



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 22nd April 2016

Dear Parents

Last week we returned with a flourish to enjoy some exceptional space adventures surrounding the appearance of a rocket in the school grounds. We were delighted with the enthusiasm and energy shown by the children as they wrote some terrific pieces of creative writing and the maths and science opportunities generated by this extraordinary event were superb. As you visit do look out for some of the effective pieces of art created last week.

This week our thoughts turned to family as we welcomed some beautifully behaved grandparents into school. They all enjoyed a taster morning of their grandchild's life at school complete with an assembly and a PE lesson. The morning was finished with a performance by our talented Year 2 singers who sang two of their favourites and then performed some witty poetry with style. Thank you to all the grandparents who attended. We loved having you.

Congratulations to the winners of the School Council poster competition. 7 posters were chosen to help remind our car drivers to park considerately and they were each awarded a handsome hooter in assembly by the Chair of the School Council, Rowan W. Well done to Dylan F, Benji S, Joshua I, Milo H, Liberty R, Lily T and Jago G. Your posters will be put up around Chartwell Place in the next few weeks.

We were delighted with the Sports Relief contributions that you have made and hope to bring you a total in next week's newsletter. It is not too late to hand in any sponsorship owing so please do get it into the office this week.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Emily L for being a perfect diner.

Talking of dining, we must say a special thank you to Mr Bennett for making the lovely new Mud Kitchen situated in the Nursery outdoor area. Delicious concoctions are being made every day as the children delight in discovering and creating a range of dishes in this popular play area.

We are all looking forward to hearing about the wonderful good deeds being done this weekend to celebrate St George's Day from a variety of Dragons, Knights and Damsels on Monday. What a super way to start the week.

Bravo to **Ahlberg** House the first winners of the new term who are now at the top of the leader board with a splendid total of **135** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Lauren H, Lenny S, Zachary C, Caia H, Esme T, Abby S, Isla T, Ethan L, Mia P, Ned S, Zahra K and Rowan W.

Philosopher of the Week

Sachin W

Thought of the Week

Does strength change your life?

Work of the Week

Last week the crashed rocket inspired us all with our creative writing. Here are two stories by Caiden C and Rocco S in Mercury Class. The enjoyed using their imaginations to write the start of a wonderful story without any help

- Well done boys!

Imagine you are in your bedroom and you hear a loud crash coming from your garden. You look out your window and see a crashed space rocket. Write a story about what happens ...

Caiden

When I saw it I jumped back ⁱⁿ ^{amazement}. I went down stairs to see what happened. So I got a geying pan and smacked out side. I felt a shiver down my spine. It was so scary so I looked in side and I saw a alien, a weery green little one. He said "I lost my mummy". So I looked all around the shuttle but I could not see her. So I looked in side in instead...

Rocco

April 14th what was that? Crash bang! I opened the curtains there's a rocket in the tree! Then I saw gloopy green goo. The door was open out of my corner of my eye I saw a alien my heart was beating like a stamping Rhinoceros. I crept down the stairs. I crept out into the garden the alien was gone! And I saw a trail of goo. It led to the church I could see the alien...

Foundation Stage News

What a lovely summery start to the term. Welcome to our new children and their families, the children are settling very quickly. With the hope of warmer, drier weather please remember the nursery uniform is essential for every child to be able to access the curriculum. Children will need: school summer hats (from Lester Bowden) and waterproof coats and trousers must be in every child's bag. Please ensure that all Pre-Reception children have this uniform for next Wednesday's trip. Each day your child will also need a school sweatshirt and a coat until it is warm enough to be outside without one. Please keep the small waterproof clothes bags at home and large clear names need to be on everything!



The Nursery children have started dipping their toes into this term's topic 'Water, water everywhere'. Our book this week is 'The Little Boat' by Patrick Benson. We looked at a globe which some children called the planet, Earth or the world. We talked about the blue bits, 'that's the sea' they said, 'that is lots of water'. What clever comments! In the kitchen we have been making bread rolls that look like fish and then we spread jam on the slices to eat as part of a real picnic on the riverside in the role play area.

Outside the children have discovered a mermaid's cave to play in where they can actually hear the sea. They also made a river and a boat out of blocks. We would like to thank Mr Bennett for building our wonderful mud kitchen. Children learn best through exciting practical experiences, the kitchen offers opportunities to learn in all areas of the curriculum. The Prime areas are: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language. The Specific Areas are: Literacy, Maths, Understanding of the World and Expressive Art and Design. It also encourages the important, positive 'Characteristics of Learning' such as concentration, exploration and thinking skills

The Reception children were very surprised to find the rocket had gone but they are still looking for aliens. The writing activity was to think where the rocket may have vanished to ... ? Daisy suggested that the aliens were hungry so had gone to the Pizza Planet and Milo thought they had gone to Diggie-Doggie land to visit their pet dogs digging!

In maths they found that the aliens had muddled their spots (buttons) and needed to add them together. The children used the buttons, numberlines, and 100 squares they recorded their addition using dots to work out their number sums.

In art the children have made some super alien pictures to go on their independent work display board. All the children are very proud of their work.

Thank you to all the grandparents who came to play in Nursery and help the Reception children to make rockets. The children had great fun and were very proud to show their learning we hope the grandparents enjoyed playing and learning too!

The Foundation Team

Wellington boots please; If your child has grown out of some boots please may we have them in the Foundation Stage. Sizes required are English sizes 7-12 (European size 24-31) Many Thanks.



DIARY DATES

Please make a note of all the Dates for Your Diary circulated last week.

Monday 25th April – Fancy Dress for St George's Day

– Knights, Damsels and Dragons.

Tuesday 26th April – Pre-Nursery starts

Wednesday 27th April – Pre-Reception visit to Dapdune Wharf, Guildford

MONDAY 2ND MAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY

Special congratulations to Caia H who achieved a Distinction in her Grade 2 violin examination.



Our best wishes to Mrs Kay who is recovering well in hospital from her recent operation.

PLEASE NOTE

Sharing Our Learning



We will be welcoming parents into school once a term to look through their child's work and assessing how well individual targets are being met. The first one will be held on Monday 23rd May between 8.30am and 8.55am when you may accompany your child to their classroom where their work will be laid out.