



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 26th May 2017

Dear Parents

'Come with me and you'll be in a world of pure imagination...' sang Willy Wonka in the film of Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Our creative Great Read Team turned our Hall into a world of pure imagination this week for our annual inter-school Great Read competition. Brilliant Mrs Lizzie Russell chose a Dahl themed event this year which would have been the academic year that Dahl would have been 100 years old. Wonderful Mrs Jules Degg took those themes and ideas and magically created an absolute wonderland with the BFG's bedroom, *The Twits'* dining room and the chocolate factory as just part of the magical displays. Ask your child how they entered the Hall on Friday morning and which book was represented? Answers will appear on the website. Speaking of which....

From Monday 29th May we will have a brand new website! Many months of hard work has gone into creating this new and delightful window on the school. On the home page is a special film that features children under 7 as its stars and I think you will agree that it captures all the fun, colour and activity that makes St Christopher's so special. Enjoy having a good look during half term.

On Tuesday Ewell Castle School came for a sports fixture involving mixed teams, multi skills and massive amounts of energy. Children were congratulated upon their achievement and effort on the day recognised by certificates nominated by the opposing PE teacher.

On Tuesday Reception set off to Brooklands Motor Museum for a day of practical study to support their topic: 'Round and Round we go'. They had a wonderful day and enjoyed the interactive opportunities as you will see on page 3.

On Thursday we welcomed author Kes Gray into school. He talked to the children about being an author and read some of his and our favourites. He then kindly signed books for our excited children and joined in with *The Great Read* where he judged the Poetry Competition.

Special thanks to Arabella's mummy Mrs B who delighted us with her violin playing as she played alongside Mrs Mulhern on Friday to close Strings Week.

Our Times Tables stars this week are Eden H, Louis G, George T and Daisy M for gaining their Bronze Star and to Annabel H and Dara O for Silver Star success! This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Matilda G for asking for seconds so politely with the biggest smile. Well done Matilda!

Congratulations to **Kemp House** for reaching the top of the leader board with a total this week of **585** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Jago G, Rory B, Millar W, Thomas P, Henrietta L, Lottie R, Dara O, Annabel H, Lily C, Frederick K, James H and Fenton F.

Work of the Week

This week's work of the week is by Venus Class. Matthew S has written a detailed recount of the Year 2 trip to the British Wildlife Centre. He has shared all the new facts he learnt during the visit.



My recount of the British Wildlife Centre. First we went to the toilet. Then we met our leader Tom. Who told us the rules.

After that we saw a stoish wild cat. It was hiding in a tree. It wouldn't come down. The cat even got a piece of chicken.

Then we saw badgers that was one called Toby and one is Honey. Toby liked BLT and Honey liked prawn cocktail sandwiches.

After that we saw polecats. Polecats eat Rabbits and use their homes as homes.

The sixth thing we saw was an a deer snake slithering its way into its den.

The sixth thing we did was go to the 0 cell place. One of them was called Aabus Dumble deer. He had three girls.

We saw the other after the deer.

One of the others are a snar. Otters are carnivorous that eat only meat.

Then we had a drink and a biscuit.

The seventh animal we saw was the squirrels. They were hiding.

We listened to a video about what's in your garden.

Then we saw an owl. Owls had brains the size of a pea.

Then we saw a toghor. called turbo.

My favourite part was the Hedgehog because it looked so cuddly.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

The space theme continues in the garden this week with hunting for numbers so the rocket can blast off! Some super adding has been taking place by throwing two dice and using fingers to add them together. Our sound of the week is 'K'. Looking for keys, kangaroos and kayaks has been a challenge! The beautiful weather has enabled more water play in the garden and the children have been asking to water the flowers so they will grow. What thoughtful children we have! Using hammer and tacs to create a rocket picture has been an activity enjoyed by many children this week. We also enjoyed collecting and describing things we found in the Woodland Garden. Another highlight has been the appearance of a tiny fairy house on the rockery. Watch out for more details after half term.



Reception News

The Reception children had a great day at Brooklands Transport Museum. We looked at lots of shiny cars, old and new and even had a turn sitting in a replica car that was driven by Ayrton Senna when he won the Grand Prix. We looked at motor bikes and bicycles. We thought the Penny Farthing looked very tricky to ride! We all climbed the stairs to sit on the top deck of a bus. Some of the children had a go at pretending to be bus drivers too! The children tried using the joy stick in a training session learning to be 'Plucky Pilots' on the mini aeroplanes. Then we went on real aeroplanes. Some of the children had a turn pretending to fly a plane and others pretended to be Air Stewards helping the passengers to fasten their seat belts. Many Thanks to our parent helpers we hope you enjoyed the outing too! Inspired by the trip the children did some super writing on Wednesday, we are very proud of them all.



In this lovely summer season please remember our top tips: Named summer hats, shorts on, sun cream applied before coming to school please.

The Foundation Stage Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

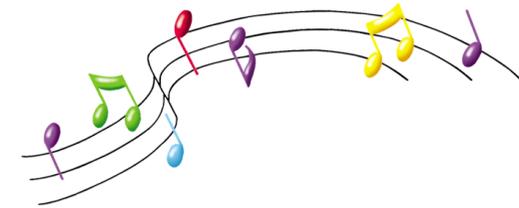
HALF TERM 29TH MAY – 2ND JUNE

Monday 5th June 1.30pm – Year 2 singing at Linden House

Tuesday 6th June – NO FOOTBALL CLUB

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June – Year 2 residential visit at Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre

SUMMER TERM IS 'MUSIC TERM'



String week

This week we have been leaning about the String family. The children have looked closely at a Violin and Cello. They may like to draw you a picture of one at and label the different parts. Please do send them in to display on the board in the hall.

We have listened to a variety of String Music during the week and our favourite has been 'Spring' from the Four Seasons by Vivaldi. You might enjoy listening to this together over the weekend as well as comparing it with the other 3 seasons.

The PTA would like to thank all parents who have expressed interest in the PTA Treasurer role and in generally supporting the PTA. Your help is greatly appreciated and the PTA will be contacting you in the next few days.

This week's Manners Moles:

We are focussing on good manners this term. As well as remembering to say please and thanks you we are particularly looking for children who behave courteously and remember to let an adult through first when they are travelling around the school. This week's magnificent Moles are: Nathan H, James H, Nathan J, Sophia A, Sienna S, Yin-Lily T, Seth J, Rory B, Scarlett S and Dylan F.



Kanter-Dinsky

If you are up at the Derby please remember to vote for the amazing St Christopher's horse beautifully decorated by Mrs Degg's team of children who used Kandinsky as their inspiration.

