



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 15th February 2013

Dear Parents

On Friday we were given entertainment and information in the form of Venus Class' Assembly about healthy eating with a hilarious play featuring Harry the Potato who was cool and popular but not good for you in large amounts. We all loved Forbes the Brussel Sprout who complained to Raven the Grape "It's not fair. You are small and green and everybody loves you. I'm small and green and I always get left on the plate." Venus children shone as they showed how even young children can master comic timing and they also reported back with the results of the last school Council meeting. Special thanks to Mrs Russell for this wonderful production and thank you and well done to all the children in Venus Class.

Another highlight of the week was our traditional Great Pancake Relay Race. On Shrove Tuesday the whole school hurried out onto the tennis courts into their Houses equipped with four frying pans and an impressive stack of pancakes. Children as young as 3 set off, with huge cheers from their House and a look of determination on their faces, revealing significant multi tasking skills as they ran and flipped their pancake with great style! Congratulations to Dahl House who finished first but judging by the cheers for every competitor and the roar of laughter as children danced, skipped and ran for their House, it was universally felt that everyone was a winner!

On Saturday our football squad was once again in action playing another round of Under 7s matches at Downsend School. Well done to all for playing with such passion and thank you to Mrs Hawes for ensuring that the young children at St Christopher's are lucky enough to have so much robust sport on the curriculum both during the week and at weekends!

Our Lunchtime Superstar this week is Alexander S for always arriving at the serving hatch in the dining hall with a huge, appreciative smile. Well done Alexander!

Now that the winter weather is showing signs of disappearing for another year may I please ask you to take this half term to ensure that your children have the correct uniform for travelling to and from the school. All children must wear their cap or hat together with their blazer with a waterproof coat that does up, with a hood, every day. Fleeces and navy school woollen hats must stay in school for daily use in the playground. Even in wet weather your child will go outside and therefore a 'working order' waterproof is essential. Thank you for supporting this long tradition. We are very proud of our school uniform.

A huge hooray to **Dahl** House for ending this half term with a win. **Dahl** House are now on top of the board with a splendid 266 housepoints.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Sam A, Eddie L, Adam E, Charlie S, Natasha C,

Oliver H, Jacob F and Austin S.

Philosopher of the Week

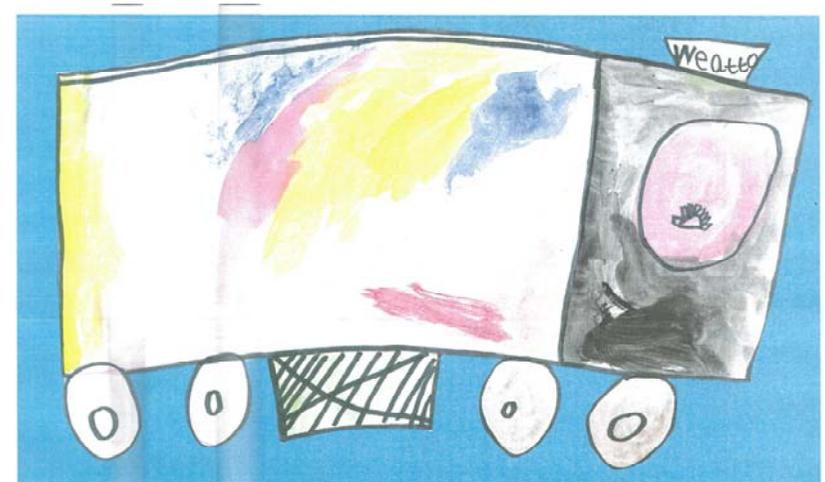
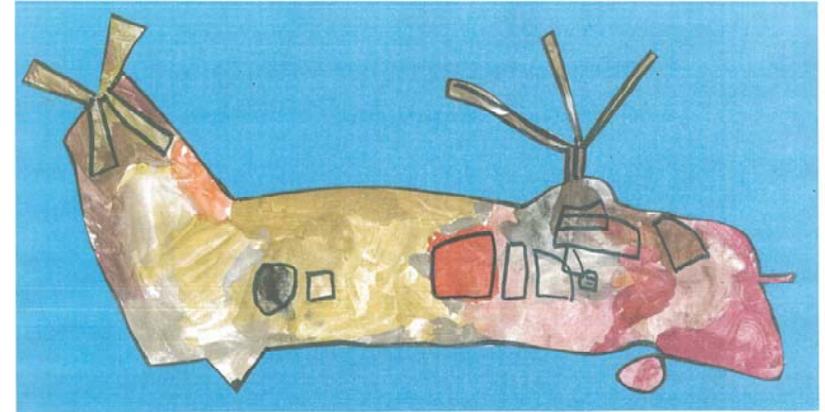
William P

