



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 14th June 2013

Dear Parents

As you read this in the warm, dry comfort of your house please spare a thought for the gallant team of staff that leapt at the opportunity to be part of the year 2 residential trip on Thursday and Friday at Juniper Hall when they were told that the dates would fall in the 'summer' month of June! More news about our adventures next week.

Monday was all about numbers and all about maths challenge. The children looked splendid in the House t shirts and arrived full of news about the wonderful maths challenges that took part at home this weekend surrounding the number 75. Weekend workers who had come up with inspirational investigations into the number 75 were rewarded with prizes and housepoints. Please see the list below. Congratulations to all our families for their clever and imaginative ideas.

It was fitting that this week, with a focus on numbers, no less than 3 Gold Star badges for multiplication magnificence were awarded to Samantha C, Jake V and Luke V. Congratulations also to our Silver Star winners, Anna G and Ria A and to our Bronze Star winners, Forbes M, Samuel A, Arthur M and Kristy M.

Congratulations to our team of sportsmen and women from Year 1 and Year 2 who enjoyed an afternoon of Mini Olympic Circuit fun at Kingswood House last week. Teams from several local schools attempted challenges against the clock and we were delighted to find that the St Christopher's team won the overall event. Many thanks to all involved especially our talented coach Mrs Hawes.

Congratulations to Vihaan S who has been awarded the certificate for this week's Lunchtime Superstar for delighting us all with his keen conversation and eating his lunch a little quicker.

Eggwatch - Day 7 in the Big Incubator House - no news. Eggspectations are high but no signs of anyone cracking up at this stage.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Maths Day Awards

Anna G, Jacob F, Samantha C, Henry C, Connie H, Forbes M, Jodie K, William P, Harry S, Narayan M, Ava S, Matthew S, Joseph C, Felix A, George G, Charlie S, Miles R, Alexander W, Millie M, Georgina W, Luke V, Evie S, Amelie P, Stan W, Lucy D, Finn T, Megan J

Event of the Week

Numbers, numbers everywhere was the theme of the day on Monday. All classes enjoyed maths fun challenges. Look at the colourful photos below.



In Reception Miles is making a necklace in his house colours with 75 beads



In Year 1 Phoebe is counting her building blocks

Foundation Stage News



Monday's 75th Anniversary Maths Day was filled with many exciting activities. In Reception we designed and made birthday cards and medals, ordered bags containing 75 items according to weight, made number lines to 75 using our decorated hand cut-outs and compared 75cm things around the school to see if they were bigger or smaller to name a few. We also found the

answer to the number sentence $2013-1938 =$ can you remember the answer?

In Nursery we tried threading many beads onto a string in 75 seconds. We sorted bricks into 7 groups of 10 and a group of 5 to see what 75 bricks look like. We tried writing the numbers 7 and 5 and also made a collage. We found 75 centimetres on a metre rule and made towers that were 75 cms high. We did not have time to do 75 activities though.

In Reception we have been making animal fact books and matching parent and baby animals. What is a baby horse called? Next week we are delving into the past with dinosaurs. If there are any fact books or dinosaur toys that might be used in school, please send them in making sure they are clearly labelled.

Meanwhile in Nursery we have been helping Georgia Explorer. She went to the farm but couldn't find any sea horses. We have been making boats so she can go out to sea to find some. We love helping to read the book 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson, we were a little scared by the teeth and lights of the fish who live in the deep, dark water.

Out in the garden we found there was a sea cave for sale and we have been busy painting the sea. I wonder who will move into the cave! We have been having so much fun out at sea we hope to discover lots more next week.



The Foundation Team

Monday 17th June at 9.30am: Whole School Photo
- Smart summer uniform please

[Monday 17th June: Please return ticket request forms for Summer Production](#)

See recent letter for further information

Tuesday 18th June: Year 1 visit to Littlehampton

Tuesday 18th June: Governors' Meeting at 5.30pm



Wednesday 19th June: Elephant's Tea Party

Please see recent letter for details of this fund-raising event.

Thursday 20th June: Pre-nursery finishes

Friday 21st June: GOLDEN BOOT CHALLENGE DAY

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



Use a more environmentally friendly way to come to school and win points for your class: Walk, Park 'n' Stride, Car Share

Monday 24th June at 9am: Dress Rehearsal for Summer Production

Please avoid medical appointments etc for your child this morning if possible

[PTA SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 1 – 3pm](#)

Please see recent letter for details about how you can help with preparations for the Fair and, very importantly, volunteering for a stall on the day. From Monday 17th June, donations of the following items will be welcome in school: DVDs & computer games, soft toys (clean & in good condition), filled sweetie jars, bottles. Raffle tickets will be available next week.

