



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that our Harvest Festival was just a week ago for time has moved quickly this week. Your children were magnificent last week and they not only performed beautifully, their behaviour was outstanding too. Thank you to all the parents who walked with us. Your essential help was most gratefully received.

It has been lovely to see so many of you back in school for our Parents' Evenings this week. The School Cloud did a wonderful job to keep us in touch during the pandemic but the face to face opportunities have been a most welcome return.

This week the Eco Captains have been taking care of our new oxygen generating plants in each classroom. Aided by Mr Bennett the Captains cleaned and watered each plant and they are now looking in peak condition. Well done Jemima H and Daniel B.

In Year 1, their topic Traditional Tales, has really come alive this week with some splendid dramatic re-enactments of the famous tale of the Three Little Pigs. The children have enjoyed studying these entertaining stories but this week, in order to understand and master speech bubbles, the children donned some costumes and showed some significant acting skills. Well done Year 1.

Today we said goodbye and happy retirement to Mr John Kight our Premises Assistant. John has been a very popular member of staff and during the hours of additional cleaning responsibilities generated by the Covid pandemic performed his duties with such good cheer. His cheerful good nature has been invaluable and we all wish him a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

The Lunchtime Superstar comes from Nursery this week and we say very well done to Jamie B-R for his courageous trip back to the cooks to ask for seconds. Well done Jamie. Mrs Taylor has been very impressed with some developing dining skills this week and has awarded a record number of Lunchtime Leopards.

This week's House Champions are **Ahlberg House** for racing to the top of the Leader Board with a fabulous total of **788** Housepoints.

So it is time to stop for half term and hopefully recover from some cold bugs that have been circulating, amongst children and staff alike. On behalf of the whole staff team can I wish you a happy, restful and safe half term. We look forward to seeing you all freshly rested on 1st November 2021.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Thea L, Victoria M, Olivia B P, Dexter R, Cillian R, Quinn K, Fazan C, Margot P, Sooha P, Max P, Rebecca G, Luke B, Arthur S-A and Rory L

Philosopher of the Week

Edward P d M

Thought for the week

Is it good to have competitions?

MP Chris Grayling's Christmas Card Competition:

Congratulations to the prizewinner of the school entry for this competition: Monty H from Venus Class.

Congratulations to runners up: Izzy John, Annabel H, Mia G, Yasmin M, Thea L and Conor L.

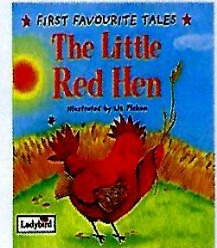
Work of the week

Work of the week this week is by Holly S in Reception Mars Class. Holly wrote a super sentence all by herself and used finger spaces and a full stop! The Little Red Hen will be so pleased to hear that you will help make the bread.

Well done Holly!

LO To write sentences and/or words using phonic sounds and key words.

How could you help 'The Little Red Hen'?



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Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What a super week we have had in Nursery. We have been using our detective skills to find all the numbers that were hiding in the Nursery Garden. They were hiding in a range of places such as in the sand, we were fabulous at writing them down and counting different objects. In Blue Room we have been painting our feet; the children thought this was very funny. Some of the children thought the paint felt cold,



wet, and squelchy. We printed our feet ready for an exciting surprise for our grownups! In the kitchen this week we have been learning about what happens to chocolate when we put it near hot water. We found that the chocolate melted; we added lots of rice crispies and mixed them to create our own crispy cake spiders. At the snack table we have been thinking about what we are good at and the children were great at telling us about all their fabulous skills; we have some very talented children. Being a good friend, sharing toys, riding a bike, and eating lots of fruit were some of the amazing skills identified by the nursery children. In Green Room we have been rescuing the spiders from their tangled webs with the tweezers and writing our names in glitter.



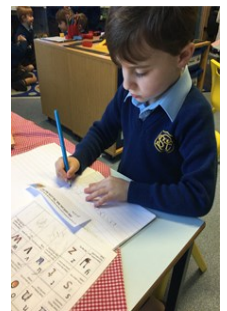
We were very excited to have our first outdoor adventures session with Mrs Self; we were looking for signs of Autumn and then we planted some flowers and bulbs in the Nursery Garden. We have been thinking about Halloween as many of the children are very excited about the PTA Halloween party on Friday. We have been counting pumpkins and skeletons and creating potions in the water tray! Have a very happy half term!



Reception News



This week in reception we have continued to think about how we could help the Little Red Hen make a pizza. We wrote about how we might help. Using a sound mat we are trying really hard to write sentences to explain what we might do. The children had some super ideas remembering lots of vocabulary from when we made pizza last week such as 'I will mix and knead the dough' and 'I will weigh the ingredients'. We are so lucky to have such kind and thoughtful children!



Mrs Self was back to take us on an 'Outdoor Adventure' and we could see lots of signs that Autumn is on its way. The leaves are starting to fall from the trees and we looked to see what different colored leaves we could find and compared the sizes, we also found some conkers and pine cones from the evergreen fir trees which we examined under a magnifying glass. It was great fun exploring mathematical language as part of our outdoor learning. We also used the conkers for counting and comparing quantities inside. We know so much about 2D shapes that we have started to explore 3D shapes. We tested our knowledge of 3D shapes by designing and building some space rockets. A big well done to all the children who have had a brilliant first half term in Reception. We look forward to seeing everyone safely back after half term!



18th- 29th October

Half Term



Friday 5th November

Mars Assembly 9am



*All Mars Class parents welcome. Refreshments will be served
under the porch from 8.30 am.*

The school council will be building a bug hotel and have requested
for lots of clean tin cans (with no sharp edges) to be bought into
school after half term please.



Mathletics:



Congratulations to Margot P, Arya K, Zachary V, Darcey S, Olivia H,
Maryam O, Blake Y, Parva A, Imogen C, Annabelle L, Clara G,
Conor L, Zachary R, Barnaby B, Katherine T, Nyah K, Luca K,
Edward P d M, Peter G, Tadeo W for their Bronze award.

Congratulations to Joseph O, Sukie R, Annabel N, Tadeo W, Evie W,
Daniella B, Rafferty D, Elena G, Elena W, Austin B, Harriet R, Olivia H,
Eloise B-S, Maryam O, Bella I, Olivia C, Nikhil K, Sooha Park and
Margot P for their Silver Award.

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Thea L - ballet primary grade

Juliet F - grade 4 gymnastics

Jemima H- grade 4 gymnastics

Daniella B - star of the week at Stage Coach

Liam S - Rugby Tournament medal



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