



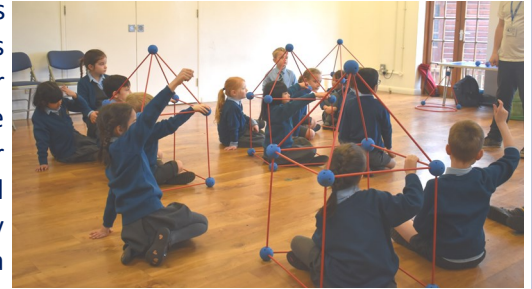
Weekly News

Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents,

Maths Week

What a thrilling week we have had at St Christopher's as we held a maths week, where we celebrated the theme "Maths is Everywhere"! The week was filled with engaging activities and interactive workshops that encouraged our children to explore the wonders of mathematics beyond the classroom. The children embarked on mathematical scavenger hunts, they put their estimation skills to the test by guessing the number of pompoms in a jar and explored the concepts of squares and cubes in an interactive workshop. They discovered the fascinating properties of geometric shapes and developed a deeper appreciation for mathematical concepts!



Saturn Class Assembly

Saturn class took us on an unforgettable journey across the continents of the world this morning. Through their in-depth studies, they shared fascinating facts and insights about different countries and cultures, igniting our curiosity and sense of wonder. The assembly was brought to life with vibrant performances and exhilarating dance routines. The audience was delighted to encounter iconic figures such as Bear Grylls and David "Dave" Attenborough, who made special appearances during the assembly. Saturn class's dedication, hard work, and teamwork shone brightly throughout the assembly. Their confidence, enthusiasm, and impeccable delivery left a lasting impression on everyone present, earning them well-deserved applause and admiration.

Year One News

Just a few highlights of the achievements in Year 1 this week. Our exploration of literature took us into the world of "Avocado Baby". After reading the story, we embarked on an exciting journey of creativity by planning an alternative version of the tale. This week, we focused on writing the captivating beginning of our alternative story, setting the stage for a unique and imaginative narrative.

Delving into geography, we have been on a fascinating exploration of the vibrant continent of Africa. Using atlases as our guide, we ventured into the diverse landscapes and cultures that make Africa a truly remarkable place. Through this exploration, we gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of the rich heritage and natural wonders of the continent.

Our talented children took centre stage this week as they presented a fabulous assembly about the continents of the world. It was a proud moment for Saturn Class as they showcased their talents and celebrated their collective accomplishments.

Year Two News

The children delved into the world of written communication, crafting letters and postcards as part of their literacy journey. They were introduced to the concept of suffixes and discovered how these transformations can alter the meaning of root words, enhancing their vocabulary and language skills.

Our young scientists immersed themselves in the study of plant adaptation, exploring how plants thrive in diverse environments, from the scorching heat to the icy cold. As we look forward to our upcoming visit to Wakehurst Place, anticipation builds for the opportunity to encounter a variety of seeds from around the world.

Maths week brought an abundance of exploration, problem-solving, and challenges for our budding mathematicians. Through engaging investigations and workshops, the children embraced the concept of learning from mistakes, understanding that errors are valuable stepping stones towards finding solutions.

In our journey through history, Year 2 continued their exploration of Tudor life, with a particular focus on the disparities between the rich and the poor. This week, the spotlight shone on Tudor clothing, as the children eagerly learned new vocabulary and unleashed their creativity by designing their own Tudor outfits.

Easter Activities

We are extremely excited that it is almost time for this years '**St Christopher's Easter Eggstravaganza 2024**' on Wednesday 27th March.

To celebrate the end of a very busy spring term all the children will take part in an Easter themed hunt followed by a visit from the Easter bunny!

The PTA have kindly arranged for every child in school to receive an Easter egg from the Easter bunny.

Before this exciting event all children will take part in our '**St Christopher's Easter Bonnet Parade**'.

We would like all bonnets to be made at home as part of the children's homework tasks, we hope that this will allow all children to show off their creative flair and express their style.

We are giving advanced notice about this special event, to give all children and their families as much time as possible to prepare their wonderfully creative bonnets.

Please bring your lovely creations in on Wednesday 27th March, the children will showcase their hats during the day.

In addition to this, if you are at a loose end on Saturday 23rd March between 10 am – 1 pm, Age Concern is holding an Easter Egg Trail at Rosebery Park. Some of our lovely staff will be there to help with the proceedings. We look forward to seeing you there!

