



## Weekly News

Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents,

Well, Christmas has well and truly arrived at St Christopher's! The school has been adorned with sparkly lights, and today we had our traditional Christmas Tree decorating assembly which can only be described as joyous.

We also met Marjorie, a Community Champion from The Children's Trust today, who joined us to tell us about the charity and to launch our fund-raising Christmas appeal which will culminate with an Elf Run on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. The children will be coming home with a sponsorship form and lots of ideas about how they can help at home and get sponsorship for their 1 mile run!

Year 2 then spent the morning at the Ashley Centre, entertaining shoppers with their wonderful carol singing, in support of Epsom Medical Equipment Fund. We have been tapping our toes and singing Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer !

At the start of the week we had a visit from Mr Robinson, Head of the Junior School at City of London Freeman's, this week who led an assembly about sign-language and demonstrating how we can communicate with the deaf community using sign language. The children were hugely enthusiastic about joining in and had some wonderful questions for Mr Robinson.

A huge thank you to parents for donating almost 100 items of second-hand uniform (mainly fleeces and sweatshirts) to be shipped to Ukraine to help children get through the harsh winter ahead. The PTA have done an amazing job organising all the clothing, ready to be sent to Ukraine.

From time to time, we will include reminders and information in our newsletter.

This week I would remind parents to be mindful of how they park in Chartwell Place. We continue to get emails that are informing us that parents continue to park illegal on the road.

I would also remind parents that children are always welcome to come back into school if they need to use the toilet before setting off on their journey home.

Congratulations to Mikayeel in Year 2 for his winning Christmas card design which has been chosen to be our school Christmas card this year! Well done, Mikayeel.

Well done to Hadi on being named our lunchtime superstar this week. Hadi has impressed our catering team with how confident he has become in asking for his lunch. Well done Hadi!

Top of the leader board this week is **Donaldson** House with a superb total of **1617** House points. Congratulations to **Donaldson** house.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fair this Saturday from 12pm until 3pm. The PTA have worked tirelessly for this event to be full of magic and fun.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

## Work of the week

Year 1 were told that Mrs Grehan had cancelled the Christmas party! (She hasn't!)

The children's task was to write a persuasive letter to her to reinstate the party. Holly S has written an excellent persuasive letter using conjunctions, capital letters and full stops as well as beautiful handwriting.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Name Holly

LO: To write a persuasive letter

I can use conjunctions ✓

I can use persuasive language ✓

Dear Mrs Grehan

We are not very happy  
to hear that you <sup>cancelled</sup> ~~can~~ <sup>cancel</sup> ~~cancel~~  
our Christmas party. First  
we've been working so hard  
on <sup>our</sup> literacy and  
maths. We are <sup>doing</sup> ~~doing~~  
an exciting Christmas  
play. So I hope you  
change your decision  
because we've been learning  
our <sup>tricky</sup> ~~tricky~~ lines. There  
is going to be <sup>yummy</sup> ~~yummy~~  
<sup>chocolate</sup> ~~chocolate~~ cake!

Love from Holly

What a super  
letter Holly 😊  
I am sure that  
Mrs. Grehan will  
let the party  
go ahead.

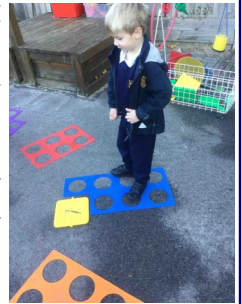


## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



It's been full of snow and ice in Nursery, as this week we have been looking at the changes in the seasons, with a particular focus on winter. We have all noticed that it has begun to get colder outside and that we need to stay warm!

In our green room we have been looking at what clothes we need to wear when the weather gets colder, and the children have been practising their dressing in our role play area in yellow room. They have done a great job putting on hats, coats, gloves, and scarfs. Keep up practising this at home

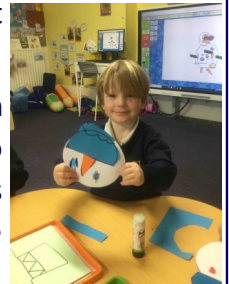


everyone you are doing great! As well as this, in our kitchen this week we have made puff pastry scarfs and the children enjoyed eating these during snack time. This led to brilliant conversations around the snack table about what we wear during the winter months. In our garden area we have been trying to rescue the artic animals from the ice! The children loved chipping away at the ice blocks to free the trapped animals. We talked about



how ice feels...cold, slipper and wet. We also noticed that when ice melts it turns into water, great observations nursery!

And finally on Friday we commenced the festive period at St Christopher's with our annual tree dressing assembly. The children have been working hard to make their very own Christmas tree decorations to put on the schools Christmas tree. Our school Christmas tree looks beautiful thanks to all the children, fantastic work everybody.



## Reception News

Reception are quite the party animals!

The partying has continued for another week, baking cakes, making sandwiches for the party and writing birthday cards for our birthday girl...Mrs Quayle.

Then boys and girls have impressed us immensely with their superb adding, counting the candles on two cakes and telling us how many candles there are altogether.

