



Weekly News

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents,

Year Two Panto Pandemonium

We are thrilled to share with you the resounding success of our Year 2 pantomime show, which took place this week. The children truly shone like stars on stage, showcasing their talent, creativity, and hard work in an unforgettable performance.

The children immersed themselves in their roles, delivering their lines with flair, singing with gusto, and dancing joyfully. It was evident that they had poured their hearts and souls into their performances, and their commitment to excellence was truly commendable.

Parent Consultation Evenings

It was lovely to see so many parents this week for parent consultation evenings. It is such a valuable platform for us to discuss your child's progress, achievements, and areas of growth. Your insights, questions, and feedback provide invaluable support in helping us create a nurturing and enriching learning environment.

Jupiter Class Assembly

We were treated to a wonderful assembly this morning, where Jupiter Class captivated the audience with a vibrant celebration of Chinese New Year. From a magical story to enchanting singing and dancing, the pupils truly embraced the spirit of this auspicious occasion. In honour of the Year of the Dragon, Jupiter class embraced the rich cultural heritage of Chinese New Year with enthusiasm. Well done Jupiter Class!

PTA Quiz Night

What an incredible Quiz Night organised by our wonderful PTA! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us for an evening filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a few surprises along the way.

From brain-teasing questions to tantalising fish and chips, the night was a true testament to the spirit of St Christopher's community.

Special mention must be made of the unforgettable renditions of Cher and Celine Dion ... in French – truly a highlight of the evening!

The success of our Quiz Night would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our PTA members. Your tireless efforts in planning and organising such a delightful event are deeply appreciated, and we are incredibly grateful for your unwavering support.



Year One News

We are immensely proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity, and dedication demonstrated by our year one pupils each day. In maths, the children have been busy consolidating and applying their understanding of number bonds, doubling, and near doubles. Using counters and ten frames, they've engaged in hands-on activities to strengthen their mathematical reasoning. In English, our budding authors have been honing their comprehension skills and embarked on a journey to write captivating book reviews of the timeless classic, "Little Red Riding Hood." In Science, our young scientists have delved into the fascinating world of botany, focusing on the classification of flowers.



Creativity knows no bounds in our art sessions! The children have been busy crafting decoupage hearts in preparation for Valentine's Day, infusing their creations with love and artistic flair.

In topic, we have been exploring the theme of seasons and the children have engaged in immersive role-playing activities centred around how the farm changes throughout the year. Through hands-on experiences and imaginative play, they've gained insights into the dynamic relationship between nature and the changing seasons. Well done Year One!

Year Two News

As we bid farewell to another exciting half-term, we are delighted to share with you the wonderful achievements and experiences of our Year 2 pupils.

The highlight of this half term was undoubtedly the spectacular pantomime production. It was a joy to see them walking tall with pride after each performance, having executed their roles with remarkable skill and enthusiasm. Remembering lines, cues, stage directions, and songs, and projecting their voices is no small feat for 6 and 7-year-olds, yet they embraced the challenge with aplomb! We couldn't be prouder of their dedication and performance.

While not dazzling us on stage, the children delved deep into the intriguing world of the Tudors, exploring the fascinating yet sometimes gruesome jobs that were part of daily life during that era. They have gained a newfound appreciation for the challenges of the past.



In the spirit of Mental Health Week, our Year 2 pupils have been spreading kindness and positivity by exchanging heartfelt compliments with one another. It's heartening to see them nurturing a supportive and caring environment within the classroom. As we transition into the next phase of our learning journey, the children will have the opportunity to reflect on their pantomime experiences through their literacy lessons. They will channel their creativity and writing skills into crafting pamphlets that capture the magic and excitement of their theatrical adventure.

We are immensely proud of the growth, resilience, and achievements demonstrated by our Year 2 pupils this half-term. We look forward to the continued exploration of learning, creativity, and friendship in the coming weeks.

Top of the leader board this week is [Donaldson House](#) with a superb total of [980](#) House points.

Congratulations to [Donaldson house](#).

This weeks lunch time superstar is Reva who has been polite and helpful at the fruit table.

We hope you have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Panto Pandemonium!



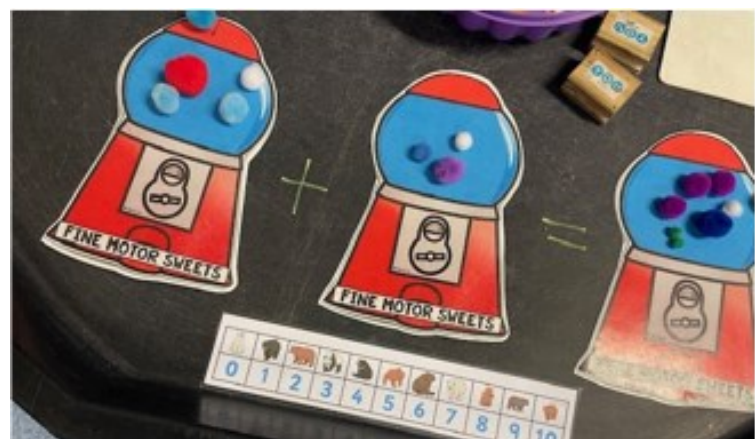
Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have had a wonderful week in Nursery celebrating Chinese New Year. The children have been learning about all the different ways to celebrate. In the kitchen we have been using our knife skills to chop vegetables to make a scrumptious vegetable stir fry; it was so delicious! We learnt that in China they use chopsticks to eat! So, we had a try at using chopsticks to pick up some yummy noodles whilst enjoying our stir fry. As it is the Year of the Dragon, we have been creating lots of different styles of dragons throughout Nursery. In our Blue room this week, we have been using the primary colours and learning how to create new colours. With a quick fold of the paper the magic begins, the paint is now printed on both sides of the paper to create our dragons face. How amazing! We have been learning all about patterns in Yellow room this week. Using beads and cubes the children created their own repeating patterns to create colourful dragons. We would like to thank one of our newest nursery children for bringing in a beautiful dragon that we looked at during group time. The children enjoyed recreating a dragon dance, that can be seen in the streets during the festivities of Chinese New Year.



Reception News

This week in Reception we have continued our learning about superheroes and their special powers. We have drawn Spiderman using a step-by-step guide and written about what amazing things he can do. The children knew lots about him, including how he can spin webs, save people, swing between roofs and jump on to windows! In phonics, we have been revising digraphs and created a unicorn collage with woolly hair to practise using the 'or' and 'air' sounds. We have also been learning letter names in the alphabet and how they look when they are upper or lower case. Our cutting skills have been put to good use to make beautiful, sparkly Valentine cards for the people we love, and we have practised our best handwriting inside them. Our number focus has been adding two groups together using lots of practical resources like big blocks, Lego, Numicon and pom poms in sweet machines! We then tried to write a number sentence to match it. During Circle Time, we have been listening to our friends and having discussions about what we would like to change our role-play area to next. We have had some terrific ideas like a dress shop, fish and chip shop and a Octonaut station!



The Foundation Team

Dates For The Diary

12th– 16th February - Half term



Tuesday 20th February - Great Pancake race
*Children to come to school dressed in
their PE Kit and House T-shirts*



Thursday 22nd February - Poetry Final



Friday 23rd February - Prospective parents Open Morning
Please share with your friends!

