



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 16th May 2014

Dear Parents

Thank you all for your wonderful responses to our TARGET challenge of the week which was to send in nominations for thoughtful children. We were not surprised to discover how many children have demonstrated this quality at home because they are so kind and considerate at school. Next Thursday we will pick an overall winner of the award for the week and announce it in the newsletter. Next week the children need to demonstrate Awareness of others.

All our children now have a greater awareness of the plight of other children in some less fortunate areas of the world thanks to Mrs Woods who came on Friday to thank the children and their families for raising just under £4,000, an astonishing amount, during our Sport Relief challenge. She showed us a 'Thank You' film made by the Sport Relief Team and also showed the edited version of the footage that the film crew took of us all at St Christopher's on the day. We all felt proud and delighted to have taken part.

Our Reception children who had enjoyed their visit to the Sorting Office and Library last week, set off with a spring in their step to visit Epsom Fire Station. They learnt about what to do if they discovered smoke or a fire and then every child sat in a fire engine and had the exciting opportunity to squirt a hose! They also looked at the big cutters used to cut heavy metal and admired each Fire Fighter's uniform.

Do remember to come and join us on Tuesday 20th May from 2pm till 3pm for some very helpful information about how reading is taught at St Christopher's.

Congratulations to Dominic Quantrill for earning his Silver Star Times Tables award this week and to Alexander Bohn, Gracie Nicholls and Isobel Patel for earning their Bronze Stars.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Mathilda K for politely demonstrating exceptional manners every day. Well done Mathilda.

*What a super total again by **Rowling House**. They have earned **278** housepoints and secured the lead on the board.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Michael S, Millie M, Dominic Q, Lucas C, Ho-Yan T, Freya B, Sachin Wenham, Milo H, Caiden C, Natasha C, Alexander W, Freya R.

Philosopher of the Week

Harry M

Thought for the Week

Is it always wrong to steal?

Work of the Week

Inspired by the artist Sir Stanley Spencer, who lived for a short time in the house that is now St Christopher's school, Venus class have created their own self-portraits.



Using a photograph cut in half, the children tried to match the detailed features and skin tone of their face on the other side of the paper, thus making a full self-portrait. This was then carefully coloured using pastels.

The children were delighted with their results and here are two examples. Can you tell who they are?



The answers are on the back page of the Newsletter.

Foundation Stage News

Watch out! I can see flashing blue lights. Is that a siren I can hear? Nursery and Reception are coming! We have had great fun pretending to be Fire Fighters this week.

The Reception children have used photos to turn themselves into a picture of a Fire Fighter. They have had very important writing activities. First they wrote a fire report and then they enjoyed a role-play situation using actual ringing phones before writing a telephone message for the Fire Fighters. The most exciting part was the visit to the Fire Station to learn all about being a real Fire Fighter on Wednesday and Thursday.

Last Friday the lucky Reception children went off again this time to Epsom Sorting Office. They came back laden with goodies ready to role-play Post Offices. The children were given a competition to build the best post boxes and post vans. With all this travelling I am glad the children have been making maps and drawing routes from school to the places they have visited in the local area.



In Maths the children have been solving problems finding out the number that is 1 more than a number and, even more tricky, 1 less.

The Nursery children have been acting out what to do if there is a fire. Lots of the children remember to phone the number 999 to ask for help in an emergency. A little homework this week could be to teach your child to recite their address.

In our role play we have been writing Fire Incident reports, rotas for taking turns as Fire Fighters and maps ready for lots of journeys we want to take, leaving our imaginary house in the Red Room. We are keeping our fingers crossed that there will not be any fires in Epsom next Thursday as we are hoping for a visit from the Fire Brigade here at school so that we can see a real fire engine.

We are starting to think about the natural world through our topic 'The World and Me'. In the garden we are preparing our vegetable plot and planting. In the kitchen we have been making cakes and biscuits with apples, dried fruit and carrots. We will be thinking: 'Where do we find these foods in the world?' We want all the children to learn this: 'I must look after our world so that the food from the world can look after me.'

We are all very excited about our trip out to Wakehurst Place next week with lots of activities learning about our topic and 'The Natural World and Me'.

The sun is out at last! Please put sun cream on your child each morning and send them with a St. Christopher's sun hat. Thank you.

The Foundation Stage Team

DIARY DATES

NO FOOTBALL ON TUESDAY 20th MAY

Tuesday 20th May 2pm – 3pm: Reading Scheme Information Meeting in School Hall – Please see recent letter for details.



Wednesday 21st May: Reception & Upper Nursery visit to Wakehurst Place

Thursday 22nd May: The Great Read. Year 2 Team Inter-school Competition

PTA Discos on Friday 23rd May

3.15 – 4.15pm NURSERY & RECEPTION. 4.30 – 5.30pm YEARS 1 AND 2

Tickets booked in advance £4 or £5 on the door.

PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sales: Thursday 5th June at 11.45am & 2.45pm -

Please leave any items to be sold under the back porch.

SUMMER PERFORMANCES

Due to the limited space available in our school hall like last year parents will be allocated 2 tickets per child plus one extra ticket per sibling according to their class. If you cannot attend on that day please try and swap with friends in another class. Please note that the office will not be able to handle swaps:

Tuesday 24th June 9.15am – Jupiter, Neptune and Earth

Wednesday 25th June 9.15am – Mercury, Moon and Twinkling Stars

Thursday 26th June 9.15am – Saturn, Stars and Sun

Friday 27th June 9.15am – Venus, Mars and Sparkling Stars

IMPORTANT NOTICE

For your children's safety we will be locking the back gate from 3.30 – 3.50pm. An electronic keypad will be installed shortly. In the interim access can be gained via a coded padlock and chain. The code is xxx. This code is for adults only. Please remember to close the padlock behind you. If you forget the code, entry can always be accessed via the front door.

Answers to picture quiz: Lucy D & Alex S