



## Weekly News

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents,

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

Our exciting PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November is just around the corner! Save the date and join us for what promises to be an afternoon brimming with joy and excitement. Ensure your child doesn't miss out on any of the excitement by securing a passport for the day, that gives them access to all of the fantastic activities. Conveniently purchase these passports through the brand new PTA website at <https://www.pta-events.com/stchristophersepsom>. And that's not all! Don't miss the opportunity to meet Santa himself – a magical experience not to be missed! Save the date, purchase your passports and Santa tickets, and let the festivities begin!

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

This week at St Christopher's, we have been talking about being kind as part of the national week for Anti-Bullying. In Year 2 we talked about the difference between falling out with a friend (such as the situation when you don't want to play the same game as your friend) to bullying. We discussed that bullying involves unkindness that occurs "Several Times on Purpose". The children demonstrated remarkable empathy by identifying how someone might feel if they were on the receiving end of such unkindness "Several Times on Purpose" and in identifying who to talk to if they were to see this happen in the playground or if it was to happen to them. Well done Year 2!



### **Year One News**

Year One have had a busy and exciting week. In literacy the children found that their classrooms had been messed up. They then became detectives using magnifying glasses and brushes to find prints to assist the police with their enquiries. The children then submitted the written evidence to the police officer, and it was concluded that the culprit was the Naughty Bus! In Maths the children have been working on addition and addition problems at the beginning of the week and then finding a part in preparation for subtraction. In our topic lesson we looked in detail at the events of the Great Fire of London including sketches of London before and after the fire. The children then sequenced the events. The week concluded with a trip to Downsends school where the children experienced a carousel of activities; drama, PE, and art workshops.



## Year Two News

The children have had some wonderful writing activities this week. They have looked at how to craft a story ending. They have learned tips on how to tie up all the loose ends and consider character feelings. 'Feelings' were running high in the writing session about Pompeii!! After learning about this infamous location as part of their Italy topic work, the children had to write in the first person, imagining they were fleeing from the erupting volcano! All very dramatic! Maths was almost as exciting...with lesson on multiplication, division, and halving and quartering both shapes and amounts. The children have been buzzing with their learning this week!

## Winter Concert

The lead up to Christmas is such a busy time of year at St Christopher's, that we wanted to extend the festivities into January. To that end, we have moved the Winter Music Concert to January and not December. We will be letting parents know very soon, the details for this musical extravaganza.

This week's lunch time superstar is Logan for your wonderful approach to trying and enjoying new foods. Well done Logan!

Top of the leader board this week is [Donaldson](#) House with a superb total of [2232](#) House points. Congratulations to [Donaldson](#) house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

## Merit Awards:

Lucy S, William C, Leo S-M, Florence P, James C, Hadi L, Luke B, Leila K, Alexander Z, Izzy H, Sophia M and Kit W.

## Work of the Week

Year 1 have been reading the 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Terry Oke. This is Alisa's recount of his adventures.

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Dear Diary

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met a little

boy. on Tuesday  
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I fell into the

deep pond! On

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with my boy.

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What a wonderful diary of  
Naughty Bus' adventures. (HP)

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week in Nursery we have been learning about ways we can be kind and how we are all unique! On Monday we all wore odd socks for anti-bullying week. We had lots of fun activities promoting kindness such as making kindness hearts friendship bracelets out of pasta and making a giant St Christopher's Nursery friendship chain!

Alongside this we have also been celebrating Diwali, the festival of light. The children had the opportunity in the Kitchen to make a delicious drink call Lassi, made from natural yoghurt, honey and mango! In Green room we have made Diwali lanterns and have been drawing our own Mehndi designs. Despite the gloomy weather, we have still had fun in the Nursery Garden! Rain or shine the children have been exploring the outdoors and enjoyed making giant Rangoli patterns on the floor in chalk. Next week we will begin our winter topic! So, expect lots of glitter, sparkle, and festive fun!



## Reception News

Now the weather is getting colder, we have immersed ourselves in book *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs. We have made snowmen with silvery Play-Doh and talked thoughtfully about how we can manipulate it and use tools to create a snowman model. The children then wrote instructions of how to do create the model, writing sentences like 'roll a head', 'make a body', 'put on a hat' and 'add buttons'. We have been very impressed with their ideas, vocabulary, phonics and letter formation. They have also made snowmen using loose parts and used their scissor skills to cut intricate snowflakes from discs of paper folded in a special way.

Our number of the week has been 9, so we have been using counters to make this number in different ways, and show it laid out in different formats, seeing if it can be split into 2 equal groups, practising writing it and thinking about one more/less.

We have also made individual Christmas decorations and cant wait to hang them on our school tree in our special assembly on Thursday.



**The Foundation Team**

## Dates For The Diary

**Tuesday 21st November – Banstead Prep Gymnastics Competition**

*Selected Year 1 & 2 children*

**Friday 24th November - Open Morning 9.15am-10.30am**

*For current Pre-Reception parents*

**PTA Christmas Fair - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2-5pm**

*Thank you for all your wonderful gifts for the Christmas Fair. We still require more bottle donations please!*

**Christmas Workshop “Wreath Making” - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 7pm – 9pm**

*Book your place via the PTA website*

**Whole School Nativity Performances - 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> December**

*Tickets allocation available soon via ParentMail*

**Charity Elf Run - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Last Day of Term - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon**



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to Arthur S-A for your Silver Certificate



**Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:**

**Anna M** – Star of the Week at Joco Dance

**Sebastian C** – Star of the Week at gymnastics

**Sophia M** – Star of the Week at Star-Tastic Gymnastics

**Karen L** – Received a Distinction for Grade 2 piano exam

**Benjamin W** – played in the U7s in the Sutton and Epsom Rugby Festival – his team won every match





# DON'T DELAY BOOK SANTA TODAY!

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All children who visit Santa will receive  
a special gift!



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