



Weekly News

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents,

PTA Christmas Fair

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Christmas Fair tomorrow from 2pm. Our wonderful PTA have been working tirelessly in the lead up to the fair to create a magical and fun afternoon for all the family. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Tree Decorating Tradition



Christmas has well and truly arrived at St Christopher's. The school has been adorned with sparkly lights, and we had our traditional Christmas Tree decorating assembly which can only be described as joyous. We have many traditions at St Christopher's but this one may just be my favourite as every child in the school makes a decoration which they then put on our tree.

Christmas Card Design

A big well done to Harry in Mars Class for his fabulous Christmas card design. Harry's card, featuring Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, was chosen as the official St Christopher's Christmas Card this year.

Sporting Success at St Christopher's

St Christopher's Vs Parkside



A huge thank you to Parkside Prep for inviting our Year Two Football team for a friendly fixture last week. It was wonderful to see the children showing off their skills, great sportsmanship and having lots of fun.

Gymnastics Festival

On Tuesday, Mrs Pryor took a team of talented Year One and Two gymnasts to Banstead Prep School to enjoy an afternoon of friendly competition hosted by Flow Gymnastics. Not only were the children beautifully behaved but they were also hugely successful. The Year One team came first in their age group and the Year Two team came third with Chloe and Meili winning special individual medals for outstanding gymnastics. A huge well done for all our gymnasts and a big thank you to Mrs Pryor for arranging this amazing opportunity.

Winter Illnesses

We have seen an increase in coughs and colds in school in the past week which is impacting everyone in the school community. We would ask that parents do not send children into school if they have a temperature, a persistent cough or if children have been given Calpol in the morning to get them through the day. We are encouraging children to wash their hands regularly and to ensure they wipe their noses and put their tissues in the bin carefully.

Winter Coats

The weather has certainly become much colder this past week. We have observed that a few children are wearing winter coats that do not align to the school uniform colours. You will remember that our school uniform policy is that all children have the option to wear a winter coat over their blazer during the colder months, this should be plain navy blue. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in maintaining the high standards of St Christopher's.

Year One News



Nativity rehearsals are in full swing! In Maths, Year One have been working on subtraction using part whole models. They have also been using practical resources to look at Fact Families. The children have had a lot of fun with our practical Science investigations this week. We tested a variety of paper towels to see which was the most absorbent to mop up a spillage. They also investigated the behaviour of different materials, such as what happens when we freeze, tear, or write on different materials. In their Topic lesson Year One have continued with the Great Fire of London looking in detail about the life of Samuel Pepys and his diary. They linked their Art lesson to science and the four seasons and used collage, parents will receive the finished articles at the end of term as a present!

Year Two News

Year Two have been planning and writing a story inspired by the Mr Benn stories by David McKee. The children had to consider story structure, an intriguing beginning and how their ending could tie back to the beginning. The children continue to develop their understanding of fractions, learning the difference between unit fractions and non-unit fractions. They also learnt how to find fractions of amounts and the importance of looking at the numerator. In Science, Year Two have been learning about natural and man-made materials and investigated different objects and sorted these objects according to their materials, whether they are man-made or natural. In topic lessons, the children have learnt about human geography in Italy and discovered fascinating facts about different Italian cities and recorded these on a mind map.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Sebastian PdM for amazing the catering team with fantastic eating this week. Well done Sebastian !

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House . Congratulations !

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

This week, Year 2 have been inspired by the Mr Benn stories. In each story, Mr Benn selects a different outfit at the costume shop, which leads to an adventure inspired by the chosen outfit. They planned and wrote their own adventure for Mr Benn. In Jason's story, Mr Benn chose a disco outfit! Here is the wonderful beginning to Jason's story. The adjectives and vocabulary Jason has used are wonderful and really draw the reader in.

Mr Benn and the Disco

Mr Benn was going to the "Ring, Ring!" Mr Benn was woken up by his alarm clock. He got changed quickly and dashed outside. Today was a ^{wonderful} day because he was going to the costume shop. On the way out of the corner of his eye he caught sight of two little children ^{discoing}. "I wish that I can have a time to disco!" He muttered to himself. But he ^{admired} it and ^{then} went on walking. When he awoke he opened the door and ^{stopped} inside. Suddenly the shopkeeper ^{appeared} from nowhere! "What costume do you want today?" boomed the shopkeeper. Mr Benn ^{couldn't} choose. At that very moment ~~he told~~ Mr Benn caught sight of ^a ~~disco~~ ^{something} bold and bright. He was mesmerized by its ^{glistening} colours. It was... A disco outfit! "Can I take this one?" exclaimed Mr Benn. "Of course you can!" replied the shopkeeper. So Mr Benn took the ~~the~~ disco costume, and went to ~~the~~ a room to change. When he was changed he ^{glimpsed} a ^{special} doorway. He thought it was the way ^{out} of the shop so he ~~went~~ went through the door. Instead of a normal door it was a magic door!

