



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Dear Parents**

*Welcome to the summer term that shows some promise of delivering the much sought after sunny days and outdoor learning opportunities. The children look splendid in their summer uniform and have returned refreshed and ready for this enjoyable term. I always look forward to the graduation of the Reception children who now join the upper school in leaving by the back door and shaking hands with me and this will begin on Monday.*

*Thank you to all the parents who attended the coffee morning today. The PTA do a wonderful job and need your help to keep up the good work so do get involved this term and make a new friend or two.*

*We endeavour to help our families by keeping in touch and giving advanced notice of the many exciting events on offer each term and to make this as easy for you all as possible, we try hard to keep our website up to date. I have taken advantage of this short week to dedicate page 2 to reminding you all of what is on offer. It is done for you so please do use it!*

*As always we want to hear from you and our second Parent Forum will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May (details on p4) so do drop our Chair, governor Nigel Field, a line about any issues with which you would like assistance by 28<sup>th</sup> April please so that we can have our responses ready. We will also take this opportunity to feed back with the results of the Parent Questionnaires.*

*Following the great success of the Kindness Kangaroos and Polite Penguins, you may be intrigued to hear about our Door Mice this term. Encouraging the children to be mindful of others is a valuable part of their education and those children waiting for an adult to come through the door rather than pushing through first as well as those holding a door open for the person following will be awarded a lovely laminated door mouse for the first half term.*

*Congratulations to Daisy G, Sophia D and Matthew S for being the first children to receive the award this week. To complete the term we will then have some adorable Helpful Hedgehogs to be awarded to our thoughtful and hard working children.*

*Do enjoy looking at the Dates for the Diary and make a note of any events that involve your child. If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to ask at Reception.*

**Annie Thackray, Headteacher**

Thought for the week  
Is being curious a bad thing?

Philosophers of the week  
Lucas C, Jacob F and Ho-Yan  
Why are we here?



### Agony Aunt Chris Tofer's Problem Page

Dear Aunt Chris

My Lower Nursery child Horace doesn't attend school on Fridays or Mondays so often when I get my weekly newsletter I have short notice of events. Can you help?

Dear Parent

The weekly newsletter is uploaded onto the website and can be accessed electronically on Friday night so you can visit the website, check the dates and enjoy all the weekly activities on Friday. Perhaps send an email to Granny so that she can log on and gain an insight into Horace's activities too!

Dear Aunt Chris

I am often concerned that I might have missed a letter advising me of a trip or forthcoming activity and my Year 1 child Edna is rather too young to be sure if letters were given out. How can I check?

Dear Parent

All the letters sent out can be found in the Parent's Section of the website. Just enter your username and password and check against any letters that have been sent out. If the letter you have received has been smudged with Edna's chocolate cake on the way home, you could always download another!

Dear Aunt Chris

I work full time and it is difficult to get in to the office to collect my OWLS and LARKS booking forms. I wonder if you can help me please as I worry I will be too late to make a booking.

Dear Parent

If you go to our website page and click on the Parents Section you will see forms for both OWLS and LARKS for you to download and complete. This should hopefully make your life easier and guarantee you a place in time.

Dear Aunt Chris

I did enjoy the recent school production of Oedipus and felt that Peregrine from Upper Nursery made a splendid attempt as Laius and was most convincing. I wish Great Grandpa had been able to see it but alas he is in Nepal mountain climbing. Can you help?

Dear Parent

I too enjoyed this light hearted production and agree that the cast of 180 did great justice to this musical version. The good news is that events like this with photos and a write up appear on the website on the Event of the Week button. Even Great Grandpa should get a good reception high up on the mountain.

Dear Aunt Chris

How do I use the website as I don't appear to have a username or password?

Dear Parent

The username and password are given to all parents in their information pack once they have joined the school. If you have mislaid yours please contact the office who will be delighted to give you the details you require.

Dear Aunt Chris

I have heard that the Headteacher writes a splendid weekly blog on the website.....(That's quite enough silliness Ed.)

## Foundation Stage News

What a lovely sunny welcome to the Summer Term and a special welcome to our new children in Nursery, the Twinkling Stars. We are also very excited to introduce a new member of the Nursery Staff Team, Mrs. Bishofer who will be busy helping with administration as well as working with all the children throughout the morning. Please remember to send your child's school sun hat into school each day.



The Nursery Topic this term is 'If I were....' The children had lots of ideas for the topic. We will be pretending we are animals, like chickens and horses at the farm. We will pretend we are bugs and beetles and little creatures we find in the garden. We may pretend to be magical creatures, perhaps a 'Hipporhinostricow' like Spike Milligan. At the end of term we hope to be Superheroes but at the start of term we are going to be princesses, knights and people who lived long ago in a castle.

The role play area has been transformed into a castle and the children have been looking through information books to find out what we need to complete the castle. The children decided we need a horse, a kitchen and a fire to keep the castle warm. The kings and queens need crowns and the brave knights have been busy making shields as you can see in the picture. The children love dressing up and have asked for a mirror for the castle bedroom.

The Reception children made a mind map of all of the things that they want to learn about during their topic 'I like to move it, move it!!' The children had very challenging ideas. Some want to know how frogs jump or lions and tigers move. Some children wonder how dinosaurs moved and dolphins swim. The children want to learn how spiders, butterflies and birds get about and how do flowers move. Those interested in mechanics want to find out more about cars, helicopters, aeroplanes, motorbikes and rockets. Some children are puzzled by the world and the sun moving and one child asked "how do clouds move?" But first the children have been exploring their own movements first. What makes us able to run, lie, and jump, I wonder why we can't fly...?



### **The Foundation Team**



## FOR THE DIARY

### **CLUBS START THIS WEEK**

**– Please check club lists under back porch and on the website and make any necessary payments to professional coaches.**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 1 and 2 Trip to Batal Futuh Mosque, Morden

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Pre Nursery Sessions start

**MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

### **Back gate**

***Please remember that the back gate is locked at 8:40am and all late arrivals must use the front entrance and be registered at the office. This is for the safety of your child.***



### **Parent Forum**

***This will take place in the hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45am. Please email all issues to Governor Nigel Field who will chair the meeting.***

### **PTA SUMMER BALL ON FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

***Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received by the PTA. Please hand these into the school office.***



Woodcote Green Nurseries Green Fingers Kids Scheme – We are collecting garden vouchers from Woodcote Green Nurseries and will spend these on the Nursery garden – please hand any spare vouchers in to the school office.

Many thanks.