



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

### Dear Parents

*Last Thursday Year 2 shone very brightly as part of a 200 strong choir at our 8<sup>th</sup> Music Festival held at St Martin's Church. We all watched in awe as Bob Chilcott worked with the children during the rehearsal and the children all felt part of something very special. Please see page 2 for photos and thanks you all for the magnificent donation of £343.02 for Harefield Hospital.*

*On Monday we came back to earth with a bump as a fault in the digital control panel of our enormous industrial boiler prevented any heat from circulating on what was arguably one of the coldest days of the year. School was suspended and we thank Premises Manager, Mr Bennett for organising the additional heating to see us through the first part of Tuesday until the engineer had fixed the problem.*

*On Tuesday Reception headed off to Nower Wood to enjoy a day in the woods, pond dipping, using microscopes and following badger trails to name but a few of the exciting activities at this super field centre.*

*On Wednesday we welcomed Anna Keith from St Martin's Church to present a lovely assembly about Easter.*

*On Wednesday afternoon Year 2 headed down to Epsom Playhouse to watch Guys and Dolls performed by Ewell Castle. The children had met the main characters last week during a visit to the school and were delighted to see them in full make up with during an impressive performance.*

*On Thursday Year 2 were on the move again this time to Lego Land for a geography experience entitled 'Round the World in 80 Bricks'. The children enjoyed every minute of this adventure and looked at the seven continents of the world before creating iconic buildings belonging to each continent-what fun!*

*Year 2 managed to squeeze in some impressive maths this week and we say congratulations to Henry M, Eliza B, Imogen W and Jack B for achieving their Bronze Star Times Tables Award.*

*Friday is all about Sport Relief and look out next week for pictures.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Daisy M for impeccable manners. Well done Daisy, you are an inspiration to others.*

*Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for winning this week's challenge with a superb **3743** housepoints this week!*

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

### This week's Merit Awards

Samuel v, James C, Charlie S, Mathias P,  
Thomas P, Scarlett S, Rayaan W, James H and Zoe M.

### Event of the Week

To make our 8th annual Music Festival extra special in our 80th year, we were thrilled to welcome famous British composer Bob Chilcott to come and conduct one of his compositions. Bob conducted a choir of 200 children singing the Festival favourite 'Can you hear me?' in front of a delighted audience including the Mayor Liz Frost.



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Never a dull moment here at St Christopher's! As you all know, Monday saw suspended action here at school due to a lack of heating on a very cold day but we were all back on Tuesday for a full day of fun. Our sound this week is 'g'. The children are being amazing at hearing the initial sounds of words and remembering the rhymes we have learned to be able to write the letters too. Some of us have

been using the iPads to play a phonics game by trying to spell little words such as cat, pin, hat. Our book this week has been 'Whatever Next', where baby bear goes to the moon in a cardboard box only to find it is not very exciting up there at all! We have been making 2D shape rockets as well as using props to retell the story in our role play. Yummy hot chocolate has been made in the kitchen this week to help warm us up, as well as a large birthday cake. We have made a head start on our Easter cards which are looking chicktabulous! In funky fingers this week, we have been cutting out and ordering bears by size, lacing animals, play dough disco and finger Zumba!

This week saw our Star Group attending a transition tea to introduce them to their new Key Groups for the summer term. It was a lovely activity and we were very proud of the how the children welcomed the Stars into their group.

## Reception News

On Tuesday the Reception children wrapped up warmly and set off hunting in Nower Wood. We're not scared of a little bit of snow! First we went hunting in the pond, dipping our nets in the water and scooping up pond weed. When we emptied our nets we found lots of little creatures. We went back to the classroom and we were shown what our finds look like under the microscope. We saw damselfly nymphs, a tiny fresh water shrimp and even a cyclops. We drew and labelled some of our findings.

In the afternoon we explored the woods. We followed badger trails. Did you know the narrow paths in the woods are often made by badgers, I wonder if they get as busy as the



M25? We saw where the badgers had been digging through the leaves, soil and logs, looking for food. We went on a hunt looking for bugs and creatures that badgers like to eat. We found lots of tasty (if you were a badger) worms, slugs, beetles and especially woodlice hiding under logs in the woods. Badgers do not have very good eye sight so some of us found out what it would be like to be a badger at night (using blindfolds).

We had great fun learning in the woods. Many thanks to the parents who came to help.

*The Foundation Team*



## DIARY DATES

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm – Spring Music Concert**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Last ballet**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Extra Ezeesport Session (due to previous session having to be cancelled)**

**THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – TERM ENDS AT MIDDAY**



**PTA EASTER EGG HUNT AND PICNIC FROM 12 MIDDAY IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE REGISTERED YOUR ATTENDANCE ON THE SURVEY PLEASE.**

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S BIRTHDAY BALL ON SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE – PAYMENTS DUE BY THE LAST DAY OF TERM PLEASE. IF YOU CANNOT CONFIRM BUT ARE STILL INTERESTED PLEASE ENSURE YOU CONTACT MRS ELIZABETH HIBBERT, PTA CHAIRMAN.**

**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 8PM – PTA/SUMMER FAIR PLANNING MEETING.**

**Considerate Cats this week are: Millar W, Freya C and Izzy J.**



**Mathletics  
Congratulations for Gold Awards to:  
Maya L, James B and Emma S.**

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

