



St Christopher's School

**Weekly News**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

Dear Parents

The children raced in enthusiastically after their half term break, ready to share some wonderful poetry contributions with their class friends. The highlight of the week was definitely The Poetry Recital Competition which featured the whole school. We were delighted to share each child's contribution and we marvelled at the skill and timing of each poetry choice. On Monday I managed to hear a selection from each class and I joined the teacher in their angst about which child to put through to the final. Do see photos on the website under Event of the Week.

On Thursday we were very pleased to welcome our governor Mrs Helen Crossley to the Poetry Assembly and she was full of praise and admiration for the confident performers who truly rose to the occasion. In the Lower School the prize awards went to Daisy G, Nursery in First Place, Patrick M, Neptune in Second Place and Nick C, Nursery (age 3) in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the Upper School the first prize went to Anna G in Mercury with 2<sup>nd</sup> place awarded to Raven W, Venus and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Alexander B in Jupiter. Sofia M in Saturn delighted us all with a poem in Spanish and earned a Highly Commended certificate. Many congratulations to them and to all our finalists listed below.

Just before half term we all enjoyed an assembly performance by Mars Class. The assembly was all about transport and we were treated to some interesting facts together with a dance and a song. We were all impressed by the beautiful and original paintings. Thank you to Mrs Self for producing such a splendid assembly and well done to all the clever children in Mars Class.

Our Lunchtime Superstar this week is Miles R for blossoming in confidence in the dining hall. Well done Miles.

This week we began our Times Table Awards and Year 2 immediately shone by producing 7 children who won their Bronze Stars for knowing their 2x, 5x and 10x tables in random order at a very fast pace without a single mistake. Well done to Nara A, Anna G, Oliver K, Jake V, Jake F, Jessica B and Luke V.

Rowling House won this week's Housepoint challenge with a superb total of 330 Housepoints. Bravo to all the children in Rowling House.

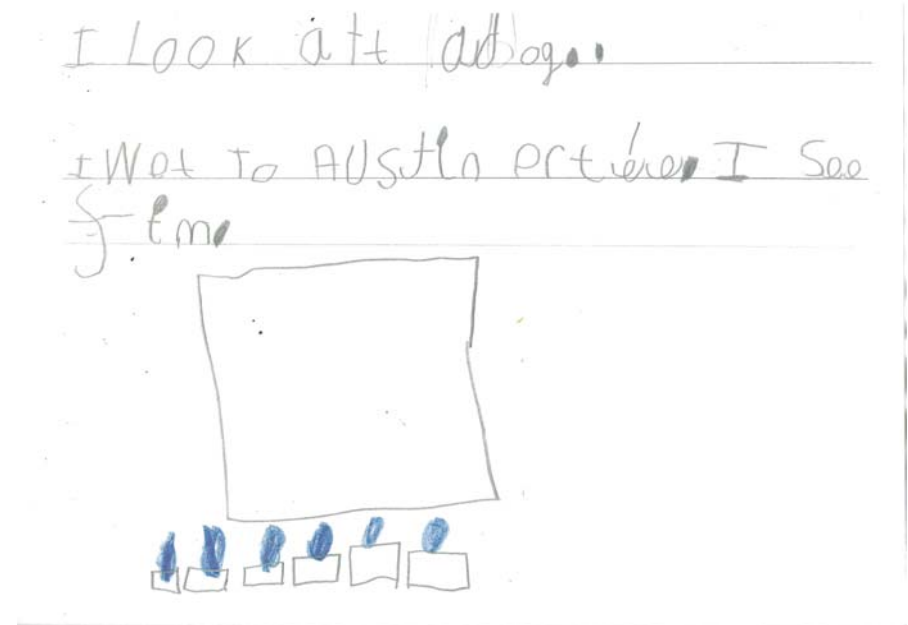
Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

**This week's Poetry Finalists**

Sophie B, Arthur M, Forbes M, Jake V, Tom Q, Nara A, Finn T, Fergus L, Alex S, Amelie P, Olivia M, Alexander B, Charlie S, Alexander S, Joaquin G, Jacob F, Sophie P, Austin S and Caia H.

