



Weekly News

Friday 11th November 2022



Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to all parents who were able to join us for our first "Sharing our Learning" this term. It was lovely to see so many of you and I know the children were absolutely delighted to be able to share some of their learning with you.

I was incredibly proud of our Year 2 pupils on Tuesday, as they represented St Christopher's at Bourne Hall for the Remembrance Service. Their rendition of "In Flanders Fields" moved people to tears. We also had a wonderful surprise as Mrs Thackray was also at Bourne Hall and was super impressed with how well Year 2 sang.

Today, the whole school came together for a moment of silence at 11am. The children stood beautifully as a whole school as we remembered those who gave their lives so that we may enjoy peace.

"We will remember them".

The whole school has found itself in the spotty box this week! We received a certificate from Epsom and Ewell Foodbank which explained that our harvest donations weighed an incredible 262.kg; which equates to 251 meals. A huge thank from the Foodbank for donating such an amazing amount.

As you can imagine, preparations for Christmas have already begun and I can often hear the tinkling of bells and children singing Christmas songs with gusto. As we plan for whole school events, we are looking through the lens of sustainability and the difficult economic period we are entering. With this in mind, we feel it is appropriate to tweak some of our long-standing traditions. One such tradition that will be slightly different this year will be Christmas Jumper day and Elf Day.

This year, Christmas jumper day will coincide with our Christmas party and Christmas lunch day. On this day, children are invited to wear their own clothes, which can include a Christmas jumper.

However, to give families more choice and options, children are welcome to wear jumpers that are red or green in colour (which they may already have at home), or perhaps adorn a jumper with decorations or wear a Christmas Jumper or just wear their own clothes.

For Elf Day, children won't be asked to dress up as elves, but will have hats made at school as we support The Children's Trust this year. More information about this will be sent out very soon.

Please be assured, that although we are aiming to reduce the amount of additional material and cost school events create, we are not, by any means, reducing the joy, fun or cherished memories that these wonderful traditions create.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Work of the week

Mercury has been working on adding excitement to their stories with well chosen verbs. In this story, Kitty describes what happened one day when a strange alien meets a cat and chaos ensues!



One rainy day I was gobbling up my delicious breakfast when I glimpsed a strange Alien. It had one huge eye and... it was pink! It started boogieing in front of me I was so mad. So I decided to chase it. Because it was teasing me I pounced at it but it went under the sofa. But I noticed it under the rug so I started sprinting right at it. But then I lost it. I am so frustrated. So I sat down. But that cheeky one eyed alien jumped on the table and noked over my owners cage. So I sprinted towards it. But I lost it again it hid in the plant pot. Suddenly the one eyed Alien turned off my music and started dancing all over the place. Then I cried "il get you you smelly alien!" But then He the one eyed alien again jumped on the table and ate my owners biscuits. I went for a rest because I was dizzy. Finally my owner came home and scooped me up. I ~~get~~ ~~now~~ I grunted "I'll get you next time!" Or will I...

Lots of powerful verbs - this is a super piece of writing, Kitty!

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Lest we forget... This week we have been looking at Remembrance Day. We have been asking questions around why we might see people wearing poppies and what poppies represent. We had lots of poppy themed activities for the children to enjoy, including making savoury poppy biscuits. The children were fantastic at spreading the cream cheese and thought they were delicious as they enjoyed them on the snack table. The children were working on their counting and number recognition skills by rolling a dice and printing the corresponding number of poppies using a cotton reel. They also had the chance to get



creative with loose parts, by looking at poppy pictures and creating their own versions. The children did a fantastic job at taking pictures of their poppies using the nursery iPads. The conversations were great, and the children were so creative in their own interpretations. In our green room we were building our very own models of the cenotaph! There children showed great teamwork by working together to make their models, we talked about what the Cenotaph is and where it is found. On Tuesday we thoroughly enjoyed inviting our lovely grownups for a stay and play session, they fully immersed themselves



in the wonderful activities that were on offer. This week the children had the opportunity to make a pair of listening ears, they used their super scissor skills following the lines carefully. They wore their ears during a listening walk around the school, and they heard lots of different sounds from children talking, footsteps on the stairs to leaves blowing in the wind. And finally on Friday we had the opportunity to be a part of the Remembrance Day assembly in which we sang and held a minute's silence.



Reception News

This week our story has been 'Dinosaurs Don't have Bedtimes'. We know how important it is to have a good nights sleep to keep us healthy and our brains ready for learning. Thinking about our own bedtime routines we got busy making sequence books about getting ready for bed. We were so impressed by the children using their sounds and starting to use finger spaces to write not just words but short sentences! An important part of bedtime is brushing our teeth. We had some super shiny smiles at school after a tooth brushing workshop. Many of the children were able to tell us what times they go to bed. So we began to explore telling the time. We know that the big hands point at the minutes and the little hands point at the hour and we are experts at telling the time to the hour. Most importantly we know lunchtime is at 12 o'clock. To practise telling the time we have made our own clocks and have enjoyed challenging our friends. Our busy week ended thinking about Remembrance Day. We made some poppy art and some beautiful poppy wreaths. Oh and we also managed a dinosaur pyjama party to link with our story! What a busy week!





Lunchtime Superstar

Well done to Zara L for being named our lunchtime superstar this week for being such an excellent eater, willing to try new and adventurous foods. Well done Zara !

House points

Top of the leader board this week is Dahl House with a superb total of 1077 House points.
Congratulations to Dahl house.

Merit Awards

Merits were awarded this week to

Laura L, Blake Y, Phoebe B, Parva A, Amelia H, William C, Rory F, Kian Y, Luke B,
Daisy D, Joshua M and Angelina Ö.

Our Eco Captains Laura L and Zachary R have been working hard alongside Mr Bennett this week to understand the importance of recycling.



For your information the Term Dates for 2023-24 have now been published.

Click on the link [here](#) for details



Mathletics: Congratulations to Clara G and Hadi L for their Silver Certificate.

Congratulations to Darcey S for her Gold Certificate.



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

St Christopher's School have received a certificate of recognition for donating an incredible 262.3kg to the Epsom and Ewell foodbank which equates to 251 meals.

Juliana R-M awarded a Stage Coach Performing Arts Certificate for amazing leadership skills and great singing.

Logan H for achieving his Grey Belt qualifications for merit and recognition.

Charlie L awarded his Top Gym Award 6.

Rory L awarded his Top Gym Award 6.

Ethan W awarded a Star-Tastic Gymnastics Copper Award.

Ethan R awarded a Stage Coach Performing Arts Certificate for his improvement in singing and focus.

Conor L who took part in a family fun walk to raise funds for St Helier and Epsom Neonatal Units. Conor helped to raise £1,184.

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Christmas Market

*Saturday 26th November
12-3pm*

Waffles

Face
Painting

Reindeer

Santa

Bar

Children's
Activities

German
Sausages

Oompah
Band

Stall
Holders