



## Weekly News

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to what promises to be an exciting half term!

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November for this terms "Sharing our Learning" event where you can look at all the wonderful learning your child has been doing this year so far.

We will also be holding our Parent Forum straight after this event where parents are welcome to come and chat with our Parent Liaison governor, Elizabeth Hibbert. We have changed the format slightly this time, instead of a formal forum, this will now be an informal session where parents can meet Mrs Hibbert and members of the SMT.

We did have 2 questions sent into to be discussed. One question was about invoicing and the second regarding drop-off times at the beginning of the day. We understand the challenges of multiple school runs and do want to help ease the burden. Reviewing the flexibility in the drop off time in the morning is part of a high priority and strategic discussion that is taking place in the Senior Management Team. As soon as we have worked through a solution, we will of course communicate this to you all.

The school has been filled with wonderful singing this week as Year 2 prepare for the Remembrance Service at Bourne Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Today we held our Open Morning, it was a joy to show so many prospective parents around the school, and our Year 2 team Tadeo, Maryam, Aidan and Phoebe delivered their own speeches which were amazing, thank you children we were very proud of you all.

We have recently recruited 2 additional teachers to join the St Christopher's staff. Mrs Wheatley and Ms Huggett will be working in Nursery and Reception, they will take on their roles in January. This half term they are moving around the school and getting to know our children and providing extra support in the busy build-up to Christmas.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after half term. In true St Christopher's style, they haven't let the wet weather deter them or slow them down in their adventures. As one Reception child said to me this week, "... Mrs Grehan, it's non-stop learning here!"

Well done to Daniel P for being named our lunchtime superstar this week for always using such polite manners when asking for your lunch.

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House With a superb total of **786** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards

Luca G, Zhibo X, Grace C, Leo S-M, Benjamin W, Max P, Logan H, Daisy G D, Olivia H, Barnaby B, Elena W,  
Thomas B

## Nursery and Pre - Reception News

This week has been full of sparkle as we celebrate all things fireworks!

To ensure we can enjoy the fireworks, we started the week by learning some important firework safety tips. If you are off to enjoy the fireworks over the weekend, you can do so secure in the knowledge that your child will be able to give you some super safety advice! Remember to stand back, don't touch fireworks and always wear gloves when using sparklers. Because we are so good of thinking of others, we even know that it is important to make sure our pets are safe at home so that they don't get too scared. We made posters to share our top safety tips.

In the garden we have been keeping warm around the 'bonfire' with some campfire songs, stories and a delicious hot chocolate! We also made our own sparklers to wave in the air and practise our sky writing. They were rather fiddley to make and we had to follow lots of instructions which involved counting and measuring.

We explored shapes to make some shape rockets and have enjoyed going on shape hunts around the nursery.

We have loved making firework marks, in the glitter we have been making 'whoosh', 'pop' and 'bang' actions and there was some super vocabulary used to describe the crackling sound that the fireworks made. Firework displays have also been created in the art room. What a busy week!



## Reception News

Back with a BANG!

Reception have come back from half term refreshed, excited and ready to learn!

Not only have we had a week full of irresistible learning, but a week full of awe, wonder, noise and...GLITTER!

As you may have already discovered when your children have returned home with glitter in their hair, bonfire night has been our main theme this week!

In Literacy the children have watched and listened to the different sounds that they can hear at firework displays and have created their own colourful Sparks in the Sky works of art full of magic and sparkle. WHIZZ! POP! BANG! CRACKLE! FIZZ! These are just some of the words that have filled our classroom skies (ceilings) and the children have used their sounds brilliantly to write these words onto labels for their artistic bonfires!

In Mathematics, the boys and girls have looked at finding one more and one less than a given number and are becoming quite the mathematicians in helping the robots with their additions, matching the number sentences to the correct total. Excellent problem solving boys and girls!

The children were amazed at the different shapes that some fireworks can produce so we have also looked at shapes during our learning in Maths! We have even made our own firework shape pictures using numicon, tap a shapes and 2D shapes as stencils! Well done Mars and Neptune on another marvellous week!

We cannot wait for you to return on Monday and hear all about your magical weekends watching the shapes, sparkles and super sounds light up the sky!



Tuesday 8th November  
Sharing Our Learning 8.30am-8.55am

Year 2 Garden of Remembrance at Bourne Hall



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

Laura L- Better Swim School Red Award

Luke B - Student of the Week at Stage Coach

Zachary R - Player of the Week at Josh Evans Soccer School

Rory F- Richmond Rugby Medal

Quinn K -Esher Rugby Medal



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