



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents

What an exciting week! On Wednesday we presented this year's honours to the superstars in Year 2. We have a range of important roles in a variety of areas in the school but every honour comes with a sense of challenge and responsibility. Our Year 2s are the ambassadors of the school. Their sensible and kind approach to all areas of school life make them the perfect role models for the younger children and this year I was particularly pleased to see the warm applause and congratulations that they gave as their friend's name was called out and they celebrated each other's achievements with exceptional maturity. A list of all honours can be found on page 2.

On Wednesday we manned the rigging and swabbed the decks during a fun packed day celebrating International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Nursery and Pre-Reception looked splendid in their costumes and enjoyed all the special activities on offer which you can read about on p 3.

Following some interesting talks about construction, the children wanted to invite our builders in for tea and 'Builders Biscuits' which they had lovingly made and baked to perfection. The builders came and enjoyed a Q and A session and were quickly given pirate props so that they didn't feel left out of all the pirate japes. Thank you for joining us!

Wednesday was quite the day because in the afternoon Year 2 hopped on a coach to enjoy an away sports fixture at Chinthurst School. We all enjoyed the day as you can see from the photos on our Twitter page.

On Thursday the Year 2s were on the move again, this time to Atkins to consolidate all their learning during Engineering Week and to enjoy a morning in Atkins' STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Labs. "That was amazing" was the unanimous chorus of approval from our engaged children and we thank Mr Richard Schunter for all his hard work inspiring our young students. Today we are thinking of others as we join in with the charity initiative Jeans for Genes. Thank you all for your generous support.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Thomas P for rushing to Mrs Brown's rescue when she dropped a cup in the lunch hall. Well done Thomas!

*Congratulations to **Donaldson House** who have gained the most housepoints this week with a total of **277 Housepoints**.*

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

James H, Saraya J, Alistair H, Alexander L, Fraser W, Emily L, Charlie S, Rayyan W, Scarlet C, Lawrence H, Isaac A and Amelia C.

Philosopher of the Week

Isaac F

Thought for the Week

Why do we argue?

Event of the Week

This Year's Honours

Head Boy Myles H

Head Girl Artie B

Deputy Head Boy James B

Deputy Head Girl Jessica H

Lunch Captain Morgan W

Lunch Monitors James H, Theo R, Emma S, Maxwell D, Maya L, Carlos D, Rayyan W, Saraya J and Thomas M.

Librarians Ebba R, Lambert St, Max T, Freya C, Millar W and Thomas P

Chair of School Council Annabel V and Fraser W

Music Captains Arabella B and Luke M

Sports Captains Isaac F and Elodie B

Computer Monitors James W and Satvika R

House Captains **Kemp** Fenton F and Catriona O

House Captains **Ahlberg** Zoe M and Annie S

House Captains **Donaldson** Dilly C and Scarlett S

House Captains **Dahl** Clara H and Leo E

Blue Bench Monitors Arisa A and Nathan H



Tradition

These are the Head Girl and Head Boy silver badges that are 80 years old this year. In common with past years the nominated children wear them for the first day before receiving a modern equivalent badge that is a little more robust!

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Argh me hearties! What a fun and fabulous week we have had. The children came to school dressed in their pirate gear on Wednesday, complete with booty, parrots, cutlasses and large hats. We had a treasure hunt in the garden and when the children were successful they were awarded with a treasure chest. Have a look in your child's bag to see if you can find the booty! The pirates were walking the plank using their balancing skills and using collage materials to make their own pirate parrots. X marks the spot on our treasure maps and we all learned some pirate words so we could talk like a pirate all day. Shiver me timbers - what a busy day! Phonics started this week and the children have been using their listening ears to hear the different sounds around the school. They heard the bell, Mr Bennett's 'Billy Goat Leaf Hoover', footsteps and Mrs Thackray talking in her office. We have also been talking about positional language by putting a man on, under, behind, in front and in a brick. We have begun our story telling square this week, where the children create their own short story and then we act it out in a group. A brilliant start to story telling which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We invited the builders for tea and biscuits this week. The children made builder shape biscuits complete with high-vis jackets and hard hats. We also thought of good questions to ask the builders. 'Do you eat satsumas?', 'How long does it take to build a wall?' and 'Do you like riding bikes?' are just a sample of the important questions that the Nursery children needed answers to. **We are missing a school coat - could you please check to make sure you have the correct one.**



Reception News

Reception have been extremely busy this week, we have been learning about some famous pirates with Blackbeard being a favourite! They were fascinated by the interesting and unusual facts that we shared about the pirates. I wonder if the children can tell you how many times Blackbeard was married and how he died? To truly immerse in our pirate topic we decided to make our own pirate hats; the children designed their own skull and crossbones to draw onto the front to identify who they are. Captain Rupert has been back in school and causing mischief in

the classrooms. We have found a whole collection of jewels and treasure that he has been hiding in the treasure chests. The children were able to continue some repeating patterns and have begun to create their own patterns with the gems and jewels. On Wednesday we were learning about an architect called Alfred Waterhouse with Mrs Degg. The children had to build a famous landmark or building from a range of construction resources including building blocks, Lego, polydrons etc. The children were all focused and enjoyed the challenge.

The Foundation Team



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 25th September - Reception Trip to Wakehurst Place.
Wednesday 26th September - 1.30 - 3pm - 'Head to Head' Information afternoon for Year 1 and Year 2 parents.

Friday 28th September 9am - VENUS Class assembly - All Venus Class parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30 am.

ADVANCED NOTICE: SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES ON TUESDAY 2nd OCTOBER

11.45am - 12.15pm and 2.45 - 3.45pm.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning - we raised £360.



ORGANISED OCTOPUSES

This week's Organised Octopuses are: Annie R, Dilly C, Emily L, Remy O Erin O and Sam S.

Mathletics: Congratulations go to Sophie R, Lucy A and Oliver N for achieving their Gold Awards. Also Fraser W, Saraya J and Arabella B for gaining their bronze awards.



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