



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

### Dear Parents

*The past two weeks have definitely belonged to Year 2. The children in Mercury and Venus represented St Christopher's at our annual Music Festival and stood out with their accomplished singing and wonderful behaviour. It is never easy to be a 'host' when you are only 6 and 7 but the children stepped up and welcomed the children from 8 different schools both to the church and then back to school to enjoy a lunch together followed by an outside play involving all the children mixed together in colourful blazers playing in the sunshine. The Mayor commented upon the delightful day he had enjoyed and we were praised and thanked for such warm and friendly hospitality. Special thanks to every single member of Year 2.*

*On Friday Mercury stepped up to give us a wonderful history lesson about the Victorians. How they learnt all their words and songs remains a mystery to the delighted audience who heard about the rich and poor in the Victorian era in a humorous script brilliantly devised by Mrs Garrod. Well done Mercury Class! On Wednesday and Thursday we welcomed some particularly lovely Grandparents in to school and the delight on the children's faces lit up Epsom! The children loved sharing their classroom work and activities with their grandparents who then enjoyed coffee in the hall entertained by a splendid performance of song and poetry by Year 2 once again. See page 2 for photos.*

*This week we once again celebrated the fine multiplication brains in Year 2. Congratulations to our Bronze Star Award Winners; Dilly C, Rayyan W, Annabel VD, Max T, Carlos D, Thomas P, Nathan H, Leo E, Saraya J and Emma S. Well done to our spectacular Silver Star Award winners this week; Arisa A and Zoe M.*

*During our Wednesday assembly the Librarians Ebba, Max and Freya picked their winners for this week's Library Raffle and rewarded them with books with the common theme of 'friendship' and on Thursday Thomas, Lambert and Millar ran the raffle in front of some very proud grandparents.*

*Congratulations to Elena G for being nominated as this week's Lunchtime Superstar for being such a good eater and for always saying thank you. Bravo!*

*Congratulations to **Kemp House** for winning this week's Housepoint challenge. The total Housepoints this week are **2517**. Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

### Philosophers of the Week

Artie B, Elodie B, Nathan H and Theo Ra

### Thought for the Week

Why don't people take responsibility?

### This Week's Merit Awards on Wednesday

Ebba R, Jessica H, Luke M, Max T, Annie S,

Saraya J, Morgan W, Gabriel K – Continued on Page 4 ...

### Event of the Week GRANDPARENT'S DAY

This week we welcomed Grandparents in to school for our two special Grandparents Mornings. Thank you so much for coming to see us and for joining in with a smile.



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Another amazing week! We welcomed many grandparents into school for our annual Grandparents Mornings and we would like to commend them all on their participation, kindness and warmth during their visit. There were many activities on offer for everyone to enjoy including funny face crackers to eat, planting mustard and cress seeds, basketball skills, a visit to the Gruffalo Wood, making a spring garden, visiting our snack café and sawing and hammering using our woodwork bench. The children and their grandparents behaved beautifully and after saying goodbye the grandparents enjoyed refreshments in the hall and listened to Year two singing, what a treat! We have celebrated many birthdays this week and so the snack table has been stocked with pieces of cake to enjoy alongside the fruit and vegetables we always have on offer. The children have been trying hard to write their numbers 1-5 this week. We have had 6 pin bowling competitions so that we can try writing the scores. We have been ordering numbers 1-10 too, by each holding a number and getting into the correct order. A 'sound treasure hunt' has been a popular group activity, where the children find the treasure object and record the initial sound. Looking at capacity has been the focus in the water tray, using the language, empty and full, more and less. Story Box has been exciting this week, with many different stories being told, for example a wizard giving a princess an apple which killed her instantly. Fortunately all ended well with a witch bringing her back to life. We have been talking about a good way to start our stories with ideas such as 'It was Halloween' and 'It was a windy day' not leaving out 'Once upon a time' of course. We hope you enjoyed our Open Morning on Friday and we hope to welcome you on Saturday for our Showcase Morning.



**RECEPTION** Our book focus this week has been 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish'; the children have been describing different dinosaurs using adjectives and writing exciting sentences; for example the dinosaur has a **long, thin, pointy** tail and **short, floppy** arms. We were also thinking about how many words we could use instead of '**BIG**'; we had many ideas with huge and enormous as two of our favourites. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning in our outside area this week; they have been independent with their learning choices using our new outside storage to decide on the resources that they need to complete a range of activities. We enjoyed

spending time with our grandparents and sharing our wonderful learning; we made some scary dinosaurs using a range of materials and gave them interesting dinosaur names for example 'Darcynosaurus' and 'Grumpysaurus'. In maths the children have been learning how to double numbers; they have been doubling dinosaur eggs and writing the addition number sentences independently. Wow, what a busy week! **The Foundation Team**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Freshwater Theatre Company in school for Nursery, Pre-Reception and Reception.**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9am – VENUS Class Assembly – All parents from Venus are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers' Day Tea – Letters with details already sent out.**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – CLUBS FINISH (except for Ballet)**

### THE SCHOOL COUNCIL'S WISH LIST:

Items to be donated please so that the children can make a new **Hotel': Broken tiles, old carpet, bamboo, bricks with holes, pallets, straw, flowerpots and bark.**

Please contact Mrs Kay via the school office [office@st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk) if you can help.



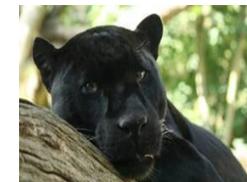
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**We continue to be so pleased to see the positive response to our Kind Koala initiative. Well done to the following children for demonstrating acts of particular kindness this week:  
Megan R and Zoe M**

### **PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

**This week's playground panthers are Sophia A, Dylan C, Isaac F and Alexander L.**



**Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at StChrisEpsom for information and weekly highlights**



### **This Week's Merit Awards Continued – Wednesday**

Elodie B, James C, Sophie R,

Medina O, Baxter M, Nicholas Z, Erin O,

Annie R, Rosie T, Roby C, Benjamin C, Zachery R,

Harry L, Darcy W, Lily W and Wilf S.

**Thursday** – Thomas P, Maya L, Caitriona OC,

Scarlett S, Theo Ra, Myles H, Nathan H, James H,

Joshua C, Amelia L, Sam S, Jisoo P, Alistair H, Elliza M,

Ava C, Arabella M, Sophie G, Conall R,

Scarlett C, Felice F, Zahara M, Ariana A,

Bailey T and Sophia A.