

# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Headmistress

Thank you to all those who participated in our fundraising day today in aid of HCPT-the range of Mufti and Cakes were amazing! It was a lovely end to what has been a very busy week. You will read later of the amazing exploits of our 3 national finalist swimmers- Eden, Oli and Ava who swam at the Olympic Park in Stratford last weekend and the Cross-country runners who competed at the ISA regionals at Haldon Forest. Following my letter to you on Monday, you will also know that we have been visited by the Independent Schools Inspectorate for 2 days this week for a Regulatory Compliance Inspection. Thank you to all those who completed the parent questionnaires which are a vital part of the Inspectorate's findings. We are not allowed to share the report with you as yet, but I am allowed to say that we are very pleased indeed with the results. Your children were a credit to St Christopher's and "wowed" the Inspectors. We look forward to another busy week next week with Scholarship Day and Open Day along with other events. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

## ISA National Swimming Championships



Oliver Simons, Eden Cresswell-Cluer and Ava Collett travelled to London last weekend to compete in the finals of the ISA swimming championships. They had all qualified by means of selection for the SW team through the regional trials in December. All 3 children swam extremely well and we were delighted that Oliver and Eden both received 2 bronze medals each for their performances in the Medley relay and the Freestyle really. A fantastic experience and a memorable day.

### Sweets for Charity

On Monday, Izzy and I went to Nana's house in Ipplepen. We found some left over sweets from Christmas. We decided to make money for Uganda by selling them outside of Nana's house. A couple of people came, but then it was time to go. Mum had a good idea, dad was going to bring the sweets to work and sell them, when he came back he had a lot of money. We raised £15.81. *By Phoebe & Izzy Wills.*



### Dogs Trust Assembly

Many children talk about their dog at home and one or two are frightened of dogs, so we invited Dogs Trust to visit St Christopher's to tell us about their work. The children were surprised to hear that Dogs Trust cared for 17,000 dogs last year. We learnt about how to stay safe with dogs and how to be a responsible dog owner.

*Mrs Allen*

### Mufti Day and cake sale in aid of H.C.P.T

I was overwhelmed by the support from both the children and parents. Thank you to all those who baked such delicious cakes that enticed the children to spend their pocket money! The money will go towards a disabled child's fare to Lourdes this Easter. I am really excited about travelling with the charity again as such a brilliant experience for these children as well as providing well deserved respite for their parents.





### Bristol Trip

On Thursday, Prep 6 drove to Bristol with Mr Edwards and Mrs Duncan. When we arrived, we went to @ Bristol Science Museum. There were lots of interactive things to do, like taking photos of your shadows and making your own videos, also we got to go on a human sized hamster wheel. After that we went for lunch at Za Za Bazzar. There were so many different types of food and the best thing was that you could eat as much as you liked! When we finished lunch, we walked to the theatre to watch Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. It was great, especially when the car flew. Overall the trip was amazing!



By Beatrix Morrell



## Sporting News...

### ISA SW Netball @ Trinity

The U11 team travelled to Trinity School, Teignmouth for the ISA SW Netball Tournament, which was a round robin event. In a very competitive field, the girls played to a consistently high standard and were delighted to come 3rd in the tournament. Team work and persistence meant that even the match that we lost was a very close competition and I was incredibly proud of the girls' performance. We are still waiting to hear whether we have qualified for the nationals. Fingers crossed!



### ISA SW Cross Country Championships

12 children travelled to Haldon Forest on a very chilly Wednesday morning. All of the participants ran with such determination and we are delighted that Etienne Nieuwoudt, Trixie Morrell, Teddy Smither, Sophie Scoot and Charlie Phillips qualified for the national competition later this term. Well done to all!

### Looking Ahead

#### January

Mon 30th – Scholarship day

- Prep 2 & 6 EIPs to be completed this week

#### February

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday Assembly

- ISA SW Football Championship, St Joseph School

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – Open day

- Candlemas Assembly
- U9 Boys Football vs Trinity School
- U9 Girls Netball vs Trinity School

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Prep 1 & 2 to House of Marbles (am)

- St Petroc's Cross Country (Team selected from P 3-6)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Poetry Assembly – Nursery, Prep Reception, Prep 1 & 2- 9am

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> - U11 boys Football vs Trinity, Home, 2pm

Thurs – Holocaust Memorial Assembly

- U9 Mixed Football and Cross Country vs Tower House, away

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon – Half Term for Nursery, Prep Reception, Prep 1 & 2

12.15pm - Poetry Assembly for Prep 3-6

**No School Buses Home**