



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 10th June 2016

Dear Parents

Monday morning started with a fanfare of joy as we watched our Summer Term Music Assembly in complete awe of the performers and their evident talents. In the final Music Assembly of the year we saw the exceptional progress made by the children and were delighted to introduce solo performances on the trumpet and guitar in addition to the cello, violin and piano. It is a pleasure to see the results of the hard working children in their afterschool clubs too. The violin ensembles and the recorder group have learnt so much this year and the Hand Bells Club must surely be made available for hire with their confident and entertaining performance. The school orchestra shone with their glockenspiel finale of the Plink Plonk Rag. Many congratulations and a huge thank you to all the performers for such an entertaining assembly and special thanks to Mrs Helen Mulhern for the wonderful music in school that we all enjoy so much.

Year 1 are studying the Victorians and looked at the growth of the seaside resort during this fascinating period. The children had studied Victorian costumes and bathing machines and learnt about their trips by railway to the seaside. They then set off by modern coach on Tuesday to compare and contrast the seaside resort of Littlehampton today. Armed with buckets and spades they built some splendid sandcastles, enjoyed beach combing and went on a land train to examine the length of the resort before enjoying a paddle in the sea.

On Wednesday the whole school headed out onto the lawn for our whole school photo. The children were beautifully behaved and smiled happily when asked. Thankfully the rain held off.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Lucy A in Nursery for blossoming in confidence this week as she chatted happily to the staff during lunch.

Special mathematical congratulations to Sachin Wenham for an outstanding performance in Athletics completing a record number of subjects and awards including 6 Silver and two Gold certificates.

Although the Parent Forum was cancelled due to no submissions please remember that there is an 'anonymous 'Suggestion Box' situated under the porch or indeed an Open Door policy for any worries or concerns.

On Thursday and Friday Year 2 excitedly gathered at Juniper Hall Field Study Centre for their annual residential or 'big sleep over'! I am writing from there now and I am confident that the exhausting list of activities, the campfire fun and the rounders match will hopefully guarantee a good night's sleep. I will let you know next week.

Congratulations to all the children in **Ahlberg House**. You are this week's winner with a huge total of **943 Housepoints**.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Event of the Week – Music Assembly

Here is a lovely selection of images from our fabulous Music Assembly



Foundation Stage News

The Reception children have enjoyed sharing the book 'Man on the moon' by Simon Bartram. With such an imaginative stimulus the children have impressed us with their writing activity to retell the story of 'Bob' using their own words. I am sure your child can tell you the story at home!



With such exciting books to read the children often like to sit and read outside at playtime. They like to read a book before running off to join their friends in imaginative games which are often inspired by the exciting books they read. The maths activities were also linked to the book, learning to sequence the day's events and beginning to learn to tell the time.

Learning to write is very tricky, the children are working hard to use cursive

letters and start joined up writing. This week's letters have been *a*, *c* and *o*. Keep up the good work children, and remember, all the fine motor and coordination activities you do like cutting and drawing help with your writing.

Children love to talk about what they do at home and their news writing this Monday told the staff all about the fun they had over half term and how well their writing has progressed. What clever children!

In Nursery we have been learning how water is very important for keeping us healthy, drinking water is very good but making smoothies with healthy fruit and vegetables is more fun!

We need water for washing too. Can your child show you how to make good cleaning bubbles as they wash their hands? We need to wash our feet and bodies too.

Some of the children have had great excitement foot and hand printing so they needed to wash them in the bubbles in the water tray. Keeping healthy and growing strong is an essential part of our Physical Development curriculum. Balancing is great fun and practising putting on our socks and shoes helps us to be independent. Our book this week is 'The Big Red Bath' by Julia Jarman and Adrian Reynolds, it is a very funny book and the children love to retell the story using animal props and a toy bath complete with water and bubbles.

Next week our water topic moves to the sea and we will enjoy 'There is an Octopus under my Bed' by Dawn Apperley. **The Foundation Team**

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DIARY DATES



Tuesday 14th June

**"The Royal Garden Party" Mufti Day but please dress to impress!
No sports kit or Disney outfits on this occasion.**

Tuesday 14th June at 5.30pm: Governors' Meeting

Wednesday 15th June at 9am

Year 2 Good Digital Citizen Award Assembly
Parents are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 15th June

Cricket skills day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 16th June

GOLDEN BOOT CHALLENGE DAY
(Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)



Friday 17th June 9am – 10.30am

FATHERS' DAY CHALLENGE
Please return your reply slip.

YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 SUMMER PERFORMANCES

22nd and 23rd June at 9am

Two tickets will be allocated per child. Tickets will be sent via your child's bookbag early next week so please look out for them

Tuesday 22nd June Audience: Year 1 Parents

Wednesday 23rd June Audience: Year 2 Parents

If you cannot attend on your given day, please try and swap with friends before contacting the office.

FORMAL PARKING COMPLAINT

A resident from The Roseberys has expressed their sadness at the careless and dangerous parking on the double yellow lines on the corner of The Roseberys and Chartwell Place. Not only is it illegal to park here it is also extremely dangerous for cars attempting to turn right who have their sight of traffic compromised. Please do not park here. You will be aware of our campaign for considerate parking and I would ask you again please to take care in the morning and afternoon. Thank You.