



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 13th May 2016

Dear Parents

No amount of rain can dampen the spirits of our Foundation Stage who cannot wait to get onto the stage and shine brightly as they rehearse this year's summer production, *Stella The Starfish*. As this show features actors who are not yet 3 may I please remind you that we ask for no younger siblings to be brought to the hall as this spoils the enjoyment of all other families present.

Last Thursday Year 2 visited the British Wildlife Centre at Lingfield. The children met a variety of animals and learnt facts about the beautiful otter, deer, fox and badger as well as hedgehogs and wild cats! The children also investigated owls and learnt that they are not as clever as we thought. They have huge eyes and, an amazing neck but a tiny brain!

On Monday Year 2 set off to Linden House, a residential care home nearby. The owner had the door open ready to greet our excited children and we spent the next 20 minutes singing to the grateful residents. As may have been predicted the favourites song was *Do-Re-Me* from the *Sound of Music* beautifully performed in parts with residents joining in enthusiastically during the 3 encores! After singing the children spent time with each resident and showed maturity beyond their years as they happily chatted to each guest. I was so very proud of the children for bringing enormous joy during one afternoon with no expense but our time.

What a week for Year 2! They have also shone with their maths skills as well this week with a bumper crop of Times Tables Star Awards as evidence. Congratulations to our brilliant Bronze Star candidates: Toby H, Freya B,

Arlo R, James S and Thomas M. Earning their splendid Silver Stars this week were: Max G, Teddy C, Ned S and Alex H. Massive multiplication applause for two Gold Star winners nominated by their teachers for correct and consistent application of tables: Rowan W and Stanley G.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Zoe M for her enthusiasm at lunchtime and her mature approach when choosing her lunch.

Well done to all the children in *Morpurgo* House. You are this week's winner with an impressive total of 544 Housepoints. Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Sara H, Caiden G, Toby H, Issy S, Jago G, Robyn C, Lauren M, George W, Iman O, Rocco S, Sophia D, William W and Eden H

This week's Good Deeds

Eden H, George T, Sophie B and Naomi B.

Work of the Week

This week Jupiter Class have been investigating diary writing. The Year One children have really enjoyed their Victorian topic. This is a truly fabulous descriptive diary entry written by Lauren H who demonstrated so much detail and understanding of a rich Victorian child's day. Well done

Lauren for this super unaided work.

Tuesday 10th May 1840
 Today I work up, and I saw my maid opening my curtains. Then she got me out of my bed to get me dressed to see Mamma and Papa. Do you know her name? I will tell you her name. Her name is Mrs ~~to~~ Teddy. When I got dressed in my best clothes I brushed my ~~teeth~~ ^{with a} tooth brush. It was very posh and delicate. Then I went to see ~~my~~ Mamma and Papa. At the end my ^{governess} ^{picked} me up. I was very sad because I did not get a hug or a kiss. We ^{learned} about Queen Victoria. After that I came to my room again to ^{change} my clothes for ^{dinner} ~~for~~ dinner. For dinner I had chicken and egg.

Again, I did not get a hug or a kiss. I got in my ^{night dress} ^(not pyjamas for girls) and went to bed.

Foundation Stage News



Just like Billy in the book 'Billy's Bucket' by Kes Gray the Nursery children have been looking into buckets, feeling for things inside buckets and imagining what we might find in our own imaginary buckets. Some children put their fingers into squishy, slippery goo to find different sea creatures in their buckets, they drew what they could see and tried using their phonics to write the name of the creature. The children found a 'dolifin' (dolphin) and a 'sqid' (squid).

In one bucket we found numbered pebbles and put them in order to 10. Then we played a hiding game where the children

had to decide which number was missing along the number line. Some buckets had fish inside, so we made sea caves for them to hide in.

We put lots of containers outside to collect the rain this week. We have also been studying the water in puddles and the way the rain drips in the sand and makes circles.

All of the children are learning the words to the songs and practising their dances for the show next week. We are delighted with their performances. The Reception children remember their cues brilliantly. In the Nursery the children have been busy decorating 't' shirts to make their costumes. Please remember all of the Nursery and Pre-Reception children need to wear shorts every day next week and have a spare pair of shorts in their bags, thank you.



The Reception children are so clever, they know so much information about the sun. Frederick wrote about how the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. Jack wrote that the planets orbit the sun because the sun pulls them with gravity. The children labelled their pictures of the Solar System they will be qualified astronomers soon!

The children in Reception love to talk about their holidays at 'Show and tell sessions'. The other children are always very interested and ask some interesting questions. This is a great opportunity to help gain confidence talking to a group. **The Foundation Stage**

DIARY DATES

Monday 16th May (morning): Foundation Stage Production Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 17th May: Year 2 Sports Afternoon at St Christopher's with Ewell Castle School

Foundation Stage Summer Production

Stella The Starfish



Tickets have been sent out this week via your child's bookbag.

Tuesday 17th May audience: Pre-Reception parents

Wednesday 18th May audience: Nursery parents

Thursday 19th May audience: Reception parents

PTA Children's Discos Friday 27th May

Please return your ticket applications via the PTA box Friday 20th May.



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Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids Vouchers have come to a close

Please empty your purses and bags and ask your family, friends and neighbours if they have any to spare.

Please place all vouchers into the Active Kids box by Friday 20th May.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sibling Reminder – Please do remember to register any siblings who will require a place so that we can reserve a place for our existing families first.