



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents

As we welcomed in December, the school began to glow with the special light and magic that only children can bring. Christmas is coming and we are all determined to enjoy every single moment.

On Thursday our annual Tree Dressing Assembly exceeded our expectations as the children arrived in the Hall clutching their handmade decorations ready to show to the delighted assembly. Just as I was about to begin I was presented with the most beautiful engraved Christmas Tree bauble with a gold school crest and blue velvet ribbon with love from the PTA and had the incredible honour of being the first person to hang a decoration on the tree! I then received a stunning cake made by Cillian's mummy, the talented Mrs Rawal and I was overwhelmed with delight. Thank you all.

The rest of the Assembly was just as moving and the children stood up class by class to show their inventive creations which now adorn our tree. As they hung them on the branch of their choice, Year 2 stood on the stage and sang a range of beautiful Christmas Carols some of which the whole school sang too. What a very special day. Please see the photos on Twitter @StChrisEpsom or on page 2.

On Tuesday we were delighted to see Mrs Self back to present her enjoyable Woodland Adventures outside. Fortunately the weather was unseasonably mild and the children enjoyed searching for leaves and other natural materials during her sessions and the beautiful leaf crowns that they made were spectacular.

Our Nativity show has been a joy to behold during the rehearsals and I hope that we have enough children and audience to be able to share it with you next week. Year 2 have been working exceptionally hard for their 7+ assessments and so it has fallen to Year 1 to step up and take the lead roles.

Our nominated charity is still the London Air Ambulance and as you leave the Hall next week we will have our children ready with collection baskets as we once again ask you please to think of others at Christmas and give generously. I am reminding you in plenty of time because I know that cash is not always to hand these days but it would be wonderful if you could please bring some with you.

Huge congratulations to Daisy D in Neptune Class for winning the PTA Christmas Hedgehog Competition with her chosen name Sparkly Spike. Congratulation too to the winners of the sweetie jars. The actual number was 115 and winning the lower school jar was Ivan C with his guess of 111. Rafferty D won the upper school jar with his guess of 112.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Daniel P for making excellent progress with trying all the delicious new foods.

Top of the Housepoint Board this week is **Kemp House** with a superb total of **1573** Housepoints. Well done to everyone in **Kemp** House.

Annie Thackray Headteacher



St Christopher's Tree Dressing Assembly



Nursery and Pre-Reception New



What a fabulous week we have had in Nursery. It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! The children have all been very excited about the Christmas crafts and learning we have been doing this week. We have been having a wonderful time in the kitchen baking gingerbread; we had to roll out the dough and choose a Christmas cutter shape. The gingerbread smelt and tasted delicious. In Blue Room this week we have been making Santa faces and Christmas trees using a range of exciting materials. The



children were fabulous at mixing the paint and creating some lovely decorations for the Nursery. We opened our Nursery Christmas post office this week in Green Room; the children have been writing Christmas cards for their friends and posting them in the special post box. In Yellow Room this week we have been using our number skills to play a Christmas tree game with our friends; the first one to decorate their tree wins! We had a special booked delivered to Nursery on



Thursday, it was called "There's an elf in my book." We read the story together and had to complete several challenges. Once they were complete the children were very excited to meet Steve the Nursery Elf who had been hiding in Mrs Fisher's glittery box! The children have been busy drawing pictures of our Elf and thinking about where he might be hiding each morning. We have been rehearsing the Christmas Show this week too, the children are wonderful at singing and dancing on the stage, you are in for a real treat next week.



Reception News



Ho! Ho! Ho! Yes, we have started to think about Christmas in Reception this week. We have been so busy making decorations, decorating the school tree, writing letters to Santa, counting and adding presents as well as practising for our school play and exploring the environment with Mrs Self in Woodland Adventures. Wow! What a busy week, we feel like one of Santa's elves. Our school Christmas tree was very bare but not now we have made some decorations for it. Neptune made elves and Mars made reindeers using cinnamon sticks.



We used all our phonic knowledge that we have been learning this term to write a letter to Santa asking for gifts. We wrote the letters on our own. Our teachers think we are very clever. On Tuesday Mrs Self led the way with our outdoor adventures. We wrapped up warmly and collected lots of different leaves. We used magnifying glasses to look closely at them. There were lots of different



colours and not all leaves were the same. Afterwards we all turned into royalty and made leaf crowns. In maths we have used our counting skills to count all the presents in Santa's sack. We then had to add two lots of sacks together. Some of us were able to write what we had found out using a number sentence. Santa would be proud! We have been singing, dancing and acting a lot this week to get ready for our Christmas Show. We cannot wait for you to see us perform next week. See you there!



6th December 2021 - 1.30pm
Year 2 pupils will be singing in the market place in Epsom Town Centre

7th, 8th & 9th December 2021
Christmas Production - I'm Going To Shine
Refreshments served each morning from 8.30am under the porch



10th December 2021 - Elf Day
Please remember to come dressed as Elves for Father Christmas's visit and a Christmas lunch.
We are also thinking of others so please bring in a toy for the Toy Assembly



Congratulations to Conor L for his spotty Box award. Conor has designed a Christmas card that is being sold by St Heliers Hospital. All sales of the card go directly to funding vital care on the unit. These cards are sold in packs of 5 for £5.

To make a donation or to buy Conor's Christmas card please see below:

St Helier Hospital Neo Natal Unit Sort code: 20- 57-76 Acc: 034 89 892

Please tick this is a business account

In the reference please write: Conor's card x1 pk (or amend if you are buying more than 1 pack)

All orders need to be placed by Wednesday 8th December and cards will be delivered to the School Office on Friday 10th December.



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