



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Dear Parents

*On Monday Year 1 set off to the Alexandra Allotments to consolidate their science study of plants and growth. Having examined roots, bulbs, stems and flowers in school, the children saw first-hand rows of neatly sown vegetables and plants. They learnt about why soil is covered up by plastic sheeting when it is not being cultivated and examined the difference between the leaves of some well-known vegetables.*

*On Tuesday Year 2 enjoyed another sports fixture this time against children from Ewell Castle. Fair play but performed with a competitive spirit was in evidence during a range of sporting challenges on the field in glorious sunshine and the children celebrated each other's performances as certificates were handed out.*

*Congratulations to the sports stars of the day; Henrietta L, Rafferty O and Nathan J. On Wednesday and Thursday the tiniest children in the school took to the stage to perform 'A Grand Day Out'. This is the first time that Nursery and Pre-Reception have been given their own show and they did not disappoint! We are all in awe at the singing, acting and dancing skills in evidence by our under 4s. Congratulations to all the star performers on stage and a huge thank you to the whole Nursery Team for this splendid production beautifully led by Miss Kate Rendall and Mrs Emma London. Thank you to our wonderful audience for your warm and enthusiastic support and also for your generosity in raising an astonishing £359.70 for our school charity this year, The Pong Tek School in Cambodia.*

*Congratulations to our Times Tables Superstars this week. A brilliant Bronze Star for Rafferty O and two spectacular Silver Stars for Henry M and Kai K.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Seth J who 'never ever needs prompting for his pleases and thank yous'. Well done Seth.*

*We ended the week with a right Royal Garden Party featuring Prince Harry and his beautiful bride Meghan Markle who made time to grace our party and delight the flag waving children. Special thanks to John D and Kaila K for their assistance on the day. Do see our Twitter page for photographic evidence! I hope that the real occasion on Saturday is as successful as ours.*

*Congratulations to [Donaldson](#) for jumping to the top of the leader board this week with a fabulous total of 656 Housepoints.*

*Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

**Philosopher of the Week**

Noah B

**Thought for the Week**

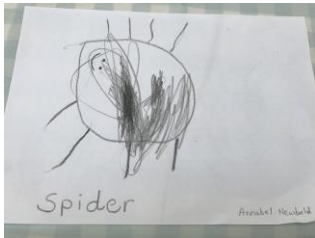
Would it be good to go forward in time?

## Event of the Week



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

It has been show week in the Nursery this week. Pre-Reception and Nursery have been absolutely amazing on stage in our production 'A Grand Day Out'. They danced, sang, recited lines and smiled throughout all the performances. The audience were delightful and we all hope you really enjoyed watching your talented children. In every area of the Nursery this week you could hear the children singing along to each group's song and trying all the different dance moves. It will be quite sad next week when there is no play to practice! We have started transforming our role-play cottage into a jungle. The children have been making mini-beasts in the art room using different media and have helped to make newspaper trees which they then splattered with paint in the garden. We have been busy making different animals to hang from the vines, including monkeys and snakes. Lots of investigations have been happening including making a wormery, studying different mini-beasts under a magnifying glass and watching how snails move. We have been using our fine motor skills to write the names of different mini-beasts.



We are trying really hard to create good letter shapes. Our Pre-Nursery is in full swing and we are very lucky to have such a lovely group of children and parents on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. We have also been very lucky with the weather and so are taking full advantage of our outside areas, We have included a couple of photographs showing some magnificent home learning which have been sent in via Tapestry. Thank you for all your support!

## Reception News

We enjoy reading and sharing books inside and outside; books about dinosaurs, monsters and also atlases are amongst our favourites. The children's imaginations are full of wonderful stories and many children have been inspired to write some books of their own. Maybe you can write a book with your child. There should be no rights and wrongs at this stage just fun, experience and giving it a go! 'Daisy Eat your Peas' has been a great stimulus for the children's writing ideas. It has also encouraged conversations, such as; do we have to eat foods we don't like? And; which foods are healthy? Some children can remember tricky words like vitamins, protein and carbohydrate and can name some of the foods with these nutrients in them. We have also been learning about other things we need to do to keep healthy, like washing, cleaning teeth and sleep. Can your child remember some of them? We do lots of practical maths problem solving, we have been 'sharing' out picnic foods and bean bags into 2, 3, 4 and 5 groups. We are even learning how to write these problems down in a maths sentence using the division sign. Wow!

**The Foundation Team**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY – A WHOLE SCHOOL 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE TAKEN AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS OF ALL THE CHILDREN - Please ensure that children arrive in school in correct and smart summer uniform.**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7pm – Year 2 Juniper Hall Parents Information Evening.**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1.45 onwards – Twinkles Parent/Teacher Appointments.**

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY – NO ART CLUB OR YOGA CLUB.**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 5 – 7pm – The Great Read (Year 2 Inter-School competition).**

## **PTA CHILDRENS' DISCO**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 – 4.15pm – Nursery, Pre-Reception and Reception, and 4.30 – 5.30pm – Years 1 and 2.**

## **HALF TERM**

**MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

**ADVANCED NOTICE - This term's PTA Second Hand Uniform sales will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.15pm in the outside classroom.**



## **TERRIFIC TORTOISES**

**This week's Terrific Tortoises are:  
Thomas M, Bailey T, Lily W,  
Nancy H, Isaac A and  
George H.**

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

