



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents

Well, the headline news this week is our epic adventure to the beautiful setting of St Martin's Church. To take a class of young children out for a day trip anywhere is impressive but to take the whole school out together takes significant planning and generous dedication from staff and parents alike. And so it came to be that we walked the children to the church not just once but twice to include a rehearsal, and our children shone very brightly in a delightful Harvest Festival that we will all treasure forever. Year 2 did a wonderful job narrating the Festival and providing a Harvest Dance for a performance which this year was all about animals. Every year group, including tiny Nursery, then performed their poem and songs with great confidence. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Special thanks to our hardworking PTA who decided to reward every child with a small toy animal in honour of the theme. Thank you too to our Head Boy and Head Girl for managing the retiring collection baskets and thank you all for your generosity. We raised £633.00 for the important work of the charity that we are supporting this term, Air Ambulance.

The Head Boy and Girl Team have been busy this week for they wrote excellent speeches for our Open Morning on Wednesday and they delivered them with great courage before an audience full of prospective parents. Huge Congratulations to Head Girl and Head Boy Rafferty D and Thea L and to Deputy Head Girl and Boy, Olivia C and Monty H for their impressive delivery and content!

The speeches were all about what makes St Christopher's special and Mrs Waite, our amazing Cook and her team will have been very proud to have heard their delicious lunches mentioned as a school highlight. The nomination by the Catering Team this week for the Lunchtime Superstar was sooha P for delighting the catering team with cheerful conversation and a charming smile.

In Assembly on Tuesday our two Eco Captains, Jemima H and Daniel B-P were delighted to present the eco-friendly theme as they introduced each class to their very own new plant and presented the new plants to a class representative. These air purifying plants will suck up pollutants from the air and pump out lots of lovely oxygen into each classroom. Please see picture on page 4.

Our final treat of the week came from a visit by talented author and composer Carlie Wright who filmed Year 1 last year singing her new composition, 'Do you know the colours of the rainbow?' This year the children are now in Year 2 and they sang the song with great style using sign language too. Carlie then talked to the children about her career and read from her new award winning book 'Rainbow Blots' which some parents purchased at the end of the day as Carlie kindly personalised and signed each one.

These week House champions are **Dahl House** for their impressive total of **674** Housepoints which kept them in place right at the top of the Leader Board.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Event of the Week
Harvest Festival 2021

We could not have been prouder of our wonderful children who performed
with such style at St Martin's Church this week in our annual,
traditional Harvest



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Our autumn theme has continued in Nursery this week, we have been learning about harvest and the changes that happen. We have had our very own St Christopher's fruit and vegetables shop this week, the children have been busy reading their shopping lists, collecting their items and using their money to buy their groceries. In the Nursery kitchen we have been



measuring ingredients and using our muscles to knead lots of dough to create Hedgehog bread rolls. The children enjoyed using the scissors to make snips in the dough for the hedgehog's spikes. We have been using our fabulous number skills to count out three raisins for eyes and a nose. The rolls looked fantastic, smelt delicious and were very popular on the snack table. The children made some marvellous hedgehogs from the playdough too with spaghetti spikes and beady eyes. The children made wonderful leaf



people with a range of different leaves, they counted out the correct amount of body parts and talked about the shapes of the leaves they needed. We ended the week with the annual Harvest Festival and all the children were amazing! They were super stars at performing our poem and song and were able to remember all of the actions. Wow, what a fabulous week!



Reception News



Autumn and Harvest have been hot topics in Reception this week! We have noticed lots of changes in our environment from leaf colours to conkers falling from the trees. We all have noticed how busy the squirrels have been too hiding their nuts! We spoke about hibernation and why animals sleep over the winter months. For Harvest we have been



looking at how busy the farmers are at this time of the year. We looked at the story 'The Little Red Hen makes a Pizza'. We discussed where the food came from as well as how important it is to help our friends. We were very excited to make our own pizzas this week too! Delicious! In maths we have been practising our number writing, making sure we are forming the digits correctly. We are very good at writing our numbers! We



have also been practising our letter formation too. Please continue this at home. We hope you enjoyed our Harvest Festival poem. We learnt it well making sure to use loud voices with happy faces. Our teachers were impressed with how well we did and our impeccable behaviour when we walked to and from the church! Well done Reception!



Wednesday 13th October
Parents Evening for Sky, Earth, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Thursday 14th October
Parents Evening for Moon, Sun, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Friday 15th October
PTA School Disco

The Eco Captains were delighted to be working with Mr Bennett to present lovely plants to each class.



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