



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 15th January 2016

Dear Parents

We were all delighted to discover that Frederick K in Neptune Class had won the local art competition run by Hamptons in Epsom. To coincide with the release of the new film *The Peanuts Movie*, competitors were asked to design a beautiful kennel for Snoopy and the entries were excellent. Well done Frederick for beating all competition and winning a large bag of Snoopy products.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Annual Questionnaires. We do value your comments so do please take a minute to complete your Questionnaire and we will feed back to you at the next Parent Forum on Tuesday 2nd February at 8.45am.

We strengthened our School Council this week by welcoming Reception Representatives onto the team. A democratic vote saw Isla T elected for Mars and Mia P elected to represent Neptune. They received their badges from Rowan, the Chair of the School Council in assembly on Thursday.

We are delighted with our lovely new outdoor classroom. Although Nursery and Pre-Reception will continue to benefit from it during the mornings, all classes are timetabled in to use it and the feedback from Staff of the benefit from using this warm, calm and light environment has been very encouraging

Please may I remind you to ring or email the office in the mornings by 8.55am, at the latest to notify us in the event of your child's absence so that we can complete our detailed checks in line with our Attendance Policy which may be found on the website. If your child requires Calpol or a pain relief substitute, then they are not well enough to come to school and will recover much more quickly by staying at home in the warm and not sharing their illness with others!

All the children (and some of the Staff) are hoping for some snow to play in during these winter months and in the event of a significant snow fall please remember that your first port of call for information about how snow will affect the School should be our website which will be kept up to date and give clear details about any changes to the school day. This will keep the phone lines free for other important issues.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Joshua I for the huge improvement in the range of exciting foods that he eats, now returning with a smile for seconds! Bravo! Congratulations to Ahlberg House for starting this term at the top of the Housepoint Board with a splendid 161 housepoints. Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Caiden G, Jasmine C, Jack C, Liberty R, Sophie B, Lauren H, Seth J, Lambert S, Naomi B, Abby S, Abigail M and Thomas M.

Philosopher of the Week

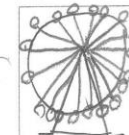
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Thought for the Week

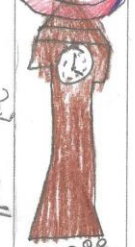
Why are there bad people in the world?

Work of the Week

Mercury Class have written letters to children in a village school in Uganda this week and have illustrated their letters with images from Great Britain. This is part of the lovely letter written by Sophia D in Year 2.



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Hello, my name is Sophia. I am 7 and I love geography. How is your school, is it fun? My school is fun. Are weather is cold in the winter. How is yours? Do you have nice food? My favourite good is macaroni cheese. What is your Topic? Mine is About Africa. What's the name of your school?

Foundation Stage News

A very Happy New Year to everyone. The weather may be getting chilly but we would like to offer an especially warm welcome to our new children and their families. The children are settling in very happily and joining in with all our activities.

In Reception this week the children have been looking at buckets! Inspired by the book 'Billy's Bucket' by Kes Gray the children have been exploring capacity, counting out how many bricks and blocks are needed to fill different sized buckets.

The children had fun taking turns to look in a bucket and share with their class what they imagined they could 'see' in the bucket. From mermaids to pirates and dolphins they had lots of great ideas to help with their writing. Milo suggested his bucket had scientists inside and he said that he wants to copy some of the experiments. Imogen said her bucket had a fairy garden and explained that she wants to be as small as the fairies. They have been learning how adjectives help to describe what they 'see'. There were *red* lobsters and *toothy* sharks. We may need to keep away from the bucket!

In handwriting the children are practising the one 'armed robot' letters like 'r', 'n' and 'm'.



The Nursery children have created their own art installation in Purple Room. Just like the artist Joanne Tinker the children love using shiny paper, paint and glue. They have worked together to make a wonderful creation! Some children say it is a machine, some say it is a hoover and others think it may fly. Come and have a look at it in Purple Room. The children have lots of ideas about 'How it Works'.

Has your child told you about the duck who gets stuck in the muck? We love acting out the story of 'The Duck in the Truck' by Jez Alborough using 'small world' props. Books with rhyming words are great fun and we can guess the rhyming words and make up our own rhymes and words too!

Not to worry duck, if your truck doesn't work with all that muck you can take it to the nursery mechanics in the role play area. The children have been very busy mending bikes, filling in the forms and making phone calls. In the kitchen we have been learning how pastry works to make some delicious jam tarts. What an exciting start to the New Year!

The Foundation Team



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 19th January: Pre-nursery sessions start

Wednesday 20th January: School Council Meeting

Thursday 21st January 4.15-5.15pm: Class of 2015 Reunion Tea

Friday 22nd January at 9am: MERCURY Class Assembly

Parents are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be available in the Porch from 8.30am.

PLEASE NOTE - JANUARY 25TH & 26TH - ENVIRONMENT DAYS

- Children will need their House T-shirts

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE - Please complete and return by Monday 18th January

PTA EVENTS

Friday 29th January : Quiz Night

£12.50 per person to include fish & chip supper

Please get together your team to enjoy this event, it is always great fun. Booking forms available from the office or on the website.

Saturday 6th February: Family Photography Day

Please see letter for information & booking form.

Would you be interested in advertising in our Music Festival Programme?

We are inviting sponsors for the programme for this year's festival on 10th March. The programmes are given out to the large audience of parents from the local area as well as the participating children. The cost will be £50 for a half page and £100 for a full page colour advertisement in a prominent place in A5 our glossy programme. If you would like to publicise your business or you know of a local business who would be interested in this opportunity, please contact the school office.



Mathletics: Congratulations go to Jack D and James S for gaining their Silver Awards.

Special congratulations to Rory P for being awarded a MATHLETE Badge for being in the mathletics hall of fame.