



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Dear Parents

On Friday we all enjoyed our very own version of the Royal Wedding and if you haven't seen the photos yet do check out our Twitter account or website news for evidence of a truly magnificent day.

On Monday we gathered on the field for a photo of the whole school and we all marvelled at the maturity of the children as they climbed on the scaffolding and shouted 'cheese' to order. Let's hope that the final shot has as many people smiling at the same time as possible!

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome a professional theatre company in to school for a performance of Alice in Wonderland. The scenery and set were exceptional and the children were suspended in delight as the colourful characters appeared growing and shrinking as if by magic as we journeyed through this wonderful classic tale.

On Wednesday Year 2 released their beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. Many weeks earlier each child had been given a caterpillar to name and care for. The children watched their hungry caterpillars eat and eat before climbing to the top of their pot and turn into a chrysalis. The final transformation took place this week and the butterflies emerged into the sunshine and the children watched with fascination.

On Thursday we entertained 5 other schools who joined us for our Great Read competition. They entered through Wendy Darling's window sliding down the roof into an enchanted scene with a Mermaid's Lagoon, Tiger Lily captured in the Indian Camp and even Captain Hook's galleon. Special thanks are due to Mrs Lizzie Russell for devising this amazing reading competition and Mrs Jules Degg for magically bringing the Hall to life. The whole school entered the Hall through Wendy's window on Friday morning and enjoyed an assembly where real duck eggs were set by Mrs Garrod with the help of some eggcited House Captains.

The Lunchtime Superstar this week is Isaac A for rushing to the aid of a small Nursery child as she fell off her chair. Well done Isaac!

Congratulations to **Kemp** House for their magnificent effort this week. You are now at the top of the Leader Board with a total of **761** Housepoints.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### This Week's Merit Awards

Annie R, Joseph G, Theo R, Nathan H, Jasmine C, John D, Maxwell d, Max T, Frederick K, Lily C, Logan R and Thomas S.

### Work of the Week

This week the Work of the Week is by Year 1. Annabel V in Jupiter class has written about how she felt coming into Year 1 along with some reassuring advice for those children coming up from Reception in September.

Coming into Year 1

When I came into year 1 I was nervous. Because I didn't know my teacher. I also was worried. Because I didn't know were to put my stuff. When you get to year 1 you don't need to be scared. Because we have lots of fun. We do lots of fun activities. And do literacy, science, maths and geography. We have a roll play. We have learned about the history of the seaside as well. We have done nineteen friendship flowers. If we have time we can get are brassy books.

You have fun in year one



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Our sound of the week this week has been 'e' - we have been learning the song that helps us to remember the sound and doing the action of cracking an egg in a pan. The children are really making good progress with their sounds and enjoy playing games to practise them. We made silly soup using objects that begin with the sound of the week. We have been jumping over mini-beast infected (pretend) rivers when we hear the matching sounds. We always have great fun with our learning in the Nursery. We have been cooking bug bread in our kitchen and down in the bike area, to complement our snail investigations, the children have been crawling through tunnels pretending to be caterpillars, crawling along a snail trail and balancing along an ant log. We were lucky this week to witness the release of Year Two's butterflies. Some of them landed in our garden plants and we were able to go and look closely at them and even hold them! It was 'The Great Read' this week and we all ventured into the hall by climbing through Wendy Darling's window and sliding down the roof. What fun! The Hall looked amazing beautifully decorated in the theme of Peter Pan. What a magical way to end the week. It is International Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June and our trip to Painshill Park on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. Any more offers of help will be greatly received. Have a lovely half term holiday.



## Reception News

The children in the Reception Classes enjoy wonderful imaginative play which provides great inspiration for writing. The boys made a super 'American Ship' full of people. Matty wrote about how the ship goes fast and has a big engine. He wrote 'The people looking at the view they saw sharks.' Joseph wrote how 'We drive on the Everglades in America...The Everglades has got aligators we saw one aligator very close'. These sentences were written without any help. Wow! Some children have written stories about the den that they made in the outdoor area. Other children wrote stories inspired by the book 'Daisy eat your peas' by Kes Gray. The children have become much more confident writing number sentences, as they create their own maths problems on the maths table. They are also consolidating their understanding of division with sharing activities. Many children use the maths vocabulary for division, how grown up! George enjoyed sharing beads between four groups and Erin is writing about her picnic sharing in the outdoor area.



We are sending home two reading books for the half term but please remember your child should be encouraged to read all sorts of books, magazines and comics. I am sure a grown up will help with the tricky words and the children can make up great stories of their own from the pictures. **The Foundation Team**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### HALF TERM

**MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Return to school.**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – International Day.**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Pre-Reception Visit to Painshill Park.**

**PTA Second Hand Uniform sales will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.15pm in the outside classroom.**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 residential trip to Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre.**

**ADVANCED NOTICE – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 8.30 – 9am  
– Sharing Our Learning – *All parents welcome.***



### TERRIFIC TORTOISES

**This week's Terrific Tortoises are:  
Luke M, Fenton F  
and Isabella G.**

**Mathletics: Congratulations to:  
Annabel V, Leo E and  
Elodie B on achieving their  
gold awards.**



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