



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

#### Dear Parents

*Last Friday Mars took to the 'stage' and delighted us all with their assembly all about Space. The Reception children dazzled us with their confident voices and acting skills and we loved the presentation of 'Whatever Next?' complete with costume. Well done Mars Class for such a confident performance including some super singing including a solo! Special thanks for the script to Mrs Taperell and Mrs Meredith-Bennett beautifully supported by Mrs Burke.*

*On Monday we began our special Times Tables Awards. Children can earn a Bronze, Silver and finally a Gold Star for in-depth knowledge of their times tables during a quick fire session with Mrs Thackray. The first child in Year 2 to receive their Bronze Star is Elodie Barrett for impressive and excellent multiplication skills. Well done Elodie.*

*On Tuesday Reception Classes voted for their School Council Reps and the children in Mars chose Megan R and in Neptune chose Wilf S. These two valuable additions received their badges in assembly on Friday*

*Thank you to all who came and supported our Safer Surfing Evening. We shared interesting facts about internet safety and enjoyed valuable discussions about managing our young children's exposure to the digital world.*

*On Thursday Year 2 set off in fabulous costume to The Victorian Museum Schoolroom in Guildford to experience a day in the life of a Victorian child.*

*Punishments, school work, toys and clothes were all investigated. See p 2.*

*The theme of Mrs Thum's Library Raffle this week was 'poetry' in preparation for our poetry week after half term. Thank you to Nadia and Joseph for stepping in as Librarians during Year 2's absence on Thursday.*

*Congratulations to Evie W from Nursery for being nominated as this week's Lunchtime Superstar for enjoying her lunch every day and bravely and politely asking for seconds. Well done Evie.*

*For Reception, Y1 and Y2 you will find in your child's book bag a St Christopher's purse as a special gift from the PTA. This purse should stay in your child's book bag every day and be taken out and attached to the outer part on days when you need to send money in to school. Your child can then unzip their purse in the classroom and hand their money in all by themselves. This will save loose money, envelopes etc.*

*Congratulations to [Alhberg House](#) for topping the board with a super total of 994 Housepoints. Have a wonderful half term and don't forget to enjoy some poetry.*

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

#### **This Week's Merit Awards**

Clara H, Emma S, James B, Dylan C,  
Christopher B, Scarlett S, Dilly C, Carlos D,  
Emily L and James C.

#### **Philosophers of the Week**

Fraser W and Millar W

#### **Thought for the Week**

Should you love things that don't love you?

### Event of the Week

*On Thursday Year 2 went back in time to the Victorian era. They came to school in costume (well done parents) and set their faces in a sober, period pose for the top shot! A few smiles were allowed for the lower one. The children then set off to The Victorian Schoolroom Museum in Guildford. Experiencing Victorian School room expectations was a bit daunting especially when introduced to pen, ink and blotting paper and the dunce's hat. The Staff looked magnificent too.*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**HALF TERM: 18<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Years 1 and 2 Trip to Buddhist Temple.**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Poetry Competition Final.**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH – PTA MOVIE NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH – PTA FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY DAY**

**PLEASE NOTE - WEEK COMENCING 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH –  
The following clubs will not run: Sewing, Mindfulness,  
Funky Folk, Gymnastics, Drama, Cooking, Coding and Recorder Clubs.**



We were so pleased to see such a positive response to our Kind Koala initiative. Well done to the following children for demonstrating acts of particular kindness this week:  
Thomas P, Sophie B and Maya L.

### **PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

**This week's playground panthers are Bailey T and Nancy H.**



**Congratulations go to: Emma S for passing her Senior Gold Belt in Judo.**

**Also to Annabel V for passing the LAMDA introductory exam with distinction.**



**Mathletics: Congratulations go to Erin O and Oliver N for achieving Gold. Also to Arisa A and Sophie B for gaining Silver Awards and to Saraya J and Isabella G for achieving Bronze.**

**Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at StChrisEpsom for information and weekly highlights**



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



It has been countdown to the Pre-Reception assemblies this week. The groups have been busy making hats and learning their rhymes, ready to thrill the audiences and I think you will agree that they succeeded for everyone was delighted! There have been more amazing smells coming from the kitchen this week as the children have been making pizza pies. It was lovely to see our new Rainbow children having a go as well. We celebrated a birthday this week and enjoyed the cake on the snack table, yummy! It has also been Challenge Week and the children have been undertaking different

activities that will challenge them in different ways. Colour mixing, counting, shape recognition, name writing, throwing and aiming accurately and independent coat and zip tackling to name a few. The children have showed their 'Stickosaurus' natures as they persevered even when the task was tough. We have a new reading area in yellow room, which we have called the 'Reading Rainbow'. We are encouraging the children to use this as a quiet reading place where they can get lost in a story or enjoy a tale being read to them. Our woodland adventures this week have included looking at a planting calendar and deciding what flowers and vegetables we are going to grow this year. Watch the Nursery garden to see our progress.

**Reception:** This week our focus story was 'You Choose in Space'. The children have had great fun deciding what they would wear and the way that they would travel in space. The children particularly enjoyed creating animals that they would like to keep as a pet; we had

some interesting animal names such as the 'pog' (pig head and frog body) and the 'catphant' (cat head and elephant body)! In maths we have been focusing on calculations, the children have enjoyed learning to subtract using crossing out and have continued their learning of addition independently (especially when playing the leap frog game and keeping score!) Fabulous work this week Reception!

**The Foundation Team**