Reception thoroughly enjoyed writing their birthday cards to Mrs Quayle where they chose their own statement or question to write inside the card. Mrs Quayle absolutely loved reading her cards and answering their questions...especially the question of, 'How old are you?' To which she correctly told them her real age...12!

Following on from learning about telling the time, the children have looked at the days and months of the year. We had some lovely discussions about our own birthdays and have written labels for their birthday cake with their birthday date on and also stuck on 5 or 6 candles depending on how old they will be on their next birthday.

We ended the week with a special party for Mrs Quayle where the children danced, played party games, had party food and most importantly...ate the yummy birthday cake that they made.

Reception, you rock!



The Foundation Team



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

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

Today we launched our fund raising appeal in support of The Children's Trust. We have set up a Just Giving Page—for donations & sponsorship money to be sent after our Elf Run on 9th December. Please find the link below

[Just Giving Link](#)



Mathletics: Congratulations to Joshua M for your Silver Certificate  
Congratulations to Bella I and Peter G for your Gold Certificate



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

Sebastian C who was awarded his yellow belt in Martial Arts

Clara G star of the term for Star-tastic Gymnastics

Anna M for achieving Grade One in Star-tastic Gymnastics

James M for obtaining Stage 2 in Swimming

Bella I who was awarded Student of the week in Stage Coach

Roberta P d M for participating in the Sutton Music Festival by playing the piano

Olivia H for being awarded a certificate for Level 5 in swimming

For more news and photos follow us on our Instagram page - stchrisepsom





Details of our Elf Run:

**Date** . Friday 9th December .

**Time:** . .

**Place:** . St Christopher's School .

Please make a donation to help raise funds for **The Children's Trust**.



# Elf Run totaliser



Fundraising target: £

## Did you know?

**£20**

£20 could pay for a child's horse riding session, an important physiotherapy exercise that builds core muscles.

**£50**

£50 could pay for multisensory toys that are crucial to help stimulate a child and inspire them to respond, sometimes for the first time since their accident or illness.

**£60**

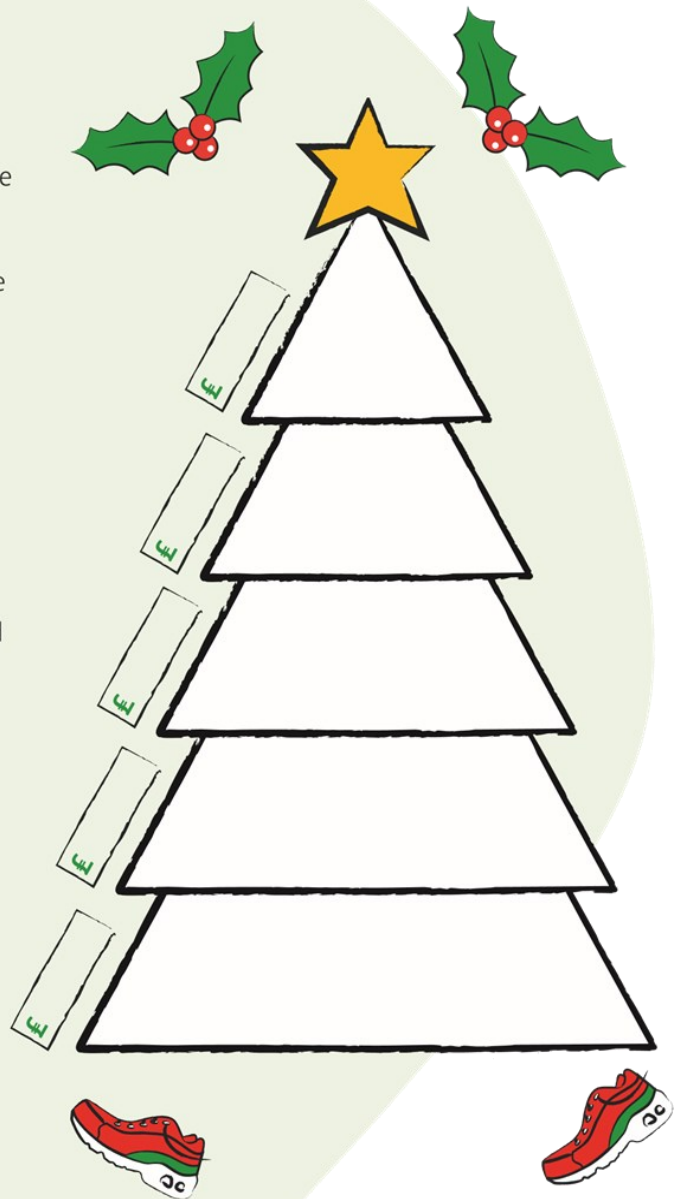
£60 could pay for special switch-activated equipment and toys. Switches are large coloured buttons that can control a variety of electronic equipment, from iPads and music players, to televisions and toys. They help children to make their own choices and understand cause and effect.

**£80**

£80 could help buy instruments used in music therapy. Music therapy is a vital part of each child's rehabilitation at The Children's Trust. It can be particularly beneficial for children that are unable to speak as it gives them a way to communicate and express themselves without words.

**£100**

£100 could pay for occupational therapy equipment to help a child learn to eat independently again.



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