



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear Parents

*What a wonderful thing is tradition! On Tuesday the whole school walked down to St Martin's Church for our annual Harvest Festival and the performance included everyone from 2 years old to the grand masters age 7. The theme this year was animals and Year 2 held the performance together by delivering fascinating facts about animals clearly narrated with obvious pride at graduating to this important role. Each class had learnt a delightful poem about animals and delivered it with style. We were then entertained by a selection of beautiful harvest songs chosen and taught by clever Mrs Mulhern. We were delighted to see the Harvest Dance appropriately performed to the Lion King and thank Mrs Hawes and her dance team for this wonderful addition. We hope all the parents enjoyed this snapshot of their children so early in the term. We were very proud of each and every one. Thank you very much for your kind harvest donations which have gone to PITSTOP in Leatherhead which is a day time centre for the homeless who offer training skills as well as a much needed food bank.*

*Next week is Science Week and our Science Coordinator, Mrs Kay has a packed and exciting timetable of scientific activities for every age group. If you have a small, but impressive, experiment that your child would like to perform and you are able to send in the method and ingredients, please jot this down on a postcard and hand it in to your class teacher on Monday. Please note that Thursday will be an Inter House Science Competition and your child should come to school in a house t shirt top and shorts or PE kit base. We would be grateful for any newspapers, magazines, cardboard rolls or boxes and sweet wrappers or bright scraps of card or material please for a re-cycle challenge on Thursday.*

*Our Lunchtime Superstar this week is Rowan N. Rowan cheerfully engages in interesting lunchtime conversations with the staff and always enjoys his food. What a perfect diner. Well done Rowan.*

*Well done to **Rowling** House. This week by working hard and demonstrating excellent manners you have earned the most housepoints this week with a splendid total of **565**.*

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

#### **This week's Merit Awards**

Lola F, Hafsa D, Madison H, Max O, Alex S, Fergus L, Ho-Yan T, William S, Georgina W, Grace N and Stan W.

#### **Philosopher of the Week**

Isobel P

#### **Thought for the Week**

Is it good to be different?

### Event of the Week – Harvest Festival

Year 2 narrate with confidence. We were treated to a range of interesting animal facts



The whole school joined together to make our Harvest Festival a very special occasion



Year 2 dancers present a wonderful dance to The Lion King



### Foundation Stage News

What a wonderful way to celebrate harvest. The children sang beautifully and remembered their poems very well but most of all they had fun. We are so proud of them.

In Nursery and Reception this week we have been talking about families. The children have thought carefully and counted the number of people who live in their house and have made pictures of their families in their own home. The Nursery children love the song 'How many people live in your house?'

#### In Nursery

Have you been told the story from the book 'Five minutes peace' by Jill Murphy? The children are very good at remembering the characters in the 'Large' family. Poor Mrs Large can't even have five minutes peace in the bath! It has been great fun to act out the story in the role play area too! In the kitchen the children have been making toast and spreading it with marmalade just like Mrs Large. There are even 'Large Family Elephants' in the art room.

We have had lots of birthdays to share this week and the children decided birthdays were such fun we should have a birthday house in the cottage outside. The children have been very busy making pretend birthday cakes and writing party invitations.

There has been some concern that there may have been dinosaurs in the garden and this week the children have been finding, washing and painting dinosaur eggs (stones). The children have had wonderful imaginative theories and ideas about the eggs which have been counted moved and arranged.

**A plea to parents; If your child needs a change of clothes during the day we are happy to help but PLEASE can you return the nursery clothes as soon as possible, we are beginning to run out of spares. Thank You.**

#### In Reception

The children have also been finding out how to, or not to have some peace as they read the book 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. The children cut out and used the pictures to retell the story, which is a very important part of literacy learning. This book has been great for helping the children think about the sense of hearing, they have been walking around different parts of the school listening for all the different sounds they can hear.



The Foundation Team

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Week Commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Science Week

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – First Group 2 Art Club

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – First Group 2 Cooking Club

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Individual photographs of all the children being taken – please bring them to school in smart, clean uniform.

MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER – HALF TERM

### **PTA NEWS AND DATES**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

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

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

Years 1 and 2 from 4.30 pm to 5.45 pm.

Please return slips and payment as soon as possible.

**PLEASE CHECK THE PTA DATES OF EVENTS ON THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE BACK PORCH AND MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES.**

### **SCIENCE WEEK NEXT WEEK**



**Please ensure that your child comes to school in his/her house T shirt and joggers on THURSDAY (17<sup>TH</sup>) underneath their blazer and waterproof jacket. House T shirts are available from the school office at a cost of £3.**