



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013

#### Dear Parents

We are delighted with our handsome new signs situated in the front garden. Do have a look as you drive by.

We are always open to suggestions from our St Christopher's families indicating positive ways for us to help improve our service to you in line with our historic motto 'To Render Service'. To this effect Mrs Degg has cleverly produced a beautiful, shiny blue and gold suggestion box that will be situated under the porch and we look forward to hearing from you.

It has been a very exciting time in the Early Years Foundation Stage. This week Upper Nursery and Reception climbed on board a coach for their school trip to Port Lympne in Kent. They enjoyed an enriched study of animals during their Safari Ride at this lovely park and we look forward to hearing all about it during the coming weeks.

Lower Nursery enjoyed their day in school as they joined Mrs Rendall, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Dye in cooking and eating their own lunch! I was most impressed with the tasty menu on offer in the Nursery. The adults and children ate a delicious lunch of sausages, mashed potatoes peeled by the children, swede and carrot mash and steamed broccoli, finished with home made chocolate chip cookies. Any one seeking caterers for an external event should contact the Lower Nursery Catering Team who will be happy to oblige!

Well done to our times tables Bronze Star Award winners this week Louie N and William P. What a wonderful achievement.

Congratulations to our Lunchtime Superstar this week who is Sara D for showing such a patient and willing attitude when choosing and eating her lunch. Bravo Sara!

Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire with regard to the Summer Activity Club. We will advise you of the dates that this will be run as soon as possible.

Next week we welcome award winning children's author Polly Dunbar into school with her Puppet Company who will perform one of her stories. This is a huge treat for the children and features as part of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations to acknowledge the school's passionate commitment to literacy. I look forward to meeting her as will many of you at the book signing at the end of the day next Thursday.

Bravo to the children in *Ahlberg* House for climbing so quickly to the top of the leader board with a splendid total of 423 points.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

#### This Week's Merit Awards

Georgina W, Rafael S, Alice C, Megan G, Adam L, Isla M, Narayan M, Samuel A, Harry S and Alex S

#### Philosopher of the Week

Jake F

#### Thought for the Week

Is it a good idea to go back in time?

### Work of the Week

Neptune Class have been deciding what Elmer and his friends might be saying or thinking when they were in the jungle or celebrating Elmer Day. Everyone did so well, it was too hard to choose just one, so everyone's work is being celebrated. Please come along to Neptune classroom to admire the display and do enjoy the framed work on the staircase.



## Foundation Stage Safari



The Reception and Upper Nursery Safari trip to Port Lympne was a great success. We were greeted at the park with a short English rain shower. But fortunately it quickly dried up and we set off in the safari jeeps on our 'African Experience' in the Kent countryside. There blew a very chill wind as we travelled the bumpy track we would not have been

surprised to see a polar bear. The children spotted the camouflaged zebras. We wondered if the ostriches were sitting down because their legs were cold. The tall giraffes were busy grazing delicious leaves on the top of the trees. We were a bit wary of the beady eyed rhinoceros that appeared to watch our every move while munching on the grass.

After the safari we were very hungry and stopped in the sunshine to enjoy our picnic and to warm up. On the way some of the children were very lucky to see the tiger being fed.

Then we were off to hunt for monkeys and apes, the gorillas were having their afternoon snack, can you remember what they like to eat? The Reception children have been learning about how primates communicate. Can you remember why they might not like to see our smiles?



Safaris are exhausting.

Reception's safari theme has continued this week with writing activities based on the book 'Dear Zoo'. The children were using their phonic and descriptive knowledge to suggest why some animals may not make suitable pets! Why do you think a buffalo may not be right for you?

*The Foundation Team*

## DIARY DATES

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May: PTA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Ball at Kingswood Golf Club

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Junk Modelling Club - Group 2 starts.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Last session for Group 1 of The Written Word Club. Group 2 starts Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Visit by children's author Polly Dunbar

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: PTA Children's Discos.

Please return ticket requests to PTA box by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### REMINDER – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Following the school outing to Ladyland Farm, there will be **NO CLUBS** except for Owls.

Please return permission slips for this trip by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### **SCHOOL CHARITY – KENT, SURREY & SUSSEX AIR AMBULANCE**

**Please return any remaining Smartie tubes – we have raised more than £1,000 towards this very worth while charity so far!**

### **SUMMER ACTIVITY CLUB AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S**

If you haven't already done so, please take part in the survey on our website, so that we can consider your opinions when planning our Summer Activity Club. It can be found in the Parents' Area and will only take a minute to complete.

### **FREEMEN'S FUN FOR YEARS 1 & 2**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 4.15 – 5.15pm**

**Please take a leaflet in the Porch or contact City of London Freemen's School on 01372 822423 / admissions@clfs.surrey.sch.uk**