



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013

#### Dear Parents

*This week we were delighted to welcome our guest Headmistress Miss Samantha C who took control of the school on Wednesday following a win by her parents during a wonderful game at the annual PTA ball which featured this opportunity as first prize. I have naturally devoted part of this newsletter to her so that she may share her experiences of this special day:*

Today Venus Class made Incey Wincey Spider models and it had to go up and down our tubes. In Assembly I read a book to the entire school. I felt a bit nervous. I had to give the certificate to the Lunchtime Superstar and I had to shake her hand.

At lunchtime I chose Ria A to sit next to me. I had a special table to sit at. Harry M said that he would do anything I wanted. I chose Sausage and Mash for lunch. When every boy went past they bowed at me. Mrs Thackray was jealous.

At break all the Reception children chased me. At the end of the day I will shake hands with all the children. I chose new creamy orange shoes with double straps for my special day. Goodbye.  
Miss S C

*Congratulations to Matthew S who has been awarded the certificate for this week's Lunchtime Superstar for really enjoying his food and now asking for seconds!*

*The whole school has been devoted to books this week. Our library has been packed up ready for the refurbishment that is happening in half term thanks to the generosity of all of you who have supported our PTA fundraising activities.*

*Polly Dunbar inspired all the children with her informative talks about how to become a children's author and her characters were brought to life by the Long Nosed Theatre Company who presented Polly's story 'Arthur's Dreamboat'. Our lucky children enjoyed every minute of this exciting opportunity and another highlight was having their books personally signed by Polly at the end of the day. This was a treat and formed part of our 75 year Anniversary of St Christopher's inspiring their pupils in literacy.*

*Congratulations to all the cup winners who received their awards in Cup Assembly on Friday. This annual ceremony recognises effort and progress across the year groups and in all subjects. Please see the website for photographs.*

*Well done to all the children in **Morpurgo** House for leaping into the lead at the Half Term point on the challenge board. You won this week's total with a splendid number scoring **497** housepoints.*

*Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

### Philosopher of the Week

The Little Book of Thanks

### Thought for the Week

Do ideas come from inside or outside your head?

### Work of the Week

Last week Upper Nursery and Reception children went on a wonderful safari at Port Lympne Animal Park. This inspired Mars Class to make some lovely collages of some of the animals that we saw. We worked in pairs and used torn paper, string and wool to add details to our designs



The giraffe, zebra and tiger picture was cleverly made by Finn H and Alexander S



The gorilla cage was created by Poppy L and Sevi K

## Foundation Stage Safari

The Nursery children have continued on their safari journey and have taken a look at the animals we might find in the jungle. Can you remember which creatures we may find in the trees? There is a 'Rumble in the Jungle' in the art room too where the children have studied pictures of the animals and taken great care counting legs and the spots on leopards to make wonderful pictures. Come and see our display. Meantime in Blue Room we have been using colours in repeated patterns to make snakes and 'Elmer' designs.

Out in the garden the children have loved trying to balance things on their heads like Handa in the book "Handa's Surprise" she carries her basket of fruit on her head. Can the children remember what Handa's surprise was?

In Nursery we like to be prepared with spare socks, underwear, joggers, polo and sweat shirts. Please check if you have any nursery clothes at home and if you have any spare clothes we would appreciate donations to keep our stocks up. Thank you.

This week's Reception 'Group Challenge' was to create a piece of ephemeral art inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy. Petals, leaves, twigs, pine cones, shells and pebbles were intricately arranged to represent animals in their environment or by themselves. Look at the turtle Sophie, Felix and Isla created in their piece named 'Turtle and Shark'.

We have also been creating our own 'Top Trump' cards using our animal fact knowledge to score animals and writing about imaginative worlds as well as retelling the main parts of an old favourite 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' by Judith Kerr. In maths we are getting really good at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and using our understanding of sharing to make sure that every animal has the same amount to eat.



Reminder: Please use our half term break to check that all uniform fits, is clearly labelled and that loops are secure inside jumpers, cardigans, caps, blazers, waterproofs and fleeces. Loops help your children hang their belongings on their pegs which in turn encourages greater independence while reducing the number of times you have to rummage through lost property boxes. Happy half term!

*The Foundation Team*

## DIARY DATES

Half Term: 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Whole school outing to Ladyland Farm.

To contact the school during the day please phone 07760457547

There will be NO CLUBS except for Owls.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1.30 – 3.15pm

Kingswood House Mini-Olympics for Years 1 and 2 teams

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Hall

Information Meeting about Juniper Hall visit for Year 2 Parents

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**GOLDEN BOOT CHALLENGE DAY**

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Use a more environmentally friendly way to come to school and win points for your class: Walk, Park 'n' Stride, Car Share

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Maths Day 75 – details to follow

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 11.45am and 2.45pm

PTA Second-hand Uniform Sale in Mercury Class

**FREEMEN'S FUN FOR YEARS 1 & 2**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 4.15 – 5.15pm**

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