



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 22nd March 2013

Dear Parents

On Friday we enjoyed a visit to the Rain Forest in the form of a splendid assembly by Saturn Class. It opened with a wonderful percussion piece mimicking the build up of rain drops to be found with a rain forest climate and we then learnt some fascinating facts presented as a clever song to the tune of 'If you're Happy and you know it'. We then were entertained by a play with costumes and everyone agreed that it was a perfect start to a Friday. Thank you to all the talented children in Saturn Class and special thanks to Mrs Katy Jones the producer.

Not only did our 'red' Morpurgo House win the Housepoint challenge, there was a glorious sea of red everywhere as the school celebrated Comic Relief Day with the rest of the country. Our clever Catering Team produced a 'red' lunch of Beef Goulash with Red Nose Cakes for desert. All the activities around the school had a 'red' theme and the children had great fun whilst being reminded of the amazing charity work made possible by their generous donations.

The school was awash with colour of a different style on Thursday as six visiting schools joined us at St Martin's Church to participate in our annual Music Festival and then returned for a celebration lunch followed by a play in the sunshine in the grounds. Our Year 2 choir head off to the Leith Hill Festival on Saturday to compete against other Surrey Schools and we send them our best wishes and good luck.

On Wednesday we welcomed parents into school to enjoy the results of their child's music club. The packed programme featured the Handbells Club, the Recorder Club, Orchestra, Advanced and Junior Violins and a few piano solos. Also on the programme were a team from Reception Classes playing 'Row the Boat' on Xylophones with great style. Well done to all the performers and thank you for such an entertaining morning.

So Taylor Week draws to a close having celebrated 25 years of service of the wonderful Mrs Marrie Taylor. We all enjoyed the visit by the theatre company on Monday, a gym display on Thursday and our final assembly of the term will also be one of surprise and celebration. We are so very lucky to have such a cheerful and loving member of staff and we are delighted that this is a joyful recognition of such impressive service rather than a leaving assembly.

Our Lunchtime Superstar this week is Megan H for always coming into the dining room with a cheerful smile and perfect manners.

Well done to our Bronze Star Times Tables champions this week: Connie H and Rafael S.

Finishing the term at the very top of the leader board we say many congratulations to all the children in **Ahlberg** House for winning the final challenge with **597** housepoints.

On behalf of the whole team may I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Easter.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Philosopher of the Week

Luke V

Thought for the Week

Should you weave your own web or become part of another?

Event of the Week – Music Festival



Reverend Simon Talbott welcomes all the children and families of all 7 schools involved in the Music Festival and the 200 children wait with excitement for the fun to begin.



The opening number complete with a clapping routine sounded beautiful with the harmonies and tuneful singing from all involved

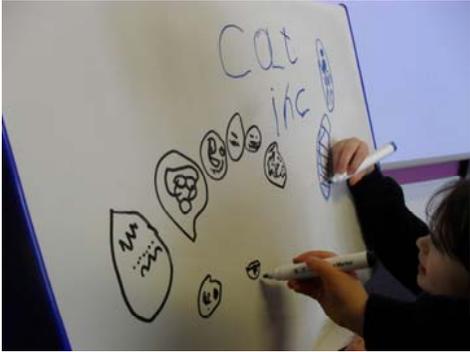


We were so lucky to have Anastasia from Caterham School to play her harp to accompany the ensemble choir's final song

Foundation Stage News

What a fun week to end the term and a special week for Mrs. Taylor. All the children have shared in the celebrations. We loved watching the year 2 singing and the gymnastics display. Perhaps most of all the children enjoyed eating Mrs. Taylor's choice of lunches. She certainly knows their favourites!

We have enjoyed all sorts of Easter activities this week. In Nursery the children have been working hard drawing and colouring pictures of Easter eggs, counting and putting Easter eggs in order and playing matching egg games. They have been designing and making their own Easter cards choosing how to decorate them with patterns, glue and glitter. They have been practising their phonic skills to type their Easter message and their names on the computer keyboard. Outside everyone has been counting the eggs they find on the Easter egg hunt. A big favourite with Mrs. Taylor and all the children has been making delicious, sticky, gooey chocolate crispie nest with eggs on top.



Everyone has been busy drawing Easter eggs.

In Reception the children have carefully and colourfully designed and decorated their own Easter eggs. They have also made beautiful baskets for chicks. The children have been studying the wonder of eggs and talking about the differences between raw and cooked eggs. In maths they have been looking at time and putting the events of the day in sequence.

Time passes so quickly and we are already two thirds through the school year, haven't the children grown. During the holiday please check your child's PE kit still fits, and please remember to name any new clothes.

It is not long now until the children will be moving on to Year 1, so to help them take the next steps on their St. Christopher's Journey they will be leaving the school at the end of the day with the year 1 and year 2 children and will shake hands and wait with Mrs Thackray. From the beginning of the summer term please come to meet your child at the main exit with the other children

We are very excited about next term's topic 'All Creatures Great and Small'. The children have had wonderful ideas about what they would like to learn. We hope to find out about pets and how to look after them, we will take a look at the creatures we might find in the garden and wildlife in the countryside. We will learn about animals on the farm and those we might see on Safari. The children want to know how an octopus moves and fishes swim. We even hope to find out whether we could see real dinosaurs and if they eat pasta! This is a wonderful time of year to see new life on the farm so if you are thinking of activities for the Easter holiday please bring photos to school after the holiday.

We wish you all have a fun filled holiday and restful break and look forward to seeing everyone in the summer term.

The Foundation Team

LOST PROPERTY

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

PTA Photography Day

Thank you to all the families who took part in the PTA Photography Day this year. We have raised over £450 for St Christopher's School PTA funds, which is a fantastic result.

2nd Hand Uniform

Thank you for supporting the sales this week. We are always happy to receive good quality items so please drop them in to the School Office at any time.



25 Happy Years!

Mrs Marrie Taylor would like to thank all of the St Christopher's children, families and staff for such an enjoyable and entertaining week full of kindness and love – Thank You.

SUMMER TERM STARTS WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL AT 8.30am

