



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 8th June 2018

Dear Parents

Greetings from Juniper Hall in the stunning Surrey countryside where I am currently enjoying a wonderful residential stay with Year 2. The weather may be a little mixed but Year 2 are lighting up the days with their enthusiasm and delight. Photos next week!

We had a terrific return from our half term break this week with the thrills of our International Day on Tuesday. Organised impressively by our own talented Madame Reid, the children were each assigned a country and our parents deserve a medal each for the creative and inspirational costumes that you provided which filled the school with colour. Armed with their own passport, the children headed off on a journey to a range of countries including visits to Greece with Greek dancing, Thailand where they enjoyed sticky rice and mango, Italy with the opportunity to build a leaning tower of Pisa, India with mehndi henna hand designs, China where they mastered the skill of using chopsticks and Spain for castanet making and Spanish Dancing to name but a few!

On Wednesday our tiny Pre-Reception children set off on their first coach trip to Painshill Park. Armed with Staff together with a super set of mummy helpers the children enjoyed every bit of their adventures in Painshill Park with bug hunting using cups and paintbrushes, tree beating and investigations in Heffalump Woods. How exciting.

On Thursday Librarians Sienna S and Lily C ran the Library Raffle together with Mrs Serrano who had chosen books by Allan Ahlberg to celebrate Mr Ahlberg's 80th Birthday this week.

*The Lunchtime Superstar this week is Lottie R for inspiring others with her wonderful manners and enthusiasm for lunch every day. Well done Lottie! Congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning the Housepoint challenge this week. You are now at the top of the Board with a total of **887** Housepoints.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Myles H, Clara H, James H, Isabella G, Arabella M, Caitriona O, Scarlett S, Sienna S, Lily T, Mia P, Amelie C, Emily L and Sophie R.

Event of the Week - International Day

On Tuesday we all enjoyed an assembly about the wonderful continents and countries that make up the world. We then looked at the selection of countries that we would visit during the day and on a rota basis we all enjoyed themed activities in each country. Thank you all for providing such wonderful costumes.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Such a busy week! Tuesday was International Day and the children all looked fabulous in their different costumes from a variety of countries. Thank you to all the parents for making so much effort. We made chips and dip in our Italian kitchen, African collars, Greek vases and Rangoli patterns. We danced with ribbons to Egyptian music and learnt some Bhangra moves from India. Children went home with their passports stamped - what a wonderful day!

Wednesday was our Painshill Trip day. Beautiful weather, well behaved children and lovely activities made the day a great

success. Thank you to all the parents who came to help. A big well done to the children in Pre-Reception who stayed at school to help Mrs Rendall and Mrs Taylor in the Nursery, they did such a good job and were awarded big stickers for their efforts.



Reception News Our book this week is 'Ready Steady Mo' by Mo Farah, Kes Gray and Marta Kissi. We watched some clips of Mo Farah running very fast in the Olympics and decided we would like to be super sports people too. Mo Farah is truly inspirational and the children had lots of ideas. Gabriel wrote 'If I were a horse rider we would jump over ponds and trees.' Charlie wanted to be a racing driver 'I would win the race.' 'I would never lose.' Look out for our wonderful sports people in the future! The children loved making obstacle courses for the small world people to run to get fit. We had great fun on Tuesday's International Day we know so much about other countries. Did your child tell you what they like to eat from Thailand or how to do a Grecian dance? If you take a look at a globe or atlas can you find the different countries together?

The Foundation Team



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11th June 8.30 - 9am - Sharing Our Learning - All parents welcome.

Wednesday 13th June - Y1 Trip to Sealife Centre, Brighton.

Thursday 14th June - Save the Rhino Day.

Friday 15th June - 2nd Golden Boot Challenge Day.

Friday 15th June - 9 - 10.30am - Fathers' Day Challenge - Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

ADVANCED NOTICE:

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 SUMMER PERFORMANCE on

Wednesday 27th June 9am - Parents of children in Ahlberg and Dahl, and

Thursday 28th June 9am - Parents of children in Donaldson and Kemp -

Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

2 tickets will be allocated per child and sent home in book bags w/c 18th June.



TERRIFIC TORTOISES

**This week's Terrific Tortoises are:
James W, Arabella B and Ava C.**

**Mathletics: Congratulations to:
Freya C for gaining her Gold Award.**



Thursday 14th June

Save the Rhino Day. Please remember to bring in your financial contribution to this worthwhile cause pioneered by Jack Burgess in Year 2. Mrs Stubbs will be providing 'rhino' biscuits at break to thank the children for supporting Jack's fundraising initiative.



Please involve your child when sending in the money to spread awareness of endangered species as well as charitable support.

**Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at
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