



St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Dear Parents

It has been lovely to see so many of you at this week's Parent Information Evenings. It is always tempting to give these a miss if it is your second child but many of you who attended were kind enough to say how valuable the evenings had been and indeed how good it was to refresh your knowledge and catch up on the changes. My thanks to all the teachers for preparing such informative and amusing evenings. Year 2 were invited for a tour of the new classroom and library after their session and for those who are interested I have placed more photos on the website.

Particularly of interest are the photos taken just three weeks before the start of term! Don't forget to visit the website. It is regularly updated and this week I have been given the Wimbledon experience photos which I have uploaded alongside a photo of the school's prize winning squash. Nursery were responsible for this horticultural joy for their St Christopher's squash won first prize at the Leigh District Flower and Vegetable Show at the weekend.

Following our Great Balloon Race during Sports Day this year, we received a call from a resident in Dover who had found a ticket on the red **Morpurgo** balloon. Accordingly this wins the distance race and **Morpurgo** have been awarded an additional 10 housepoints this week.

Our first Lunchtime Superstar this term is Isobel P. The Catering Team have nominated Isobel for trying new foods so enthusiastically this term, especially vegetables. Well done Isobel!

Bravo to **Morpurgo** House for leaping to the top of the leader board with a splendid 80 housepoints.

Next week is packed with adventures with a trip to the famous Poppy Factory in Richmond for Year 2, Jeans for Genes Day on Friday and our great Pirate Day on Thursday celebrating 'International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Please remember full fancy dress for all land lubbers including children and staff and do bring along your finest pirate expressions me 'earties, Avast behind!

Captain Annie Thackray, Headteacher.

### This week's Merit Awards

Isla M, Harry M, Natasha C, Phoebe J, Abby S, Noah T and Joaquin G.

### Work of the Week

Alexander W from Venus Class wrote some super diary writing this week (which made Mrs Russell feel hungry!) Well done Alexander – so much detail and all written independently without help!

Monday, 9th of September

On Sunday I went for a bike ride because I went to the shops to buy some apples and vegetables. And on the way back we took a short cut and daddy's wheel scrapet myn and I heart my botom. And then it started to rain. And at home I had a hotchocolate with sprindls and scoop with bget. And with the apples that we bawt we made apple crumbell and custard. And then it was bed time and I had my Milkey and my book. And the next morning I had crisby baken with crunchy egg with toast and bake beans. And I went to school.

### Foundation Stage News

All the children have settled into our routines very quickly and are gaining in confidence every day.

In Nursery lots of children have been making interesting meals in the play cottage outside and dressing up in the indoor role play too.

Unfortunately the weather is not so good this week, but that has given the children a chance to practise putting on rain coats, waterproof trousers and boots. The children love the outdoor area in all weathers. A few children have not got waterproof clothes yet and have been disappointed that they cannot go out to play. Please make sure your child is ready for everything with clothing for all weathers. Please remember to put name labels on all clothes, thank you.

There has been lots of talk about our busy bodies, finding our elbows and eyebrows, as well as exploring how our knees bend and stamping our feet in action rhymes. We have also looked closely in mirrors to make sure we remember everything when we draw and paint portraits of ourselves. We have been very proud of all the children trying their hardest with their first pictures for their St Christopher's books.

**Please note: All Nursery parents are invited to the information evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm. Although the dates list stated that the meeting was for the Upper Nursery we have decided that everyone will benefit from it. We hope you can all come and find out about the Foundation Stage Curriculum and how your children learn through their play.**



Mrs Ansell has been busy in the kitchen helping the children develop their fine motor skills through using knives to spread the butter (non-dairy) for their sandwiches. The children have also enjoyed picking the courgettes and tomatoes from the garden to make delicious vegetable soup, Lenny had two helpings! The children took great care picking and counting 10 apples from the garden ready to make apple cake, Anna said the bag of apples was "very heavy".

In Reception the children have been looking at skeletons (not real ones!) They made skeletons using art straws and they look very real but may not be quite as strong as the real thing. They have also been making bones out of clay ready for counting activities. The children have also been learning all about printing by making 'Funny Bones' skull print pictures.

What clever children we have in Reception! They have been putting numbers on a number line, Some children can order all the numbers to 20 – 'WOW'.

Please remember the Reception children all need raincoats, fleeces and PE kits in school every day. Thank You.

The Foundation Stage

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September: Year 2 visit to the Royal British Legion Poppy Factory

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September: Reception visit to Gatton Park

### **NURSERY PARENTS' MEETING**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm

Parents of all Nursery groups are invited to attend.



**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September: Talk Like A Pirate Day! And dress up too!**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9am: Venus Class Assembly.

Parents are invited to attend.



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September: Jeans for Genes Day.**

Please wear your jeans and bring in a £1 donation.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.**  
**Cakes and coffee for parents from 8.30am**  
**Please come and support us!**

