tiny Pre Reception children. Sun, Moon, Earth and Sky Groups demonstrated just how talented a little person can be as they acted out Peace at Last in their assembly performance and ended with a rousing rendition of 'Me and My Teddy Bear!' Congratulations and thank you to all the children involved and thank you to all the teachers and Key Group Workers especially Miss Kate Rendall for this lovely production.

On Tuesday Year 2 enjoyed their reading competition with one round featuring a set text Daisy and the Trouble with Life by Kes Gray. Mrs Serrano was impressed with the children's General Knowledge Round and ability in the Illustrations Round too. We all enjoyed this exciting challenge and the winners will go on to represent their school in The Great Read in May.

It has been wonderful to celebrate more multiplication magnificence this week with Bronze Star Awards being deservedly won by Frederick K, Iman O, Seth J, Mia P, Lily T and Dylan F. Well done children I was very impressed by your speed and accuracy. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Lottie R for delighting both Mrs Stubbs and Mrs Taylor with her enthusiastic and polite approach to lunches every single day! Well done Lottie.

This week has been all about mummies from presents to decorated cakes to flowers and song. Thank you all for giving up your Friday mornings and afternoons so that your child could spoil you in advance of Sunday's celebrations. It was super to see so many smiling faces, both big and little!

Well done to all the children in Kemp House. Your total of 3589 Housepoints has sent you right to the top of the Board.

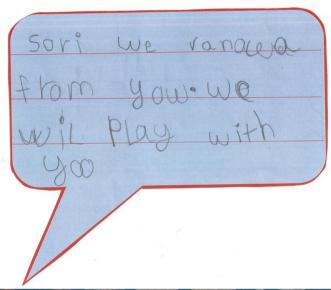
Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Satvika R, Morgan W, Niamh H, Lambert S, Maxwell D, Carlos D, Joseph G, Edison O, Mia P, Henry M, Kai K, Sam S and Amelia L.

Work of the Week

We looked at the last page of the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We wrote 'thought bubbles' about how the bear may be feeling. Neptune children said he may be sad, lonely and want a friend and thought about what the children in the story could say to the bear to make him feel better. Elliza M wrote her speech bubble beautifully, all by herself with no help. Well done Elliza!





Nursery and Pre-Reception News



We had a very busy week with our Pre-Reception Assembly on Thursday. Thank you all for coming. The children were amazing and we are very proud of them all. Friday was also a huge success with two lovely sessions of 'stay and play' for mums. The children decorated fairy cakes, made mummy and me handprints, played in the role-play, danced in the garden to name a few exciting activities. It is always lovely to have visitors in the Nursery and the children were thrilled to have

mummy to play with. This week we have been looking at the leter 'm'. Melon on the snack table, magnets in the cottage, magic wands in the garden and mother's days treats all around.

We celebrated three birthdays this week with a big birthday cake, yummy! The children have made honey cakes in the kitchen which have been enjoyed at the snack table and they have used their cutting skills to cut up their own fruit to eat. Using their literacy skills, the children have been sequencing the story of Peace at Last, cutting out the pictures and having a go at writing the initial sounds of the noisy things that kept Mr Bear awake!



Reception News







All the children love PE and

Physical Development is a Prime Area of the Foundation Stage curriculum. The children learn to move and control their bodies with stretching, flexibility, balance and creativity. This week the

children were exploring ways to use a hoop and their bodies to make a variety of shapes. These gross motor movements help support the fine motor control and stamina that the children need to develop their fine motor coordination and pencil skills. PE, games and dance also require good attention and listening to develop the children's ability to understand and follow instructions. These skills do not always come easily but need to be taught ready for all learning and are part of the Communication and Language section of our curriculum. Lots of PE activities involve taking turns, working in teams and being reminded that we may need to practise in order to achieve. Thus our third Primary Area of the curriculum is also taught through PE. Learning is fun! Mars class have been having fun practising very hard for their assembly. Some of our activities this week have required a little secrecy - special love to all of our mummies on Sunday!

The Foundation Stage Team

DIARY DATES



SHOWCASE MORNING
SATURDAY 10TH MARCH, 10am – 12 NOON
(Last entry at 11.30am)

Please come along and give your child the opportunity to show you all their hard work. Our Year 2 children will be performing a gym display as well as giving a choir and orchestra performance during the morning.

We look forward to welcoming you all

Wednesday 14th March – Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle.

Thursday 15th March 11.30am – 12.30pm Year 2: St Christopher's Music Festival at St Martin's Church – All Year 2 parents welcome to attend.

Considerate Cats this week are: Kai K, Seth J, Lily C, Arabella M, George S, Fenton F, Lily W, Amelia L, Nathan H, Arisa A and Caitriona O.



Mathletics Congratulations for Gold Awards to: Imogen W and Morgan W.

Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at StChrisEpsom for information and weekly highlights