Maths Timestable Stars in Year 2

Huge congratulations to Oliver for receiving the first Silver Star in the annual Year 2 timestable challenge and a massive well done to Angelina and Benjamin for achieving their Bronze Stars.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Logan in Year 2 for your outstanding manners and for always finishing your lunch. Well done Logan!

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **1509** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Merit Awards:

Michaela S, Luke B, Kian Y, Florence P, Meili L, Jack W, Zhibo X, Caleb W, Harry P, Caitlyn M, Lars R and Reva M

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

Aarav in Year 2 completed the life cycle of a seed task. He then went onto this extension challenge and demonstrated the new scientific language he has learnt.

Well done!

Extension Task

8.3.24

Aarav

Challenge!

Can you explain what happens during these stages of the plant's life cycle?
Use the word bank to help you.



The seed starts to
germinate,



The leaves start to grow,
The leaves make food.



The flower starts to
grow, and the fruit.
After it dies the whole
thing starts again. It starts
to seed dispersal,

How? Yes! →

Word Bank

conditions

water

roots

shoots

grow

bees

stem

leaves

light

food

seeds

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What an amazing week we have had in Nursery. We have been very busy learning all about Maths, discovering that it is everywhere around us. The children have been wonderful at showing us what they know, crafting some fantastic maths hats in Blue room, proving themselves to be counting superstars and are working so hard practising number writing. In the kitchen we have been making marshmallow cookies, using some dice to help us decide how many marshmallows we are putting onto them. Despite the rain, our garden became a treasure trove for a thrilling number hunt—coats on, spirits high! During our Nursery group time, we have planted sunflower seeds in eager anticipation of summer, we can't wait to see them grow! Meanwhile, Pre-Reception have begun their preparation for their class assembly, it is going to be all singing and all dancing. They have been using their loud, clear voices and their grownups are in for a real treat. We have loved maths week at school and are super proud of all our little mathematicians in Nursery.



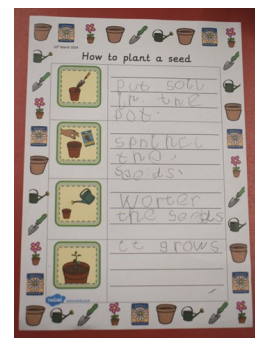
Reception News

Spring has been in the air this week in Reception!

We have seen all the changes that are happening in our school playground, noticing all the plants are growing, changing and developing blossom. As our topic is 'growing' we decided to plant cress seeds. We wrote some instructions, making sure we used our 'bossy' verbs and then decorated our plant pot. We have checked every day for signs of growing, it is sooooo exciting! Some of us are already thinking of putting our school grown cress into sandwiches and salads when we take them home.

In maths we have been busy learning about patterns using 2D shapes and delving into the concept of time. We started by sorting activities we do between day and night time, we then looked at an analogue clock, the numbers and the different sized hands. Through lively games of 'What's the Time Mr. Wolf?' we've become experts in telling the O'clock time. Plus, we have crafted our own watches and clocks. We have also made maths hats ready for the whole school parade on Monday.

Another busy week brimming with excitement and learning in Reception!



Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 19th March - Sharing Our Learning

8.30am - 8.55am please enter via the back gate

Friday 22nd March - Clubs finish

Reminder there is no Art club on the 20th March

Wednesday 20th March- Year 1 trip to Bocketts Farm

The children should arrive in their PE kits and their waterproof coats with trainers

Wednesday 20th March- Year 2 Trip to Wakehurst Park

Children should arrive in their PE kit and school shoes. Please bring a named carrier bag with named wellies and a waterproof even if it is sunny. No book bag required

Wednesday 20th March - PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

In Jupiter Classroom, please enter via the front door

Thursday 21st March - Sun & Earth Pre Reception Assembly

Tea & coffee will be served under the porch from 8.30am for

Sun & Earth group parents

Friday 22nd March - Moon & Sky Pre Reception Assembly

Tea & coffee will be served under the porch from 8.30am for

Moon & Sky group parents



Mathletics: Congratulations to **Alisa S** and **Faith H** for your Silver Certificates.

Congratulations to **Arthur S-A** and **Chloe B** for your Emerald Certificates.

Congratulations to **Lucy S** for your Platinum Certificate.



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Faith H – star of the week at gymnastics.

Amelia H – an amazing ‘poptastic’ dance show at The Thorndike Theatre.

Florence P – star of the week at gymnastics.

Sophia M – star of the week at gymnastics.





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85th year

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Saturday 8th June
2pm to 5pm

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- games •
- entertainment •
- kids shop •
- yummy food •
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