Thought for the Week

Should you sacrifice your life for other people?

Work of the Week

The work of the week this week is from Mars Class. The topic this term in Reception is 'All Aboard' and we have been looking at all the different methods of transport. We all drew and then painted a picture to show in Assembly. Thomas P created a wonderful helicopter and Joaquin G painted a colourful lorry.



Foundation Stage News

In the Nursery we have been celebrating the start of the Chinese New Year of the Snake. The children were fascinated as they watched videos of Chinese ribbon dancing and throughout the week they have been practising their own dancing in the garden. Bertie, Daisy and Lauren loved the way the ribbons danced in the breeze as they waved them in time with the music. We are developing our fine motor skills this week as we have tried Chinese writing and using



chopsticks to pick up noodles.

The pancake race was great fun but the children agreed they did not want to eat the pieces of pancake that fell on the floor. So they were very keen to try the pancakes that we have been making this week. The children had lots of questions and were fascinated to see how the dry flour mixes with milk and water to make a pouring liquid. Laura worked very hard to



stir the mixture. How does the mixture magically turn into a solid pancake as it cooks? Most children liked sugar on their pancakes but some enjoyed trying them with lemon too.

The children have enjoyed reviewing all the work that we have done so far this term. We are learning about the book 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. After half term, please save boxes, kitchen paper rolls and round lids so we can make lots of trains.

Reception children have zoomed into space this week, creating rockets and flying saucers. We've had fun retelling the story of 'Whatever Next' and thought carefully about the things we might like to take with us on our trip into space – what would you take? Repeating patterns have not only been created using pictures of different types of transport but fruit! The patterns were first planned on paper then painstakingly recreated by chopping and skewering fruit, before being eaten, VERY quickly! Chinese New Year continues to be celebrated with lots of vegetables being chopped and diced to create a delicious noodle dish.

Would you please use the half term break as an opportunity to check your child's uniform and PE kit for size, labels and loops. We always encourage independence when dressing and preparing to go outside. Remember, loops and names on caps, blazers, waterproof jackets and fleeces enable your children to hang items of uniform and can help prevent them becoming lost. If you are missing items of uniform, please recheck the lost property box beneath the porch.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Friday 1st March at 9am: NURSERY Assembly –

Please note that this involves Upper Nursery children only

Wednesday 6th March: World Book Day (see letter for full details) -Friday

8th March 9.15 – 10.30am: Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Saturday 9th March 10.30am – 12.30pm: Open Morning for Current and

Prospective Parents (details to follow after half-term)

PTA EVENTS

Sat 2nd March – Family Photography Day - see letter for booking details

Calendar of events this year on the PTA Spring Newsletter (copy on website)

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB 8 – 12 APRIL

Please return your booking forms by Monday 25th February. Don't forget to ask family and friends!



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Every year we are able to exchange our vouchers for lots of great equipment. Please keep collecting and bringing in your vouchers! There is a collecting box in the Porch. Thank you.

OWLS: Contact number 4 – 6pm – 07760457547

We wish you a happy and restful half term and look forward to seeing you on the 25th February!