**Work of the Week**

Neptune Class wrote about all the exciting things they did during their half term break. Alexander had a fantastic time looking after a dog and really enjoyed watching a film. A fantastic picture too of everyone looking at the big screen!



Patrick designed a paper plate car and learned how to join wheels so they move. A super paint job too - no losing this one in a car park!

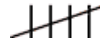


### Foundation Stage News

It was wonderful to see big smiles and hear excited chatter as everyone returned from half term, keen to share their holiday news. We enjoyed reading and hearing all about visits to Grandparents, trips to new places and visits from friends.

Reception has been ringing to the sound of coins as ice-creams and delicious food were created and bought from the ice-cream van and café truck that have parked in the role play areas. Everyone has closely examined and sorted coins to buy tasty treats. Have a look at home – what coins can you find? What is the same and different about the coins we have in the UK? When you go to the shops, take along your own purse and treat mummy and daddy to a coffee – you know which coins to use!

In preparation for our trip into Epsom next week, we have been using tally charts to gather information. We ventured into the car park to record information on number plates. Do you remember the number that was the most common? Which letters did we not see? Have a think about creating your own tally charts at home remember the fifth line 'closes the gate'.



The staff had a fantastic treat as our very own poets laureate presented original and well known compositions some with actions and props. We have a very talented and confident group of 3, 4 and 5 year olds and look forward to seeing some of them collecting their own Oscar's in the future.

Well done to Upper Nursery for performing such a splendid assembly. We are amazed at how the children can perform with such self assurance as they act and sing in front of an audience at the age of 3 and 4. All the children love the song 'Make Way' that



Mrs. Harper taught us they nearly 'sang their socks off'.

In Nursery we learn in lots of ways. When we were rehearsing for the assembly this week one of the children was a bit sad that she did not have a part. After we talked the child remembered she had had a part in the previous assembly and she agreed that this time it was kind to let different people have a turn. What a mature and thoughtful girl, she is only four years old. Not all of the children ask to have a part in our assembly but we make sure everyone has an opportunity to shine in their own special way every day in Nursery.

Our book for this week and next is 'The Train Ride' the children have been very busy designing a station and railway outside. They have also been making 3D models of trains and train pictures using shapes. Watch out for more train activities next week.

We love to hear about your children's achievements at home. Maybe they have finally summoned the courage to jump in the swimming pool or perhaps they can dress themselves in five minutes, or can count the cars they pass on the way to school. We call these achievements 'WOW' moments. Please write a note or 'post it' about your child's "WOW's" so that we can celebrate all the new and exciting things the children learn at home with all their friends here in school.

Please remember next Wednesday is 'World Book Day' we hope lots of children will enjoy dressing up as their favourite book character. We are all looking forward to next Thursday when all the children in Reception and Nursery join together to try lots of different activities in Reception, Nursery, the garden and 'Trim Trail'

**The Foundation Team**

### DIARY DATES

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day (see letter for full details)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Reception visit to Epsom

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Year 1 visit to Kew Gardens

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 9.15 – 10.30am: Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – 12.30pm: Open Morning for Current and Prospective Parents

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-5.30 & 6.30-7.30pm: Reception Parent/Teacher Appointments

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 11am: Grandparents' Morning Please see letter for further details

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am: Music Festival at St Martin's Church - Year 2 parents and friends very welcome

### PTA EVENTS

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Family Photography Day**

### TRAFFIC IN CHARTWELL PLACE

Despite repeated requests to parents to drive and park safely in Chartwell Place, there has been another incident endangering our children. At 8.20am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February a metallic blue Ford Galaxy (LB02FKV) was seen to mount the kerb at speed by the back gate and the vehicle was left parked on the pavement. This is unacceptable: our children MUST be able to walk on the pavement in complete safety in the vicinity of the school.

### EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB 8 – 12 APRIL

Please return any last minute booking forms.



**OWLS: Contact number 4 – 6pm – 07760457547**