Dear Parents
A very special hello from our guest Headteacher Miss Annie S this week. On Monday Miss S delighted us all as she arrived in her navy linen business suit jacket and thoroughly enjoyed handing out Headteacher’s Award stickers during her morning in residence. Having personally chosen Monday’s menu, Miss S asked her friend Arabella to dine with her at the top table pictured on page 3 with nameplate and flowers.

Last Friday evening a tired but happy Year 2 team of teachers and children accompanied by myself, Mrs Hawes and Mrs Richardson returned after two wonderful days at their residential stay in Juniper Hall. Page 2 will give you a little taster of some of the magnificent activities that we got up to and we also enjoyed a rounders match on Thursday evening before our hot chocolate around the camp fire. The children were an absolute delight and showed maturity beyond their years as they organised themselves and did some impressive walking and field work. The great sleep over is undoubtedly the favourite treat and this year’s Year 2 must get the prize for the most breakfast ever consumed during the 3 course offerings!

On Thursday we welcomed schools belonging to the Independent School’s Association to our lovely school for the SE regional Art Competition. Around 20 schools took part entering contributions in the 2D, 3D, textiles and photographic categories. The visiting Headteachers and Art Directors were given a tour by our fine Year 2 guides and the remaining members of the team provided art demonstrations which were much admired by our guests. The school looked absolutely beautiful thanks to the staff and our artistic director Mrs Degg and the entries were most impressive.

On Sunday St Christopher’s entered 4 decorated horses in the College Ward Residents’ Association Fair Hobby Horse Derby competition. We were delighted to win 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and thank the Association for the prizes.

This week’s Lunchtime Superstar is Joseph C for impeccable manners. Well done Joseph!

Congratulations to Donaldson House for achieving first place with a splendid total of 879 Housepoints. Well done to all the children in Donaldson House.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week’s Merit Awards

If you like ...

handling reptiles ...

collecting creepy crawlies ...

singing around a campfire ...

enjoying the outdoor life ...

then you would have loved Juniper Hall – we certainly did!
The Reception children have been young physicists this week exploring how ramps with different surfaces will affect how fast a car will travel. Unfortunately they were not able to test their theories on real cars so they used the cars from the toy box. First the children learnt how to make a prediction about what they thought would happen. Some of the children had a good try at explaining their thinking. Next they had fun testing their theories. Jack noticed the rubber ramp made the cars go fast and Lauren observed that they went slow on the sand paper.

In maths the children have been making their own clocks to help them learn about time. The children found out how to set the hands to make the ‘o’clock times and some children have started to learn about half past the hour.

In Nursery this week our book has been ‘The Quangle Wangle’s Hat’ by Edward Lear. Our imaginations have been able to run wild as we make very elaborate, colourful hats like the Quangle Wangle’s. Our Maths activity has been great fun too. The children used shapes to make their own fantatical, imaginary creatures. They chose to stick and draw shapes then add faces and decorations using colours and sequins. The art room is now decorated with fabulous and colourful imaginary birds made from paper plate circles and doilies. Some of the Nursery children have been learning about the geography of our school and visiting all the busy people who work in our school. We can be hard to remember the names of all of the ‘grown ups’ in school.

Please can you ensure that the Upper Nursery children bring in their book bags on a Monday as we have reading groups on Mondays and start organising the books and Maths Challenges to go home throughout the week. We have all been very busy rehearsing for the school performance ‘Take a Look Inside a Book’. The costumes and props are ready, lines are learnt and the songs and dances are great. We look forward to seeing you next week.

The Foundation Stage Team

Headmistress of the week
Miss Annie S