



Weekly News



Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Bourne Hall and Remembrance at St Christopher's



I was incredibly proud of our Year 2 pupils on Wednesday, as they represented St Christopher's at Bourne Hall for the Remembrance Service. Their rendition of "In Flanders Fields" was beautiful and incredibly moving. Today, the whole school came together for a moment of silence as the children stood beautifully as a whole school to remember those who gave their lives so that we may enjoy peace.

"We will remember them"

Sharing Our Learning

It was wonderful to see so many families join us this week for our Autumn Term Sharing our Learning morning. I know the children were delighted to be able to share their amazing work and progress with you all.



Odd Socks Day – Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day on Monday marks the start of a national Anti-Bullying Week in the UK. It provides a chance for children and adults alike to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way. The week begins with Odd Socks on Monday, where children and adults wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. At St Christopher's we will be actively showing our support by talking about kindness and celebrating our uniqueness during an assembly on Monday and are encouraging families to get involved by wearing odd socks on Monday.



Over 5 million children take part in Odd Socks Day each year, which was initially started in 2017.

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is to wear odd socks.

Year One News



Year One have been learning about adjectives and they have applied them to write a diary entry from the point of view of the Naughty Bus. In Maths, they have been learning about the part-whole model and have written number sentences and identified different number bonds within 10. In history, the children have been comparing pictures of objects and paintings from 1666 to the present day and in science the children have had fun investigating how the shape of some materials can be changed by using force.

Year Two News

Year 2 have planned and re-written the story, 'The Heart and the Bottle', by Oliver Jeffers. They considered the story structure carefully and constructed beautiful sentences with time connectives, conjunctions, similes and speech. They were a joy to read! They also enjoyed learning to write in the first person and use powerful verbs by writing their own diary entry as a naughty cat. They had a lot of fun! The video inspiration was 'Don't Go!' which can be found on the Literacy Shed and is worth a watch.

In Maths, children worked on worded problems. They looked for key words that would help them solve the problems. They also revisited multiplication and division, learning that division can be considered sharing or grouping. In Science, they conducted an experiment to find out which material would be most suitable for a shoe lace. They learnt to make predictions, record their findings and draw well-considered conclusions. In Topic, children learnt about volcanoes (there are quite a few in Italy). They discovered how volcanoes erupt, then worked in groups to create their own volcanic eruptions!



This week's lunch time superstar is Jamie B-R, you have impressed Mrs Waite in the kitchen immensely. When asking for fruit today you knew it was a honeydew melon! Well done.

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **1293** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Tristan T, William I, Olivia BP, Sybil T, Max P, Anna M, Thomas B, Grace C, William C, James M, Daniel G and Martha V-A.

Work of the Week

Year 2 have enjoyed looking at Italian shoe fashion. We did an experiment to help us decide which material would be most durable as a shoe lace. Zara wrote up her results with some super observations.



Shoelaces

What am I trying to find out?

Which material will last the longest?

What is your prediction and why?

I think that the ribbon will last the longest

What do you need to keep the same to make the test fair?

rub it twenty times

Try to use each of the materials you have been given as a shoe lace. Tick the boxes below and give marks out of ten to show the results of your findings.

Object	Thin	Bendy	Strong	Marks out of 10 for what it looks like.
Cord	✓	✓	X	10/10
String	✓	X	X	10/10
Wire	✓	✓	✓	9/10
Elastic	X	✓	✓	8/10
Ribbon	X	✓	X	10/10
Wool	✓	✓	X	8/10

Evaluation:

*wire lost its colour.
wool was a bit flizzy - interesting observations*

So which laces are best and why? (conclusion from your findings)

ribbon was durable

↑ great word choice!

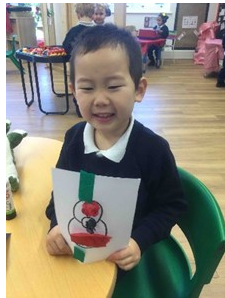


You have 3 materials with 10/10 - why was ribbon best? Zara decided to change her scores!

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Nursery have been superstars this week! For our learning we have been thinking carefully about kindness and people that are special to us and looking at why people wear poppies! The children have shared some lovely ideas on how they can be kind and people that are special to them. In Blue room we have been making fields of poppies using different materials to create our pictures. In Green room we have been working on our fine motor skills by tearing and scrunching tissue paper to create some beautiful poppy pictures. In the kitchen the children have been baking and decorating cheesy poppy biscuits and enjoyed these during snack time. We had a lovely time sharing our learning with our adults this week. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers come and visit us and see all the activities we do, we hope you had as much fun as we did.

On Friday we enjoyed celebrating and taking part in the whole school Remembrance assembly, the children behaved wonderful and remained silent and respectful throughout, well done Nursery!



Reception News

Inspired by the wonderful book, "Look Up!" by Nathan Bryon, we have been delving into the fascinating world of space. Our young astronomers have been busy recording space facts in their 'Ready for Writing' books. We are delighted to see their progress in writing, as they confidently use their phonological skills to write sentences. It's truly impressive!

In Maths, we focused on the concept of 'one more'. Using a number line, we engaged in fun activities like jumping along a large number line and creating our own. Additionally, we transformed into number detectives, working together to fill in the gaps on a number line. These activities have helped to strengthen our children's skills in counting and number recognition and as children secured these skills, we were able to extend the children with harder questions knowing they had their problem-solving skills ready.

To develop their language and understanding skills, we engaged in "hot seating" with our very own "astronaut". The children played the role of astronauts, asking questions such as 'how', 'what', 'when', 'why', and 'who' to gather more fascinating space facts. We were all amazed by the knowledge they shared while having a great time pretending to be astronauts!

This week, we dedicated time to learning about Remembrance Day. We printed beautiful poppies and crafted our very own 3D poppy art. We also took the opportunity to discuss with the children why it is so important to remember the brave soldiers who have made our country a safer place for all of us. It was a meaningful lesson in gratitude and respect, and we were so proud of how the children marked the 1 minutes silence alongside the rest of the school.



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary



Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 25th November 2-5pm – PTA Christmas Fair



Mathletics: Congratulations to Roberta PdM, Oliver K and Logan H for your Silver Certificates.



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Florence P - Star of the Week at Star-Tastic Gymnastics

Estrella W - Star-Tastic Gymnastics certificate for working towards Bronze Three

Rebecca G - Swim School 50 metres award

Faith H - Star of the Week at Star-Tastic Gymnastics

Luca G - Student of the Week at Stage Coach

Benjamin W - Swimming Distance Award 10 metre backstroke and green safety water achieved

Olivia L - Selected for the squad team at Leatherhead & Dorking Gymnastics

Please note that this year St Christopher's will not be holding a holiday club during the Christmas holidays.

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



Christmas Workshop
"Wreath Making"

ST CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

Join us!



SCAN ME

Date: Friday 1 December 2023

Cost: £45 per person (this includes all materials)

Location: School Hall

Time 7pm - 9pm

PTA