



St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015

#### Dear Parents

At the end of term we say goodbye and thank you to the wonderful Mrs Jo Hawes, our PE Teacher who is leaving us after 9 years of dedicated and inspirational service. She is going to be a hard act to follow but we are delighted to have been able to appoint an experienced and talented PE teacher, Mrs Sarah Pryor, who will carry on all Mrs Hawes' good work and continue to develop this important area of the curriculum.

Today we say goodbye to all 7 baby chicks who are returning to the place of their 'laying', Ladyland Farm. They have all been a source of wonder and joy. Little Christopher who was trapped inside his shell partially hatched for 24 hours was saved thanks to our chief chick carer, Mrs Garrod, who performed life-saving assistance for this little chap who then won our hearts as he flourished under all the tender care he received.

On Wednesday Reception headed off to Brooklands Motor Museum for a visit to support their exciting topic: I like to move it, move it. Following their investigation into a digger at school just before half term, together with a police car last week, Reception were able to explore a range of vehicles and actually climbed into both a racing car and a cargo plane, the latter of which was used for transporting horses across the world. Another highlight was the wide range of bicycles on display from the earliest Penny Farthing to the latest Olympic bike streamlined for speed.

On Thursday Year 2 set off for their annual residential at Juniper Hall. At the time of writing I can confirm that the weather has been kind this year and the excited children have channelled their excitement and enthusiasm into the wide range of tasks on offer and that the outdoor air and activities have made us all very, very hungry!

Earning their Helpful Hedgehogs badge of honour this week were Freya R, Milo H and Thomas C - well done for being super helpful this week.

Congratulations to Matthew S and Cameron M for achieving their Bronze Star Times Table Awards this week.

A very big well done also to Claudia M and George F both in Year 1 for achieving their Gold Athletics Certificates too. Bravo!

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Carys F for blossoming with her cheerful lunchtime approach and delightful manners. Well done Carys!

Well done to all the children in Donaldson House. You have taken the lead for the first time this term in the weekly housepoint challenge with an impressive total of 629 housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

George T, Sienna Ai, Lauren H, Jack D, Oscar R, Caia H, Arlo R and Hafsa D.

### Work of the Week

Name: LAUREN M

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### Car Colour Traffic Survey

Use tally marks to record the colours of the cars you see.

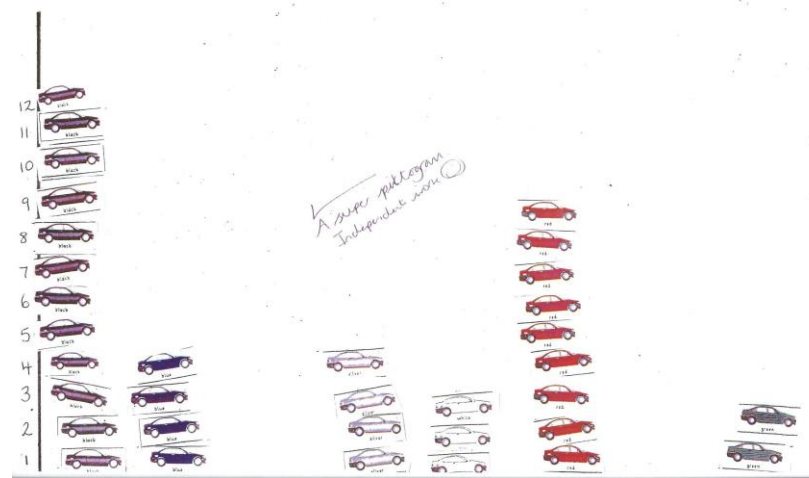
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The work of the week this week is from Mars Class. This week for their topic 'I like to move it, move it' Mars Class conducted a traffic survey. We spent 15 minutes recording the colours of each car that passed in a Tally Chart. Some children started counting in 5s. Then the children cut out and stuck the correct number of cars on a pictogram. Look at Lauren M's hard work. What a super way to learn about data collection and have fun too!

I can make a pictogram using my traffic tally table 08.06.15

LAUREN M



## Foundation Stage News



The Nursery children love to paint, glue, build and experiment with colour, shapes and textures. So this week our creativity has been flowing. We have made a 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' display and used our cutting, sticking and designing skills to make insects that can crawl around our castle role-play.

Our book this week has been another favourite by Eric Carle 'The Very Busy Spider'. We looked at how a clever spider makes a web and made our own webs with glitter and glue. Then we

wondered 'If I were a spider...?' we would not want to be black or brown but all sorts of colours. The children have been very creative choosing their colours as they cut around the circles that they drew for bodies and counted 8 legs to stick on carefully.

We decided our role-play castle had one thing missing, a dragon! The children have used boxes to build into a 3 dimensional dragon and made the hot fire with orange, yellow and red stuck together to form a magnificent effect.

We have had great fun practising for the school play. Thank you for sending your child's costume into school. Please remember we would like all costumes in named bags in school by next Wednesday. Thank You.



The Reception children will soon be expert transport designers and traffic engineers. They made fabulous pictograms using the data they had collected from last week's traffic survey focussing on different coloured cars. The children could interpret their pictograms and answer lots of questions. The children had some very imaginative ideas about all the things they might see out of a car window when travelling anywhere in the world. The children thought they might see 'horses', 'the sea', 'mountains', 'buildings' 'sand', 'police helicopters', 'trees' and 'me in the mirror'!

Of course the highlight of the transport theme this week was the trip in a coach to the magnificent Brooklands Transport Museum where they looked at cars, fast and slow, planes and bicycles new and old. What a wonderful treat!

**The Foundation Team**

## DIARY DATES



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
**GOLDEN BOOT CHALLENGE DAY**  
(Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm: Governors' Meeting

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June: Y2 to CLFS for Summer Show (morning)

**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**NO CLUBS/NO OWLS**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9am – 10.30am  
**FATHERS' DAY CHALLENGE**

Please return your reply slip by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**SUMMER PERFORMANCES: 9 – 10.30am**

**Tickets will be sent via your child's bookbag early next week so please look out for them**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – AHLBERG HOUSE**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – DAHL HOUSE**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – DONALDSON HOUSE**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – MORPURGO HOUSE**

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

**Lower Nursery Children are welcome to participate in every performance and should be collected afterwards on days they do not usually attend Nursery.**