



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 10th May 2013

Dear Parents

What a lovely treat to enjoy a sunny Bank Holiday weekend! The children have made the most of their playtime on the field and although the good weather is not set to last please can you ensure that your child has their clearly labelled sun hat in school every day.

This week nursery children have been creating their poetry ready for our school poetry book which will be given to all children as part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations. Many people would be surprised at just how accessible this medium of expression is to all ages and certainly the nursery children who dictated their poems to a willing scribe absolutely shone. You are all in for a treat later on in the summer when our book is finished and printed.

Elephants have been the theme in Reception as they have moved away from pets and on to bigger creatures in preparation for their visit next week to Port Lympne when all our Reception and Upper Nursery children will be going on their safari trip. Some wonderful 3D Elmers have been cleverly created from old milk containers and decorated in beautiful patchwork squares and some complicated colour by numbers Elmer sheets have been willingly completed.

Our little man on a stretcher in the Reception area has been winched up a little further towards the Air Ambulance Helicopter thanks to yet more Smartie tubes filled with contributions towards this worthwhile charity. Another splendid £135 was raised last week. Thank you very much for supporting this initiative. Please keep the tubes coming in so that we can reach the final total before half term.

Well done to Samantha C, Oliver K and Luke Vs for dazzling with their times tables and earning their silver star award this week.

Congratulations to our Lunchtime Superstar this week who is Connie H for eating her lunch so much more quickly and remembering to eat a healthy amount. Well done Connie!

May I once again remind all those parents interested in our Holiday Activity Club in the summer holidays to visit the website as soon as possible and complete the questionnaire so that we can make an early decision on the dates which will help you to plan your summer.

Well done to all the children in **Rowling** House for accruing the most housepoints this week. **Rowling** House leapt into the lead this week with **321** housepoints. Bravo!

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Georgina W, Kristy M, Sophie P, Jake F, Suri S, Megan J and Poppy L

Philosopher of the Week

Louie N

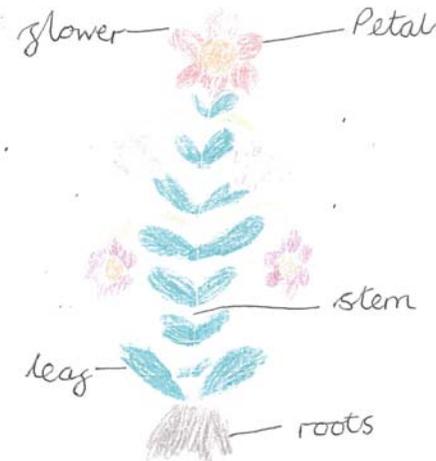
Thought for the Week

Should everything in the world be the same colour?

Work of the Week

The science topic for Year 1 this term is 'Plants and growing'. Phoebe has drawn and labelled this beautiful plant and has written some interesting information all by herself and has clearly understood some very advanced facts in Jupiter's science lessons.

Phoebe 7.5.13



Plants need sun and water to grow. Plants can grow any where. Plants outside don't always need water because they have rain. Inside plants need watering. Bees come and get nectar. Plants need extra care when their a seed. All sorts of plants can live in all sorts of places, hot or cold. Plants get there new trees from their roots.

Foundation Stage News

The Reception children have started their safari adventure this week by looking at larger animals. As well as investigating elephants, they have made a range of colourful animal masks demonstrated in this beautiful photo by Felix proudly holding his tiger mask. This week the children were set a group challenge using camouflage paper, it is hard to spot the animals the children cut out and hid amongst the camouflage paper in the class rooms, well done children! The next creative task is to design and make wild animal masks using papier-mâché (any spare newspapers you have at home will be appreciated, thank you).



In maths this week the timely activities have been learning and comparing the time using analogue and digital clocks. If you have *time* at home try looking at different

clocks maybe the children can begin to spot the patterns with 'o' clock and even half past the hour.

The Nursery children will be venturing out on Safari next week 'Elmer' will be trumpeting his arrival in all his colours! Meanwhile, this week we have been learning more about the creatures we find in our gardens. We have been singing about the old woman who swallowed a fly, counting bees in the hive and counting frogs jumping frogs on and off logs.

The Upper Nursery children are beginning to excel at finding rhyming words and have enjoyed the guessing the words in the reading groups. In the maths groups we have been practising counting. There are many opportunities to perfect accurate counting at home, counting socks into the draws, toys back in the toy box and even the peas on the plate. Can your child estimate how many objects they think there are before they start counting?

Out in the garden children are setting up a garden exploration centre where they can observe, draw and write about the creatures that they find in the garden. The art room has been a nest of creepy crawly creatures as the children develop their fine motor skills rolling, squeezing, pinching and manipulating playdough to make spiders and insects.

The Reception and Upper Nursery children are looking forward to their safari trip to Port Lymgne on Wednesday. Please remember they need to wear track bottoms or shorts (depending on the weather) polo shirts, sweatshirts and rain gear. Fingers crossed for Safari weather.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 15th May

Upper Nursery and Reception visit to Port Lymgne

Friday 17th May

OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Welcome presentation at 9.15am followed by tours of the school.

Please let your friends and neighbours know.

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SUMMER ACTIVITY CLUB

If you haven't already done so, please take part in the survey on our website, so that we can consider your opinions when planning our Summer Activity Club. It can be found in the Parents' Area and will only take a minute to complete.

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PTA 75th ANNIVERSARY SUMMER BALL

Saturday 18th May at Kingswood Golf Club

Please see letter for full details of this great evening of entertainment.

Thank you in advance for your final book orders for the children's author Polly Dunbar to sign. She will do this on Thursday 23rd May during her school visit.