



St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014

*Dear Parents*

*Kalimera se olous! Which means 'hello everyone' in Greek.*

*This week is Greek Week and we have been paying particular attention to the cuisine from this lovely country. We welcomed into school Sevi's Mummy who prepared and cooked small cheese pies called Tiropitakia and a Greek Salad with the lucky children in Year 1 and 2. Our own Mrs Culligan from the kitchen came into Nursery to show them how to make a Greek Salad and the children in Reception also created this dish. A special thank you to our wonderful guests. Please see the website for photos. Do remember that your child will be learning to cook some exotic dishes this term and you could earn yourself a break in the kitchen by continuing to encourage these skills at home!*

*Thank you to all the families who returned their forms and volunteered to take part in our International Cooking Term. It is not too late if you have not yet volunteered. Please just drop a note into school. I am particularly proud of the Dads who have volunteered for fun during Fathers' Fortnight. Thank you all.*

*The theme of Greece has been neatly woven into Literacy this week with a look at Greek Myths. Year 2 have been retelling Greek Myths, adding their own modern touches whilst retelling some classics. One of my personal favourites was Finn's version; he replaced Ariadne's ball of string in Theseus and the Minotaur, with a bag of Lego bricks that were dropped at intervals in the corridors of the Labyrinth and instead of hoisting a white sail, Theseus was asked to let off a firework to indicate a successful mission. Great talent evident in Year 2!*

*Our incredible Catering Team have created dishes for the term to compliment the weekly focus and the children enjoyed Pasticcio their first new dish. Next week which is Italy Week will start with a Ready Steady Cook challenge run by Messrs Headley and Ansell with the whole school audience participating with a handmade red or green pepper voting card. How exciting!*

*Congratulations to Georgina W in Year 2 for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar. Georgina is our first superstar of the year for going back to the Catering Team after eating to tell them how much she had enjoyed her lunch. Well done Georgina!*

*The first victory of 2014 has gone to **Morpurgo** House who have started the year at the top of the table with **227** housepoints. Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

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

Sophia D, Freya B, Teddy C, Jacob F, Poppy L, Ellie B, Max O, Stan W and Evie S.

#### **Philosopher of the Week**

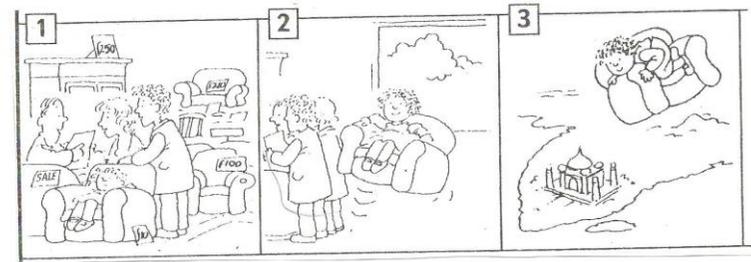
Megan G

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

Should you think that you are more important than others?

### Work of the Week

Oliver M in Mercury class wrote this lovely story about a flying chair after looking at these pictures.



#### The Flying Chair

It was a sunny day and me, Mummy and Daddy had been looking for new furniture all morning. By now I was the most bored person in the world so I sat down in a chair. Suddenly I started to fly! Out of the shop I flew. "This is amazing" I shouted, as I flew through the air. I looked over the side of the armchair and I saw a palace. It was a very interesting sight and I knew what country I was in. I was in India. When I was past India I started to worry about Mummy and Daddy. I thought that I should go home.....but maybe just a little longer...

Well done Oliver - perhaps a future author!

## Foundation Stage News

Welcome to our page and a very big welcome to the new members of the Foundation Stage Team. Our new staff are Mrs Meredith-Bennett, Miss Kate Rendall and new to Reception Mrs Savill. The new children are all settling in well, starting at big school is a huge step; there are a lot of people to meet and things to do. We are so proud of your little children who are not even three years old!

The topic for this term is 'Rhyme Time'. In Nursery we have been learning the



Nursery Rhyme 'Sing a Song of Sixpence', making sure we count out 6 pennies. Some children have been counting blackbirds and putting the numbered birds in order. Other children have been counting how many bugs the blackbirds are going to eat.

We have also been learning about the rhyme in the story 'The Gruffalo'. The children love to listen to the tape and act out the story in the role play area. Last week we were learning the rhyme 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star', all the children have been

practising their 'fine motor' skills in the art room each cutting out their own star

The Grand Old Duke of York's army is being recreated in Reception as the children have made super army hats to go on photos of themselves in their class rooms. The children have counted the soldiers as they march in two's. Tricky counting children, well done!

In Literacy the children have been listening for and finding rhyming words. Do you know who pushed Humpty Dumpty off the wall? The Reception children are on the look out! They have made some 'Wanted Posters' and have had some interesting and original ideas. Who could it be? Maybe it was a 'Big Bad Dragon' or a 'Naughty Wolf' who scared him!

It has been a busy week in the kitchen filled with the lovely aromas of olives and herbs as the children have made their own Greek Salad. Lots of the Nursery children tried the salad or Horiatiki, it was so delicious some children demolished second and third helpings!

The Foundation Team



## PTA EVENTS

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January: Quiz Night & Supper

Always huge fun & challenging, with expert quiz masters! Please see letter for full details and submit booking forms by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Family Photography Day

Please see letter for information & booking form. This is a very popular event, so don't delay: first-come, first-served.

**SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER BALL ON SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

## DIARY DATES

Next week is Italian Food Week

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9am: SATURN Class Assembly

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

**FOOTBALL CLUB CANCELLED ON 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

The last session will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Please ensure prompt payment for clubs is made to professional coaches.

## **Would you be interested in sponsoring our Music Festival Programme?**

Our Year 2 Music Festival last year was once again very successful and the programmes were given out to the large audience of parents from the local area as well as the participating children. We are looking for a sponsor or sponsors for the programme for this year's festival on 13<sup>th</sup> March. The cost will be £50 for a half page and £100 for a full page colour advertisement in a prominent place in 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 Mrs Thackray.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PARENTS WHEN PARKING IN CHARTWELL PLACE. THIS WILL PARTICULARLY HELP ALLEVIATE STRESS IN THE MORNINGS.