



Weekly News

“St Christopher’s – nurturing independent, highly-motivated and engaged children.”

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents,

Lunar New Year

The school had a wonderful time this week celebrating Lunar New Year with a special assembly. Thank you to Chris and Zhibo’s mum and Sunny’s mum for coming in to share their celebrations with us. The children were amazed by the beautiful traditional clothing and listening to the rich traditions of this celebration. The PTA also kindly arranged for each child to receive a fortune cookie.

Year One News

This week, the children have been exploring the fascinating history of cars! They learned about Joseph Cugnot’s steam-driven carriage, Karl Benz’s first petrol-powered car, and how automobiles have evolved into the modern vehicles we see today. A special mention to JT for writing an excellent fact file about cars, including sports cars and Lamborghini’s!

In Literacy, the children used their knowledge to create detailed fact files with headings and subheadings. We also explored the differences between fiction and non-fiction and identified key features of non-fiction writing.

In Maths, we continued working with teen numbers, using a number line to find one more and one less. Well done to Georgie for working hard and successfully using the number line to solve problems!

To celebrate International Lego Day, the children worked enthusiastically in teams to build bridges strong enough to support a car. Every group rose to the challenge and completed their construction successfully – well done, everyone!

It's been a fantastic week of learning and teamwork. We look forward to more exciting activities next week.

Year Two News

It has been another exciting and eventful week in Year Two!

In literacy, the children became theatre critics, carefully observing the acting on stage and using their keen insights to write their own pantomime reviews. The vain and cantankerous Ugly Sisters provided to be a firm favourite among Mercury class!

In history, the children had the opportunity to handle genuine Victorian artefacts, sparking curiosity and imaginative guesses about their uses. Florence impressively identified a small bottle as an inkwell from Victorian schools, while Leo cleverly suggested that a bullet-shaped bottle was ideal for holding liquid. The lesson ended on a high note when the class discovered Queen Victoria’s profile on an old one-penny piece – what an exciting find!

Meanwhile, rehearsals for the upcoming pantomime are in full swing. Lines have been memorized, cues are on point, and the children are singing and dancing with enthusiasm. With less than a week to go, excitement is building as Year Two prepares to put on a dazzling performance sure to delight their audience. The countdown to showtime has begun!

School Car Park

We have had another incident in the car park where a parent has hit one of our staff members cars by driving into the main part of the car park. Parents should not be using the school car park. We do understand the difficulty in parking around the school, but the space is very tight in the car park. I would remind parents of our Parent Handbook which states:

There is not enough space to allow parents to park in the staff car park at the front of the building. The very restricted space means that you should avoid using this car park unless it is for an OWLS collection after 5.30pm.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

This weeks lunch time superstar is **Mr Waite**, thank you for all you do at the school but especially for setting up the lunch tables each day so that we can have a delicious meal .

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

"St Christopher's – the best possible start through excellence, empathy and endeavour."

PTA Events

Please see below for the some of the amazing events the PTA have planned. I must congratulate the PTA on the wonderful fund-raising events they have organised for this year, including some fabulous wow events for the children. If you have any time at all, please do contact the PTA, as they are always looking for volunteers to help. The next social event for parents is the annual Quiz, which already promises to be a hugely entertaining evening!

Valentine's Disco – Friday 14th February after school

Children are invited to wear red to school on Friday 14th. Further information will be sent out at a later date.

SAVE THE DATE - The Spring Ball – Saturday 10th May

Work of the Week

Year 2 have been busy scrutinising the forth coming panto. This is Grace's fabulous review of the show.

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Pantomime Review

Name Grace



Super
writing!
(3hp)

Next week, we are performing our year group ^{or} panto, called Cinderella and Rookergella, which includes funny, interesting, scary and ugly characters. In my opinion, the most humorous is Jack the egg stage inspector because he is not part of the show and he is so demanding! He wants to make sure everyone is following the rules! Do you ^{think} you will be laughing? Grace, your review has convinced me to watch the panto!

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a week of celebration we have had in Nursery this week. Our topic has been Lunar New Year and we have learnt all about the origins and the story of The Great Race. We found out that this year is the year of the snake! In the garden we have been racing our friends to see who is the fastest, just like they did in the story, we were all very fast. We came first, second and 3rd places which helped us with our counting. As well as this we had the opportunity to make some delicious noodles in our mud kitchen. We have been working hard on our cutting skills in both the creative room and the craft room. Practising cutting in straight and curved lines to make Lunar New Years lanterns and fans. In our Kitchen we have been chopping some vegetables and using pastry to make some delicious spring rolls with Mrs Taylor. We have been building the Great wall of China too which has required lots of children to help, as it is so big!

In maths we have been looking at repeating patterns and making our very own repeating pattern snakes. Pre-Reception have been working hard with their phonic sounds and we have learnt a new letter sound this week 't'. We have even tried blending the sounds that we have learnt together to make some words 'at' and 'sat'.

Amazing reading everyone!



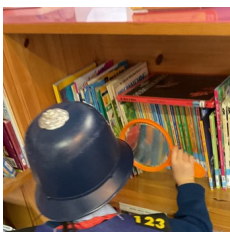
Reception News

This week in Reception, we have continued our exciting learning journey about superheroes! We discovered that not all superheroes wear capes and that real-life heroes are all around us. From doctors and nurses to firefighters and, of course, our amazing teachers, we explored the many different people who help keep us safe and support our growth. The children enjoyed writing about their own real-life superheroes, sharing the clever and special things these heroes do to make the world a better place.

In Mars class evil pea was on the loose and trashed our classroom. The children were so cross with him! We had to warn others making wanted posters, calling the police and making a trap! The children came up with a plan – to trap him in jelly. The next morning, he was trapped – Hooray! All has returned to 'normal' and he is in jail for his naughty deeds.

As part of STEM Week, Reception joined the rest of the school in celebrating International Day of LEGO! Our challenge was to build the tallest tower possible, and then measure and compare its height. Once we had our towers, we took on the task of testing which one was the strongest and could hold the St. Christopher's teddy at the top without wobbling. If the tower was a bit unstable, the children used their problem-solving skills to think of ways to make it sturdier. It was fantastic to see the children collaborating, sharing ideas, and applying their STEM knowledge as they worked together on this fun investigation.

Finally, as we look ahead, we can't forget that next week is the Mars Class assembly! The children have been working hard to practise their lines, and we're excited to see their performances come to life. Keep up the great work, Reception!



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary



Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th February - Year 2 Pantomime

Refreshments for Year 2 parents will be served under the porch from 8.30am



Friday 7th February - Mars Class Assembly

Refreshments for Mars parents will be served under the porch from 8.30am



Friday 7th February - PTA Quiz Night

