



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 19th May 2017

Dear Parents

Last Saturday it was a joy to watch the beauty and grace of our parents as we all enjoyed this year's PTA Ball. It was a huge success with enormous thanks due to our fabulous PTA especially Mrs Elizabeth H and Mrs Louisa H. Do ensure you are there next year. It is such fun.

This week our Music Term has paused to enable the KS1 summer production to take place. Set in Sherwood Forest with Robin Hood and his merry men together with Maid Marion and her ladies, our play Hoodwinked lit up some grey days this week with its colour pace and energy. Special congratulations to all the children in Years 1 and 2 for putting this show together in two and a half weeks! The acting, singing and dancing was a joy to see and the wide range of solos reinforced our opinion that this year's Year 2 have some extraordinary singing talents amongst them. Thank you to Mrs Pryor for the wonderful dances and to Mrs Mulhern for teaching the songs and playing so beautifully throughout.

On Thursday it was National Outdoor Classroom Day and it coincided with our regular visit from our Forest School providers. The benefits of learning and playing outdoors are well known. It helps children focus and boosts creativity and imagination. We are very proud of our new Woodland Adventure area where some impressive problem solving takes place every day. These skills are central to a child's development and we were pleased to take part in this initiative.

Next week we return to our Music Term timetable and welcome in String Week with a flourish. In preparation please do listen to the American composer Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings written in 1936. There is a wonderful Youtube clip of Adagio for Strings/Dudamel Berliner Philharmoniker for the whole family to savour. Alternatively for a more contemporary beat, listen to some of Eleanor Rigby by the Beatles.

Our Times Tables stars have shone very brightly this week. Congratulations to Jack DiPlacito for winning his Bronze Star Award and to Matthew S and Oliver M for Silver Star success!

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Carlos D in Reception for the huge improvement in his lunchtime appreciation with lovely manners too! Well done Carlos.

*Congratulations to **Ahlberg House** for retaining the lead at the top of the board with a fabulous total this week of **454 Housepoints**.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

No Merit Assembly due to the play

Event of the Week Summer Production



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Whatever Next' is a phrase regularly heard all around the Nursery this week. Baby bear went to the moon in a rocket and had a picnic! The Nursery have been retelling the story using a colinder, welly boots and of course a cardboard box for the rocket. We have been learning to take turns by playing a rocket bingo game and have become master builders in the garden where a large rocket is taking shape beautifully. Woodland Adventures this week have been all about collecting natural materials and thinking animal habitats. The children decided to make nests for the owls. Ask your children about the fairies that have moved into the Nursery garden, we have been writing letters to them and getting replies. What a wonderful reason to write. How exciting!

REMINDERS for SUMMER

Please ensure that all the children have their summer hats, clearly named, in their bags and apply any sun cream before coming to school. Please remember that your children should wear shorts instead of joggers in the hotter weather, so please check the weather and dress accordingly. A pair of joggers in their bag is a good idea, along with their waterproofs, as you never know what the weather will do!

Reception News

We have been working on imagining and creating our own books again this week and have enjoyed taking photographs of the scenes we decided to include for the illustrations. We used our phonic knowledge to sound out all the words we needed. The books are absolutely wonderful and we have enjoyed sharing them with our friends. Come and look at the finished books at 'Sharing our Learning' opportunity next week on Monday from 8.30am to 8.50am We have been using coins to buy items from our 3D Shape Shop, making number sentences for buying more than one item. We love handing and identifying the different shaped packaging. We are looking forward to our trip to Brooklands Museum next week so fingers crossed for wonderful weather.

The Foundation Stage Team



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 22nd May 8.30 - 9am - Sharing our Learning - All Parents Welcome

Please come along to share your children's enthusiasm for learning.

Tuesday 23rd May - Reception Visit to Brooklands Museum.

Tuesday 23rd May - Y2 Sports Afternoon with Ewell Castle.

Tuesday 23rd May 7pm - Y2 Juniper Hall Parents' Information Evening in Mercury Classroom.

Wednesday 24th May 8pm - PTA meeting - All welcome.

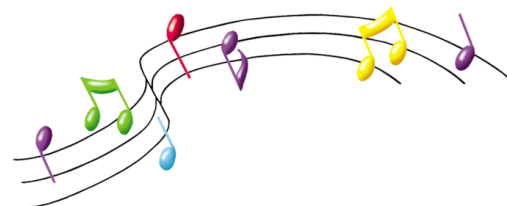
Thursday 25th May 5pm - The Great Read: Y2 Inter-school competition at St Christopher's

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ITALIAN, ORCHESTRA AND VIOLIN CLUBS RUNNING ON THIS DAY.

Friday 26th May - PTA Treat Day/Children's Discos - NO MESSY PLAY CLUB

HALF TERM 29TH MAY - 2ND JUNE

SUMMER TERM IS 'MUSIC TERM'



Sharing Our Learning - Monday 22nd May - We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Sharing our learning morning on Monday from 8.30 until 8.50 am.

This week's Manners Moles:

This week we are delighted to introduce our Summer Term initiative: The Manners Mole Award. We are focussing on good manners this term. As well as remembering to say please and thanks you we are particularly looking for children who behave courteously and remember to let an adult through first when they are travelling around the school. This week's magnificent Moles are: Freya P, Daisy M, Scarlett S, Myles H, Lottie R, Saraya J, Sophia A and Lambert S.

