



Weekly News

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents,

What an extraordinary week at St Christopher's full of Christmas cheer, singing and elves!

The week started with Year 2 headed off to bring joy to the elderly residents of Linden House Care Home. Their carol singing was beautiful and brought a big smile to the resident's face. Well done Year 2.

The whole school has been simply magnificent in working together to create a Nativity performance worthy of the West End, full of dance, song, and humour. A huge thank you to parents for your unfailing support and thank you all for being such a wonderful audience, once again demonstrating your exceptional generosity as we raised an extraordinary £441.75 for The Children's Trust from the retiring collection. A huge thank you to all the staff and of course the children themselves for creating a toe-tapping, finger-clicking experience.

This week has also seen the culmination of our fundraising with our first Elf Run Day for The Children's Trust. The children and staff braced the cold today and completed their Elf Run with gusto and enthusiasm and a flurry of snow. A huge well done to all involved. At the time of writing the newsletter, sponsorship money received from the Just Giving page and all the elf activities children have been doing, stands at an amazing £1,500!

You will have noticed, of course, that temperatures have dropped considerably this week. Children are most welcome to wear winter coats, we just ask that they are either navy or black.

Just a little information for the new year. As we know, parking continues to be an aspect of school life that requires our attention. To that end, the school is working on a new initiative – "Safer Streets at St Christopher's" which we will launch in January 2023. In the meantime, we continue to ask parents to be considerate when they are parking and to refrain from illegally parking on Chartwell Place.

Well done to Leon B for being named our lunchtime superstar this week for trying lots of different food and for using such polite manners. Well done Leon !

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **2105** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All



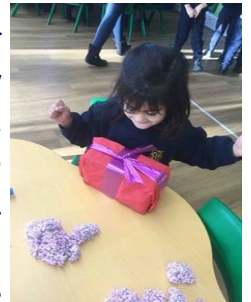
Nursery and Pre- Reception News



What a busy week it has been! A huge congratulations to all children in Nursery for doing so well in our whole school Christmas performance. We are sure you will agree that they all did a fantastic job. They really did work so hard at practising their dances and songs. It was lovely to see so many of our parents there too, enjoying the festivities. Getting the children into their costumes gave us a great chance for them to practise getting changed by themselves, they really tried hard, great job everyone! They put a lot of effort in to making their headbands which completed their costumes beautifully.



Alongside the Christmas performances, we have been very busy too. We have our very own Elves workshop in Green room where the children have been busy making toys and wrapping presents. There has also been lots of Christmas activities for them to do, from making candy canes to decorating our nursery Christmas tree and in Blue room we have been making Christmas cards. Finally, on Friday we had Elf Day at the school. Nursery participated in the Elf Run around the playground to raise money for The Children's Trust. The children loved seeing all their teachers dressed up as elves too! Well done everyone for a fantastic week, not long now until Christmas holidays!



Reception News

Christmas has well and truly landed in Reception! It has been like a Christmas workshop full of busy elves with lots of Christmas crafts and the postbox is overflowing with carefully written cards. We have seen some very carefully written last minute letters to Santa. Talking of Elves we have loved hearing how our little elves have been busy raising money for our Elf Day and I must say we thought records were going to be broken as we embarked on our Elf Run!

Whilst I'm sure you were dazzled by our performances on stage in 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed it All' we have been further delighted by the performances in our Neptune role play area as our young performers take to the stage to sing their favourite Christmas carols and songs. With a range of costumes available they have also taken to the stage to act out the Nativity.

Our brilliant story telling skills were captured in our ICT lessons where we recorded and animated the story of the Nativity using Puppet Pals. These have been shared on SeeSaw. We hope you enjoyed watching?

Now it's getting extra chilly outside we are working hard to organise our extra winter clothing and our Christmas challenge is to get more independent managing those tricky zips!

It's hard to believe we have nearly finished our first term in Reception, and we are so proud of the progress the children have made. On behalf of the Reception team we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



The Foundation Team

A reminder for Owls parents

Packed teas must be in a cool / insulated bag, we are unable to refrigerate them and we are seeing quite a lot of foodstuffs e.g. chicken and egg that is not in one of these bags.

Monday 12th December 2pm-3pm - Winter Music Concert

Year 2 & selected Year 1 parents.

Please arrive at the front of the school, entrance will be through the Hall Door via the staff car park



Tuesday 13th December

Christmas jumper & Mufti day



Wednesday 14th December - Christingle Assembly at 11.15am

Year 2 parents welcome—via the front door

Wednesday 14th December - last day of term

Nursery & Pre-Reception dismissed from the outdoor classroom at 11.45am

Reception dismissed from the Mars cloakroom door as usual at 12pm

Year 1 dismissed from the porch door at 12pm

Year 2 dismissed from the Hall at 11.45



Mathletics: Congratulations to Ethan R for your Bronze Certificate.

Congratulations to Kitty T, Rebecca G & Meili L for your Silver Certificate.

Congratulations to Parva A for your Gold Certificate.



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

Elena W - Swim England 10m swimming award today and collected her 5m swimming award

Ethan W - Copper 2 Star-Tastic Gymnastics Certificate & Learn to Swim no. 1 Certificate.

Logan H - Learn to Swim no.1 Certificate

Sukie R - Stage Coach Record of Achievement., three Year Award

Chloe B - Star-Tastic Certificate

Phoebe B - Star-Tastic Certificate

Zachary R - First swimming Gala Award & for taking part in the Realistic Music Academy Christmas Showcase

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