



## Weekly News

Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have just over 3 weeks left until the Christmas holidays which also means we are entering one of the busiest times of our year. We have lots of exciting events planned which will be starting next week which I thought would be useful to list below.

Alongside the wonder and sparkle of Christmas, the children have been talking about the wonder and sparkle of kindness. During our assembly this week, we talked about how acts of kindness can brighten a person's day. This is something we will continue to talk about throughout this term and indeed throughout the rest of the school year.

### **Christmas Events at St Christopher's**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November our Traditional Christmas Tree dressing assembly and we will launch our Elf Fund Raising initiative

Christmas Market on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 12pm-3pm

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Nativity Production

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December Elf Run Day

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Winter Music Concert

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Our Christmas Festival comprising of a Panto for the children, Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Lunch and Christmas parties

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Service for Year 2 and the last day of term

I met with Mrs Dewar (Chair of the PTA) this week and the Christmas Market promises to be stupendous. A huge amount of work, time and dedication has been poured into planning this event – do please come along as Father Christmas will be there, together with his reindeers!

I have had the absolute joy this week to take 3 pieces of art to the finals of the Independent School Association (ISA) National Art Competition. I am delighted to share with you that 2 of our pieces were highly commended but “The Rock Pool” created by our Nursery children was awarded First Place in the EYFS group. Huge congratulations to the children and indeed Ms Degg for this extraordinary achievement!! We are bursting with pride!!

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

## Work of the week

Saturn were inspired by the book, *The Day the Crayons Quit*, to devise and describe their own crayon characters. Here is James's amazing work about gold crayon.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Name James

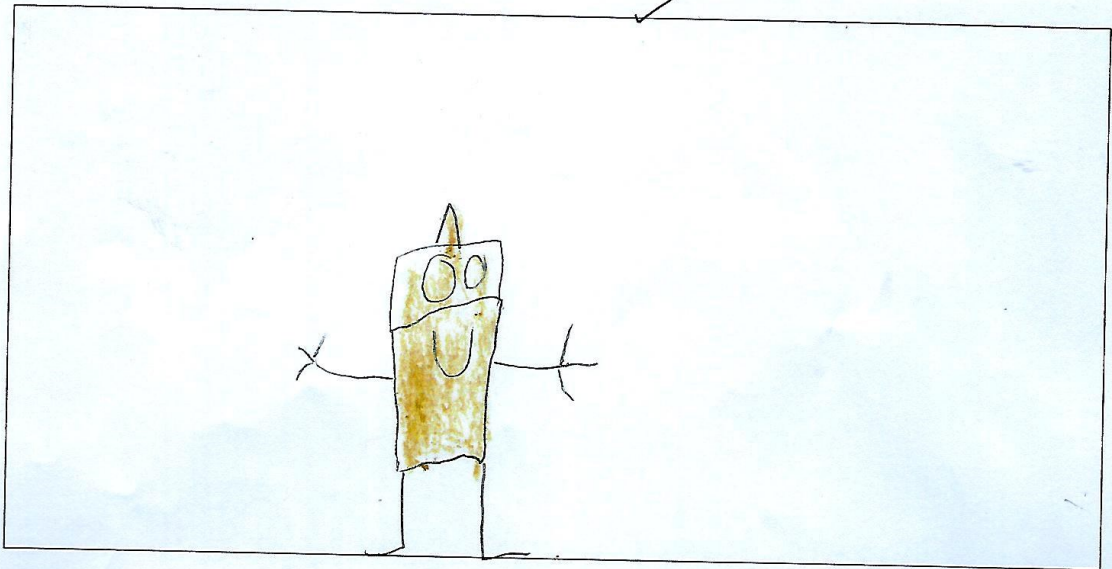
LO: To explore a character

I can explain how I am feeling and why ✓

I can describe what I look like ✓

I can use the conjunction 'because' ✓

I can use a full stop to end a sentence ✓



I am called gold crayon.  
I am sparkly. because I  
have a gold wrapper.  
I can glow in the  
dark. I am happy because  
Nunca always uses me  
for a tail bow and a hot  
air balloon. ✓ Excellent exploration  
of Gold Crayon!



