



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 12th September 2014

Dear Parents

Congratulations to all parents for helping their children come into school showing such a happy independence. The children have settled in record time and everyone is arriving on time and ready to settle down to the day's activities promptly and with such enthusiasm. Bravo!

Our first Newsletter of the year brings very special news about our popular House system. This was introduced to St Christopher's nearly 4 years ago and we have been delighted with the pastoral and competitive opportunities that it affords. Every term the children get together in the House to hear a chapter by their very own author and as many of you will know Michael Morpurgo and Allan Ahlberg have been in touch with the children over the years and we have written to them. This term, during House Assembly I talked to Rowling House about the exciting prospect of changing their House author and they unanimously agreed that they would like to be named **DONALDSON** House in honour of Julia Donaldson. Julia is a renowned British author and the 2011-13 Children's Laureate. I have written to her informing her of this exciting news and will invite her to St Christopher's to meet the children in her House if her diary permits.

We were all delighted with the attendance and enthusiasm shown by parents this week during our information evenings. It is always exciting to hear about the opportunities for each year group and the expectations in class. If you missed your child's evening please do get in touch with the class teacher to ensure that you have the correct information.

This term we welcome Mrs Lynne Burnham to St Christopher's as our Global Civilisations teacher bringing with her our first Spanish Club which has proved very popular.

Mrs Stubbs and her team have been busy nominating and this week's Lunchtime Superstar is Robyn C for her extremely polite behaviour and friendly approach to the Catering Team.

The first House to rise to the top of the leader board is **Morpurgo** House with a super **202** housepoints. Well done to all the children in **Morpurgo** House.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Issy S, Miles R, Carys F, Finn H, Joshua I, Ava S, Kieren A, Annabel H, Jacob F, Daisy M and Lauren H.

Philosopher of the Week

Ho-Yan T


Thought for the Week

Is wishing to move to a bigger house greedy?

Work of the Week

Zach C in Mercury Class got off to a super start in Year 2 with this lovely writing about his holidays on the first day of term. Zach's independent writing, with punctuation, is splendid.

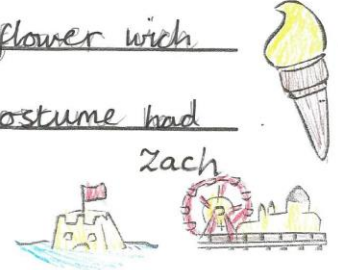
Super work zach! 03 SEP 2014



I went to Lanzarote with my family. We lived in a hotel it was called H 10 Rubicon Palace. We stayed there for two weeks. My favourite bit was when I went on a volcano trip. It didn't erupt. I felt sick on the bus. I went in the swimming pool. It was cold when I got in.

and there was this flower with was a person. The costume had eyes and a mouth.

Zach



Foundation Stage News

It is lovely to see all the children settle back into the school routine so quickly. A very big welcome to all our new children who have settled so quickly, joining in with our activities with only the occasional tear.

The children in the Reception Classes have been talking about their holidays. Looking at the world map we can see they are very well travelled and have a lot of exciting news and adventures to share with their friends such as moving house. The places the children have visited include, Moscow, Thailand and Costa Del Epsom.

There has been great fun mark making in the shaving foam and children have been having a go at writing labels for various parts bodies. They have been ordering and sequencing numbers and enjoyed great success spotting the missing number. There are displays going on the wall with the children's printing and counting achievements. In Reception all of the children are superheroes and have had a go at writing their dates of birth.



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The Nursery children (and staff) are learning the new routines and which group they are in. We have discussed the rules in the nursery like 'Good Sitting' and 'Good Listening' we try to remember to do running outside and to be 'kind and share toys with our friends'. The children are great at remembering the parts of the body for our topic 'All about me' and they have all tried hard drawing a picture of themselves for their St. Christopher's Books.

This week we have been reading the book 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson, can your child remember the names of the owl family? The children enjoy talking about their families and counting how many people live in their house. Maybe your child can sing the song 'How many people live in your house?' or the songs or poem we have started to learn ready for our Harvest Festival.



There is even energy at the end of the day for the children who stay for Owls to carry on the fun playing puppet shows together as you can see from this lovely photo.

Next week the Nursery Children will be sharing the book 'Katie and the Bathers' by James Mayhew, this book is our contribution to the school art focus. We will look at the picture 'The Bathers' by Seurat and look forward to trying the techniques of pointillism.

We look forward to welcoming all nursery parents to our Information Evening on Thursday 18th September at 7pm. The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

15th & 18th September: Violin Lessons Start

16th September: NO FOOTBALL CLUB

16th September: Pre-Nursery Starts

PLEASE NOTE:

18th September at 7pm: Information Meeting is now for Lower and Upper Nursery and Pre Nursery Parents

19th September at 9am: MERCURY Class Assembly

19th September: Jeans for Genes & International Talk-Like-A-Pirate Day



Please remember to wear your jeans on Friday and bring in £1 to support Jeans for Genes. Your pirate costume can be on your upper half! Do join in the fun.

CLUBS - PROMPT PAYMENT is required for fee-paying clubs please.

SCHOOL GATE – Please note that the school gate is now accessed by a small covered key pad. Please check the protected parents' area of the website for the code.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Copies of letters, dates for the diary, weekly menu and booking forms are available in the Parents' Area of our website. If you are unsure of the login details please ask the school office.