



Weekly News

"St Christopher's – nurturing independent, highly-motivated and engaged children."

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents,

Panto at St Christopher's

The magic of the pantomime came to St Christopher's on Monday! It was an absolute delight to see the children's faces light up with excitement as they enjoyed a lively and interactive performance of Cinderella. The laughter, joy and enthusiasm filled the hall and was a fantastic way to bring some festive cheer to school.

Year 2 Carol Singing at Linden House

On Monday, Year 2 started the week in the most heartwarming way by singing Christmas carols to the residents of Linden House, just down the road from our School. The residents were absolutely delighted to see the children, joining in enthusiastically with the singing and giving a resounding round of applause at the end.

The children were truly delightful, showing impeccable behaviour and kindness as they spoke with the residents. The staff at Linden House shared how much joy the visit brought to everyone, making it a memorable moment for all involved.

A huge well done to Year 2 for bringing the festive spirit to our local community!

Elf Run

The whole school embraced the festive spirit by taking part in our annual Elf Fun Run Challenge on Wednesday. Dressed in cheerful elf hats, the children ran with enthusiasm and energy to help raise vital funds for The Children's Trust, supporting children with brain injuries. A huge well done to all involved. At the time of writing this newsletter, sponsorship money received from the Just Giving page and all the elf activities children have been doing, stands at an amazing **£2,511!** Sponsorship money can still be paid in via the [Just Giving link](#).

It was wonderful to see everyone coming together for such a meaningful cause, showing the true spirit of Christmas through kindness, and giving. A big thank you to all who participated in and supported this incredible effort – we are so proud of what the children have achieved!

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

A huge thank you to our wonderful catering team for treating us to the most delicious Christmas lunch on Thursday. The whole school was filled with the mouthwatering aromas all day long, creating a truly festive atmosphere.

We're so grateful for all the hard work and care that went into preparing this special meal – it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

PTA Treat

What an amazing treat the children had on Thursday! A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and parents who made snack time extra special by arranging for delicious homemade cupcakes for every child in nursery and school to enjoy.

The excitement was palpable, when one lucky child in each class discovered a hidden sticker on the bottom of their cupcake and won a very special prize – a Julia Donaldson book!

But the surprises didn't end there - the PTA had arranged for each of these books to be personally signed by Julia Donaldson herself. We are so grateful to the PTA for creating such a magical experience for the children.

Year 2 Festival of Light

What a beautiful way to end our festive week! Today, we gathered for our annual candlelit Festival of Light Service, beautifully led by our incredible Year 2's.

Amidst the excitement of the season, it was a joy to come together and learn about the meaning of this cherished tradition. The service provided a wonderful opportunity for reflection, reminding us of all of the difference we can make in the world through kindness, generosity, and love.

A heartfelt thank you to Year 2, Mrs Mulhern, and the entire Year 2 team for leading such a meaningful and uplifting experience for us all.

Staff Car Park

Could I just remind all parents to refrain from using the school's car park due to the congestion in this area. Unfortunately, on Tuesday this week, a member of staff's car was damaged, resulting in scrapes that require repair. I would ask anyone who knows anything about this incident to please contact the front office.

Additionally, if you are collecting your child from Owls, the car park should only be accessed after 5.15pm. Cars must be driven very slowly to ensure the safety of children and adults who may be waiting to collect or are being collected. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Thank You

As the festive season draws near, I just wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and the wonderful gifts shared this year.

Wishing you and your loved ones a restful and peaceful Christmas filled with joy, warmth, and cherished moments.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 8th January, ready to embrace the exciting opportunities the new year will bring.

Farewell

A fond farewell to Mr Bennett, Mrs Pryor, Mrs Mulhern and Mrs Russell for their extraordinary years of dedication and commitment to St Christopher's. We thank them for their incredible professionalism and camaraderie and wish them all the very best in their new adventures.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

This weeks lunch time superstar is Mr Bennett for your Years dedication and hard work throughout the whole school and especially your helpful duties in the kitchen filling in when required . Well done and a big 'THANK YOU' from all of us!

Merit Awards:

Cora M, Sophia M, Ethan W, Leo SM, Aaron, Oscar, Quinn, George, Jack S and Ashwin

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Dates for the Diary

8th January - Term begins

13th January - Clubs begin



Mathletics: Congratulations to Lars and JT for their Silver Certificates.

Congratulations to Henry W, Florence P, Alisa, Chloe B, Ethan W, Tristan, Muzhi, Rory L and George for your Gold Certificates.



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

James M - Medal for 1st Hockey Tournament

Leo S-M - Yellow belt green stripe for London TKD Certificate

Max P - Octopus 1 Swimming Award

Henry W - 5 Metre Swimming Certificate

Zhibo - Yellow belt London TKD Certificate

Chris - Yellow belt London TKD Certificate

Faith H - Record of Achievement

Edward F - Rugby Festival Participation Medal