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a ...

What a wonderful week it has been singing lots of different nursery rhymes for National Nursery rhyme week. On Monday morning it was lovely to hear the songs the children had been practising at home over the weekend, the children impressed us all with their beautiful singing.

We had lots of activities focusing on nursery rhymes this week including, counting how many frogs on the lily pads, the children did a fantastic job with their counting, well done everybody! We learnt about what a wish is and made our very own wishes to put on shooting stars. The nursery rhyme 5 little speckled frogs inspired us to look at the life cycle of a frog. We learnt that frogs grow from frogspawn to tadpoles, then into froglets to fully grown frogs, the children's background knowledge on this was fantastic!



In our outdoor area the children showed great gross motor skills as we pretended to be frogs and jump on and off lily pads (hoops). We also worked on our fine motor skills by practising cutting using scissors, the children cut



out stars to put their wishes on, well done to all the children as cutting is a tricky skill to master! We also started making our Christmas tree decorations, which we are going to use to decorate our schools Christmas tree during our special tree dressing assembly next week.

And finally, if all that singing wasn't enough, we spent some time looking and talking about books. We discussed how we look after our books and how much fun can be had from reading and sharing books together!



## Reception News

It's a Non-Stop Party here in Reception! Not only have we had our 'Dinosaur Pyjama Party' last week but plans are well underway for our 'Surprise Party' for Mrs Quayle. This information is top secret! We are busy writing invitations, blowing up balloons and writing lists for food and games we would like to have at our party! It certainly is a busy time. But remember SSSHHHH! It's Secret Squirrel, Top Secret! Mrs Quayle must not find out! Next week we are planning cakes, counting candles and making birthday cards.

In Maths this week we have been busy learning about shapes. We know that a 2D shape is flat and a 3D shape has 'popped' out. We know some names of the different shapes and were using our words to describe them e.g. straight edges, curved and points to name a few. We even continued our party theme and wrapped some up for our friends to guess what they could be.

We used our numbers to create a balloon number line. We used a balloon pump to inflate the balloons and then wrote our numbers on them.

With Christmas just around the corner we have been thinking of our whole school play. We have lines to learn and have been practising them in school. Please practise at home too. Not only have we been looking at our play but also thinking about our classes decorations for the tree. Another week of fun in Reception. We cannot wait for next week. Its PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!!!



The Foundation Team

## **Lunchtime Superstar**

Well done to Arthur S-A for being named our lunchtime superstar this week for cleverly noticing some cutlery had been thrown in the bin by mistake and informed the lunch team straight away. Well done Arthur !

## **House points**

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **1352** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

## **Library Raffle**

The theme of this weeks books is Christmas. Thank you to our librarians Harper d B, Clara G and Margot P for assisting Mrs Thum.

## **Merit Awards**

Rory F, Quinn K, Caleb W, Charlie L, Aarav P, Zara L, Jason E, Ethan D, Arthur S-A, Sebastian C, Mikayeel A and Peter G.



Friday 25th November -Year 2 Carol Singing at the Ashley Centre  
Family & friends invited 11am - 11.30am

Friday 25th November -Year 2 sports afternoon at Parkside School 1.30pm - 3pm



**CHRISTMAS**  
**FAIR**

Saturday 26th November - St Christopher's Christmas fair  
12pm-3pm



Mathletics: Congratulations to Luke B for his Bronze Certificate  
Congratulations to Angelina Ö and Elena W for your Silver Certificate  
Congratulations to Tadeo and Maryam for your Gold Certificate



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:  
Clara G- Student of the week at Stage Coach  
Kitty T- Player of the week at Chipstead RFC  
Barnaby B - U7 Sutton & Epsom Rugby Festival Medal

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HALLS

## CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

featuring the cast of Dick Whittington from  
Epsom Playhouse, Father Christmas and Ashley Bear!

**3 PM – 6:30 PM**

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The  
Ashley  
Centre

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