



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 19th April 2013

Dear Parents

Welcome to our exciting Summer Term! I do hope that you all enjoyed a happy and restful holiday. The weather has not yet confirmed that Spring is here and Summer is just around the corner, but the children's radiant smiles and wonderful enthusiasm at the prospect of such inspirational topics has generated a warm glow for the whole team here at St Christopher's.

We finished last term with a bang as we spent a week celebrating the outstanding achievement of 25 years of service by Mrs Marrie Taylor and our final assembly of the term featured tributes by the children, the governors, the PTA and a notable performance by the staff with a twist to the Abba classic entitled 'Nursery Queen'. Please just imagine the final choreographed attempt! Thank you all once again for your kind wishes and congratulations to Mrs Taylor she was quite overwhelmed by your generosity.

We were delighted to welcome our new children into Nursery and were very proud of them as they sensibly joined the whole school on Thursday for our termly House Assembly. During these assemblies the children hear extracts written by their own House author and discuss the pastoral implications of belonging to the same House. They are also reminded of ways to earn housepoints and the enthusiasm and may I say competitive spirit was very much in evidence as I toured around the school.

As many of you know, we celebrate our 75th Anniversary this term and the whole school will be going on a special outing on 5th June together with our governors. We also have a whole school photo booked for the morning of Monday 17th June so please make a note of this if you are a Nursery parent who does not usually come on a Monday. We have many celebrations reflecting this milestone including a week dedicated to special achievement and inspiration in sport. Our first challenge will be to complete our Poetry Book and each child will receive a copy of this on St Christopher's Day in July.

We have yet to enjoy a philosophy lesson during this first week back and so our thought for the week is taken from The Little Book of Thanks in honour of the Early Years Foundation and their choice of topic which currently features pets. Next Friday is a special pet day and we look forward to welcoming an interesting selection of pets and their owners into school for us all to enjoy,

Our School Council will be meeting next week to discuss what makes St Christopher's unique...discuss!

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Philosopher of the Week

Little Book of Thanks

Thought for the Week

Why don't dogs laugh? Is it because they don't have a sense of humour?

Work of the Week

Nara A in Mercury Class had a very exciting holiday visiting London, the frustrations of tennis lessons and a lovely holiday on an unknown island!

April 17th 2013
 On my Easter holiday I went to Pudding Lane. Me and my family went up the Monument. The stairs were very steep and I was scared that I would fall down. But when he got to the top he realised it was worth it. I could see St. Pauls from up there. Have you ever gone to the Monument before?

After that we went to the Tower of London. We didn't get to see the Crown Jewels because there was such a big queue.

A few weeks later I went to Tennis with Jodie and Razaal. It was a little hard at first because every year Jodie and Razaal did this and it was the first time for me. They could throw their ball over the fence but I couldn't. On the last day I could! I threw the ball further than them. I was so happy. I forgot to tell you about the island I went to before it was beautiful he stayed at a hotel I have forgot what it is called but I'll try and remember.



Foundation Stage News



Welcome back to everyone for an exciting Summer Term at Christopher's. The sun has come out and spring has sprung so we hope to enjoy lots of outdoor activities. We would like to express a special welcome to our new children in the Nursery. They have all settled very well and have been busy exploring and meeting new friends.

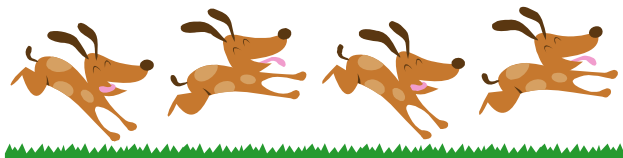
This term we are off on a new learning adventure to discover 'All Creatures Great and Small'. The children have lots tell us about their pets and the pets they would like to have. We are looking forward to our 'Great Pet Day' next Friday. We are hoping to have a variety of pets to visit us in school, from cats and dogs to hamsters, budgies or snakes. If you and your pet would like to visit please contact a member of the Foundation Team (in Nursery or Reception). Unfortunately we will not be able to have everybody's pet in school so we would like the children to bring in a photograph of their pet to show their friends. If you do not have a pet please can your child bring a picture of the pet they would like to have. In Nursery we talked about bringing a photo of a pet that we would like, one of the children helpfully added 'then they can buy one'. We have explained that this was *not* likely to happen!!

As usual we will be busy designing and making in our workshop areas, please continue to send in a variety of boxes etc. The Reception staff have plans to turn plastic bottles into an animal, please can all the Reception children bring in a clean, pint, plastic milk container to school.

In Reception the children have been learning to write letters about pet day. In maths they have been thinking about the passing of time, this week the focus has been the seasons. Maybe the children can take a walk, go in the garden or park and see if they notice signs of spring.

Over in Nursery we have been pretending to be dogs and their owners throwing and catching balls. In maths some children have made a tally of their friends' favourite pets and they have made lovely paw print patterns on paper. The children have been busy preparing our vet role play area, making signs and writing in the appointment book. They love taking turns being the vet or looking after their 'pets'.

The
Foundation Team



DIARY DATES

Monday 22nd April: CLUBS START

Lists are the on the Porch Noticeboard and our website. Junk Modelling and The Written Word have been split into 2 groups so please note the dates which apply to your child.

Fees to professional coaches should be paid promptly at the first session.

Tuesday 23rd April: Year 1 visit to Epsom Library (morning)

Friday 26th April: Foundation Stage Pets Morning

Monday 29th April: Year 1 Sports Afternoon at Chinthurst School

A full list of this term's Dates for the Diary is also on our website. In particular, please note the change of date for Sports Day to THURSDAY 4th JULY.

PTA Meeting

8pm on Monday 22nd April at 81 Ashley Road

ALL WELCOME

LOST PROPERTY

Please check for missing items in Lost Property in the Porch as the boxes will be cleared at the end of April.

OWLS

Please note that if your child is booked in to Owls and is unable to attend you must give at least 24 hours notice or you will be charged a late booking fee. We have had increased numbers attending Owls resulting in additional staffing requirements. Thank you.

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