

Weekly News Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents,

EYFS Show - Hats Off!

A huge well done to our children in the Early Years who performed the most extraordinary show, Hats Off! The children told the story of Apple the Horse, who couldn't find the right time to wear her splendid hat. With the help of all the animals on the farm, she finally discovered the ideal weather to showcase her beautiful hat.

Our young stars sang, danced, and delivered their lines with incredible brilliance. Their performance was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and sheer talent. Each child shone brightly, and their hard work and dedication paid off.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who supported the children throughout their preparation. Your encouragement and assistance were invaluable in making this show a great success. Let's give our wonderful Early Years performers a big round of applause for their fantastic achievement!

A Special Farewell Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Mr Matt Robinson, Head of the Junior School at City of London Freemen's, for his final assembly at St Christopher's. Mr Robinson is leaving CLFS, and we wanted to say a big thank you and wish him well on his exciting new chapter.

Mr Robinson kindly led the assembly, using sign language to tell the story of The Smartest Giant in Town. The children did a fantastic job, joining in with the repetitive language and signing. It was a heartwarming and engaging session, showcasing the inclusive and participatory spirit of our school community.

We are grateful to Mr Robinson for his time and contributions, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

New Toddler and Parent Group at St Christopher's

Parents may have noticed a recent Instagram post this week, where we are trialling a new initiative at St Christopher's. We are holding a few "Parent and Toddler" sessions after half term on a Tuesday morning. As part of our charitable status, we are developing our links with other schools and the local community. As an early years setting, we feel that supporting families at the toddler stage is important. We also want to generate more awareness of St Christopher's in the local area. Families attending these sessions will not be making any contact with children at St Christopher's and our children will not be missing out on any learning or experiences when these sessions are being run. If you are a family with toddlers, do have a look and join us!

Save the Date - St Christopher's Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is being held on Saturday 8th June. Please do save the date and come along and help us celebrate 85 years of St Christopher's School!

Year One News

In Maths this week, Year 1 have been exploring fractions, focusing on halves, and beginning to look at quarters. They practiced identifying and creating fractions of shapes and amounts, building a solid foundation for their understanding of division and proportions.

In English, the children have been introduced to their new story — "Ocean Meets Sky" by the Fan brothers. The children analysed the beginning of the story, using clues from the illustrations to decipher the character's relationship with his grandfather. This activity sparked thoughtful discussions and imaginative interpretations.

In Science, the children have conducted an exciting investigation of the senses through a carousel of fun experiments. They observed dancing raisins, discovered what happens to Smarties when left in milk, and explored the reaction between vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. These hands-on experiments provided a stimulating way to learn about scientific concepts and processes.

The topic this week focused on the life of Matthew Henson. The children learned about his remarkable achievements and sequenced the key events of his life, enhancing their understanding of historical timelines and the significance of his contributions.

It's been a week filled with discovery, creativity and learning!

Year Two News

Our Year 2 pupils have continued with their rehearsals and had the chance to become familiar with the stage! It's been very exciting and we can't wait to see their final performance!

In Literacy, the children have enjoyed more chapters from James and the Giant Peach. They have expanded their vocabulary with words such as "amidst", "aghast", and "dreadfully". This week, they created a hybrid story where James Trotter ate food that caused him to shrink to a minuscule size and bump into Tinkerbell. Using a colour thesaurus, children developed their descriptive language, inventing various adventures and scenes for James and Tinkerbell.

In Maths, in between rehearsals, the children have been applying their mathematical knowledge to a variety of questions. Their ability to integrate learning with their busy schedule has been impressive.!

Inspired by James and the Giant Peach, the children created beautiful peach drawings using chalk and oil pastels. They worked on blending techniques to add depth and richness to reflect the peach skin. As a fun bonus, they even got to taste a little bit of peach!

Mathematics Awards

Congratulations to Max P this week for achieving his Silver Star.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Henry our lunchtime monitor in Year 2, you have shown great leadership during lunch by encouraging good behaviour. Well done Henry!

Top of the leader board this week is Dahl House with a superb total of 2873 House points. Congratulations to Dahl house.

We wish everyone a lovely half term break, and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3 June.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Luke B, Daniel P, Jamie BR, Faith H, Polly S, Alex Z, Martha VA, Harry P, Bella W, Meili L, Arthur SA, Edward F, Teddy S and Reva M

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Wow, what a week we have had in Nursery! Firstly, we want to say a huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the EYFS performance this week, they all did an amazing job! They are the youngest in the school and to be able to say their lines, dance and sing songs in front of such a large audience is fantastic. They showed resilience, courage and bravery getting up on the stage and for that we are so proud.

Due to the EYFS performance, this week has been a little out of routine for our little ones. However, this didn't stop us having fun. We enjoyed a picnic lunch on Tuesday which went down a treat as always. In our kitchen we made our birthday bake for those children who have birthdays in May. We played a giant game of duck, duck, goose and what's the time Mr Wolf on the field, everyone had a lovely time and practised taking turns. To finish off the week we had lots of arts and crafts and construction toys for the children to enjoy before the half term break.





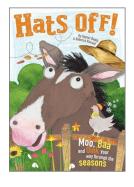




Reception News

Moo, Baa, Cluck and Oink! Yes, this was the week of the EYFS show, and what a show it was! We had dancing, singing and acting. We were very impressed with our 4 and 5 year olds they really gave it their all. We think the West End will be calling them. Well done Reception and everyone in Early Years! In class, we reflected on our characters in the play and wrote about them. Some of use even wrote our lines down too! We all remembered our full stops and capital letters as well as finger spaces.

In Maths we have been looking at doubling numbers using a mirror. We used the story Snow White and her magic mirror to help us. We were very good counting the reflections and writing the double number sentences!





The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 8th June 2pm - 5 pm St Christopher's PTA 85th Year Summer Fair



This year the PTA have allocated each year group with a set of stalls that they will run. They need everyone's help to make this fair a fun-filled day for the children as we celebrate the school's 85th year. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles sign up for a 30 minute slot via PTA website.

FINAL REMINDER-DEADLINE FOR YEAR 2 LEAVERS HOODIE ORDERS TONIGHT!

You must place an order before 24/05/2024 at 23:59pm.

It will not be possible to order after the deadline so please get your orders in ASAP

To place an order, please visit the following website:

https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/

and Our School Unique ID is: J16030YR6





Daniel P – Football trophy

Faith H – Completed her first ballet class and was a star

Amelia H – Received a Blue Peter Badge for her colourful forest drawing

Max P – Completed stage 3 swimming and has moved up to stage 4

Luigi DSCM – Student of the week for martial arts. Player of the Week at football

Meili L – Top gym award 3

Rebecca G – Star of the week at gymnastics

Ethan W – Achieved Distinction in closed solo aged 6 and under and achieved distinction in graded solo – grade 1 at Ealing Festival



Just 2 weeks to go till our annual 'Summer Fair'!

Please visit the PTA website, buy your fair passport, book your art workshop slot and pre-order your pizza by Wed 5th June.

