



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 23rd May 2014

Dear Parents

Our **TARGET STAR** this week is **Isla M** in Jupiter Class. All the teachers were asked to nominate children who had demonstrated outstanding examples of thoughtfulness and Isla was a clear winner. She will wear our special badge this week and we look forward to seeing who will enjoy this privilege next time when we award an overall winner demonstrating outstanding **AWARENESS**. There have certainly been some wonderful examples of children showing awareness of others at school and your home anecdotes are a joy to read. Thank you all. The focus for the week beginning 2nd June week is on **RESPECT**.

One of the many highlights of this week was the Foundation Stage outing to Wakehurst Place in Sussex where very excited children set off on a big coach trip with a super set of helpful parents. As well as pond dipping and searching for animals and their habitats the children looked at growing food and plants with a hands-on discovery opportunity looking at how tall sunflowers can grow. Have a look at the lovely photos on page 3.

On Thursday evening we welcomed 4 guest schools to join us for our Great Read Competition. Epsom Library were there to ensure impartiality as we enjoyed a feast of questions about literature having entered through a wardrobe and then been sorted by a sorting hat! Our quiz team comprised of 6 year 2 readers who faced questions on 3 set texts and a poem as well as questions on general knowledge and illustrations. We even had a round with questions that relied on iPad answers with research collected there and then. Epsom Library sent their special envoy Mr Nick Ilott who was question master for the night and in the interval we enjoyed poetry recitations from the children. Special thanks to Mrs Lizzie Russell for devising and organising this wonderful opportunity.

Congratulations to Ellie B for earning her Silver Star Times Tables award this week and to Georgina W, Ellina M and Oliver H for earning their Bronze Stars. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Zach C for showing such kindness to Jacob by carrying his lunch when he had hurt his arm. Bravo Zach!

Congratulations to **Morpurgo** House for winning the highest number of housepoints this week with a splendid total of **380**.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Rocco S, Madison H, Toby H, Louisa R, Dean A, Patrick M, Oliver M, Alexander B, Rowan N, Gracie N, Stan W and Lucy D

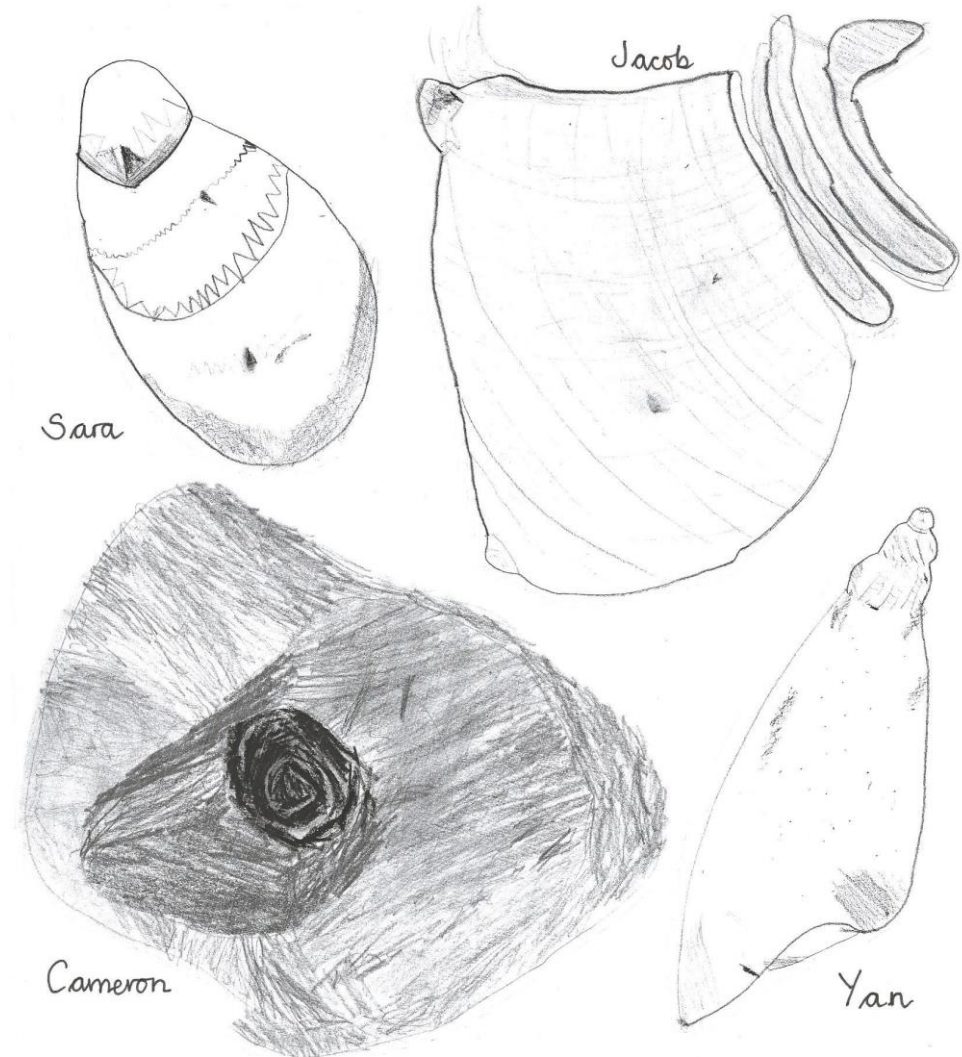
STAR (School Target Achieved Reward)

Thoughtfulness Week

Isla M

Work of the Week – Jupiter Class

Year One's topic this term is "The Seaside". We have looked closely at shells and marvelled that they have been left by living things! We used soft and hard pencils to try to represent the textures and shades of the shells as we drew them. Can you spot the areas where Sara, Jacob, Cameron and Yan have used the different grades of pencil?



Foundation Stage News – A school trip



Look carefully at Mrs Ansell. She is holding the Green Fairy in the palm of her hand, or is she...?

The Reception and Upper Nursery children had a wonderful, fun filled day exploring and learning at Wakehurst Place this week. We are sure your children have told you all about their discoveries and experiences.



DIARY DATES

MONDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 30TH MAY – HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June: Return to school 8.30am

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th June: Year 2 Residential Trip at Juniper Hall

PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sales: Thursday 5th June at 11.45am & 2.45pm -

Please leave any items to be sold under the back porch

UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM

Children should wear summer uniform after half-term:

Boys: short-sleeved blue poly-cotton shirt (top button undone), no tie, grey short trousers, grey ankle socks

Girls: Summer dress, white plain ankle socks

Blazers and hats should continue to be worn every day.

SUMMER PERFORMANCES

Due to the limited space available in our school hall, as last year parents will be allocated 2 tickets per child plus one extra ticket per sibling according to their class. If you cannot attend on that day please try and swap with friends in another class. Please note that the office will not be able to handle swaps.

Tuesday 24th June 9.15am – Jupiter, Neptune and Earth

Wednesday 25th June 9.15am – Mercury, Moon and Twinkling Stars

Thursday 26th June 9.15am – Saturn, Stars and Sun

Friday 27th June 9.15am – Venus, Mars and Sparkling Stars