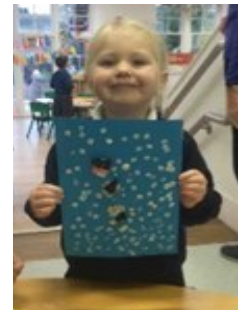


Wow! I love the start of this story! Fantastic detail and description - I love the language you have used, in particular!

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Tis the season...Almost, this week in Nursery 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! We have been looking at what clothes we need to wear when the weather gets colder, and the children have been sorting clothes into summer or winter piles in group time. They have done a great job putting on hats, coats, gloves, and scarfs. Keep up practicing this at home everyone you are doing great! We have also been working on our early writing skills by learning to draw our very own snowmen! As well as this, in our kitchen this week we have made puff pastry cinnamon stick men, from one of our focus stories this week. The children enjoyed eating these during snack time. This led to brilliant conversations around the table about what we wear during the winter months.

Finally on Thursday 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 school's Christmas tree. Our tree looks beautiful, fantastic work everybody.



Reception News

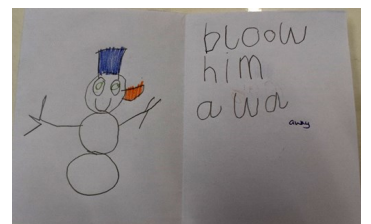
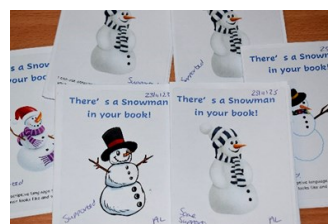
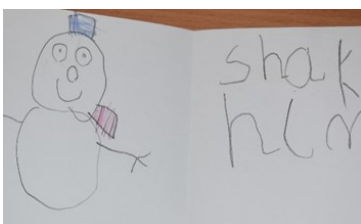
It's cold outside...

Brrr! It's been a cold one in Reception this week. We have been looking at all things to do with snow, ice and the cold! In Literacy we have read several stories with the theme 'There's a Monster in your book' by Tom Fletcher. Reception made their own book called 'There's a Snowman in my book'. They had to think of ways to get their snowman out of the book. We had; shake the book, tickle his nose and even shout loudly at him! The children were careful to use their finger spaces and worked hard to form their letters correctly. Top job Reception.

In Maths we have been using the 5 and 10's frames to find different ways of making a number. We discovered lots of ways and some of us could even write the number sentence to match our frame. More brilliant work from our Reception!

We have made some beautiful snowflakes using straws, pasta shapes and of course glitter. We then started to make our own and used the scissors to cut holes in our circles.

We are starting to practise on the stage for our upcoming Christmas Nativity. Please keep practising at home.



The Foundation Team

Date For The Diary

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



Friday 1st December - 11.30 am-12.30 pm Year 2 Carol singing at the Asley Centre

Parents welcome to attend



Friday 1st December - 7-9 pm PTA Wreath Making Social

Please book your ticket via the PTA Website



Monday 11th of December - Sponsored Elf Run

Sponsorship forms will be sent home on Monday



Did you know that Father Christmas (Santa) makes test flights of his journey before he delivers all the presents on Christmas Day. Mrs Grehan Mentioned to the children that Santa had emailed his test flights and here is his busy schedule.

Father Christmas Test Flights 2023



Date	View	Start	Direction	Finish
24th Nov	Incredibly Bright	18:02	W to E	18:06
25th Nov	Incredibly Bright	17:14	WSW to E	17:20
26th Nov	Incredibly Bright	18:03	W to E	18:06
27th Nov	Incredibly Bright	17:14	W to E	17:20
28th Nov	Incredibly Bright	18:03	W to SE	18:07
29th Nov	Incredibly Bright	17:15	W to E	17:20
30th Nov	Incredibly Bright	18:03	W to SSE	18:07
1st Dec	Incredibly Bright	17:15	W to ESE	17:21
2nd Dec	Very Bright	18:03	W to SSE	18:08
3rd Dec	Very Bright	17:15	W to SE	17:21