



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 10th October 2014

Dear Parents

On Friday we welcomed prospective parents into St Christopher's to see the school on a working day. The audience were first treated to speeches, hand written, by our Head Boy, Yan, Head Girl, Lola, Deputy Head Boy, Charlie and Deputy Head Girl, Destiny. There was a huge round of applause for these brave children as they made their maiden speeches and many parents stopped to tell me how impressed they were by the polished yet cheerful delivery. One father said that he was tempted to send his Managing Director to the school to come and learn the art of speaking clearly and effectively in public! Well done to the whole team.

Public speaking with aplomb was in evidence again on Tuesday at our Harvest Festival. Please see the photos on page 2. Every child in Year 2 narrated the performance and it was a joy to see and enjoy their confidence and clarity as we learnt interesting facts about this year's theme, colour. The whole school walked down to the church and everyone enjoyed the opportunity for an autumnal nature walk with our well behaved and interested children, seeking to identify trees and nuts as they walked along.

The performances by every single class were absolutely splendid as each class delivered a poem and song learnt by heart with gusto. We even enjoyed another first for St Christopher's, a solo by a 3 year old! Well done Sara H from Nursery, Thank you all for coming to enjoy the festival held at St Martin's Church and thank you for your generous donations at the retiring collection which will form the first contribution for this year's charity, The Macmillan Nurses. Thank you also for the wonderful meals that you provided for the Food Bank run by Pitstop in Leatherhead.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Kaila K in Nursery for her exceptional manners and for the risk of becoming a 'fruit tree' if she ate any more fruit. How wonderful, Kaila. You are an example to others for both exemplary behaviour and for clearly enjoying your 5 a day!

*Congratulations to **Morpurgo** for storming back into the lead this week with **726** housepoints. Well done to all the children in **Morpurgo** House .*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Caiden C, Louisa R, Eden H, Freya M, Jack C,
Lauren M and Benji S.

Philosopher of the Week

Mathilda K

Thought for the Week

Is it true that some people are better than others?

Event of the Week – Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival this year was all about colour. Look at this beautiful rainbow altar beautifully designed and assembled by talented Mrs Degg

Mrs Hawes prepared a lovely Harvest Dance with members of Year 2 to the song Somewhere Over the Rainbow



Mercury performed their poem The Last Leaf with great effect. Everyone learnt their poems and songs by heart and the audience enjoyed every moment.

Every member of Year 2 spoke as a narrator and we all learnt facts about the colours that make up our beautiful world



Foundation Stage News

We all enjoyed a wonderful harvest celebration this week! The children sang beautifully and we were very proud of our own Sara Hood from Nursery who bravely sang a lovely solo. The staff were very impressed with how the children did 'good sitting' as they listened to the other classes and we are all very proud of the way the children walked to and from the church.

The Reception classes are going to be super-fit as they have been learning more about healthy foods. They have also been finding out about the 'super powers' of animals. They have shared the story of a super creature 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. It has been great fun to make the resources needed to retell the story in their own words.

As well as remembering the sequence of the story the children have been remembering the sequence of the days of the week as part of understanding the concept of time in Maths. They have also found that each time the story has 1 more piece of fruit the number increases. Maybe your children can play games finding 1 more toy as they play or tidy up!

Learning to hold a pencil and form letter shapes is very hard and the Reception children have been practising writing their 'ladder letters' such as 'i', and 't' using cursive formation.

In Nursery we have had a look at feet, socks, and boots. Just like in our story 'Alfie's Feet' by Hughes, we are learning to put our shoes and on the correct feet, it is very hard. We try to remember to wear our boots as well as our proof trousers and coats when we go out in the and puddles, it is great fun. Thank you for providing these important items of nursery and naming everything. We do our very best to all children's belongings are returned to their owners bags please help us by checking that other children's clothes are not put in your child's bag by mistake.



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Please note we have plenty of spare boots in Nursery for wet play but please provide your child's own boots in the event of snowy weather.

Our maths activities this week has been all about finding boots and socks that are the 'same' or 'different' it has been fun sorting them out. We have also been colouring in pictures of boots to make repeating patterns using two colours.

'Time for a chat in the nursery book corner'

Whenever the children create a work of art we encourage them to try writing their names. Some children can remember all the letters but lots are learning to find their name card to copy each letter carefully.

Like the little piggy in our rhyme 'This Little Piggy' Mrs. Rendall went to the market to buy some vegetables which she helped the children to chop and mix to make vegetable soup and carrot cake.

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 14th October at 9am: PARENT FORUM

All welcome in the Hall to discuss previously submitted issues, chaired by Governor Mr Nigel Field. Refreshments will be available in the Porch from 8.30am.

Wednesday 15th October: Year 1 visit to the Natural History Museum

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PTA 2nd HAND UNIFORM SALES at 11.45am and 2.45pm

Friday 17th October at 9am: MARS Class Assembly

Parents & carers are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available in the Porch from 8.30am.

Friday 17th October

PTA Treat Day – please send your child in to school with 20p to buy a cake.

PTA School Discos – Nursery and Reception from 3.30pm to 4.15pm

Years 1 and 2 from 4.30pm to 5.45 pm.

TEA TOWELS

Please see separate letter with details of how to order these delightful tea towels with a self-portrait of your child's face. Orders to be returned to the PTA box under the back porch by **Friday 17th October** please.

BOYS SOCKS



We were delighted to see our new smart socks in evidence at the Harvest Festival as part of the boys' winter uniform. Please remember that these should be worn by all boys after the half term holidays.