



St Christopher's News 12th March 2020

This term's Christian value is COURAGE

Upcoming dates for your diary

13 th March	Plane Class Year 3 assembly 2.15pm
17 th and 18 th March	Parents evenings (booking on ParentMail)
Monday 23 rd March	Year 1 to Storymuseum am
Friday 27 th March	Damson Class Assembly 2.15pm
Monday 30 th March to Wed 1 st April	Children in Y5/6 to PGL Residential Trip (Places already allocated)
Thursday 2 nd April	End of term 3pm
Friday 3 rd April	NO school – INSET DAY
Monday 20 th April	Term starts

Reading Week

Reading week was a huge success last week. Thanks so much to all the families who supported their children with a book themed costume on Friday. We loved seeing all the different costumes, with the staff entering into the spirit of the day as well!

Prizes of books were awarded to the 3 best costumes on the day. These were: Hannah, Jake and Eloise.

There was also lots of fun on Friday evening when some of our younger children came back into school at 6pm for 'Bedtime Stories' with their parents. They really enjoyed the stories read by Mrs Broadbent and Mrs Deller, as well as the hot chocolate and cookies! We hope to have another bedtime story session next term.



We have really enjoyed seeing all the photos of the 'extreme' readers. The prizes for the most inventive reading locations will be awarded in Friday's assembly this week.

Pop Concert

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Broadbent took our school choir to the Oxfordshire Music Service Pop Concert on Wednesday evening. The children joined 150 other local children to form a large choir, which sang favourites such as 'Waterloo', 'Some things never change' from Frozen 2, 'Blame it on the boogie' and 'Shut up and dance with me'. Our children sang beautifully and we had 2 soloists, Gabrielle and Jessica, who showed loads of courage to sing in front of such a large audience. Well done to them!



Parents' evenings

Parents' evenings will be held next week on Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March. This is your opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress in school. Appointments are made using the school ParentMail system, and the bookings for this are now live. Please make sure you book online, as the class teachers are unable to make appointments for you.

Parent 'drop-in' sessions

Our home-school link worker team of Philippa and Elly are offering a new 'drop-in' session on Thursdays, from 8.45am to 9.45am in the school hall. If you have parenting, housing, financial or other issues, please come along to seek advice from the team.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Hillary, Ghani, Diya, Jamal, Cecilia, Elias and Salamat, who all have birthdays this week.

Attendance

Well done to Apple Class (year 3) who had 100% attendance last week. They win a non-uniform day for their class on Friday 13th March!

Coronavirus information

The situation is changing daily with regards to the current Coronavirus epidemic. The school has been sending out daily Department for Education updates via ParentMail. We will keep parents as informed as we best we can, whenever we have any new information to share. The main points to remember at the moment are to maintain good hygiene, with regular handwashing of at least 20 seconds. If your child has any signs of fever, cough, or any of the other symptoms mentioned in your emails, please ensure they do not come to school until they are well again, in order to maintain the health of the rest of the school community.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

How to wash your hands properly

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

- <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

Updates on COVID-19:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

