



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Dear Parents

Thank you all for your generosity last Friday during Jeans for Genes Day. The combination of jeans with a pirate top worked brilliantly and the great ship St Christopher was alive with deck scrubbing, plank walking and treasure seeking activities which lit up the faces of all our young ship mates.

Last Friday we also enjoyed Mercury's Class Assembly. With just two weeks to prepare and learn lines, the new Year 2 children astonished staff and families as they confidently presented a wonderful assembly about wasps including a dramatic presentation of the story of the Giant Jam Sandwich. Well done to all the children taking part and special praise to Mrs Garrod for producing such a terrific show so early in the term.

On Wednesday in assembly we introduced the new Blue Bench Monitors **Sophie P** and **Rowan N** who will be responsible for helping to look after anyone feeling 'blue' needing a friend to play with or a game to be part of. **Joaquin G** will head up the School Council and he spoke to the children in assembly with confidence about the voting process and how the School Council works. We were also delighted to award **Zach C** and **Sara D** their Librarian badges. Helping Mrs Mulhern with the numerous musical opportunities for Year 2 will be two Music Captains, **Austin S** and **Finn H** and they will be hard at work at our annual Harvest Festival on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

On Wednesday our Superheroes in Reception mounted a coach (well, it was a bit too far to fly) and headed to Leatherhead where, after enjoying some team building games, they practised their flying skills at the gym with a qualified instructor. Staff looked on enviously as the children leapt with style into the giant foam pit and a wonderful time was had by all.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is **Elliot M** in Reception for making such an impressive improvement in the foods that he enjoys at lunchtime.

Our housepoint champions this week are the children in **Ahlberg House** with a wonderful total of **417** housepoints. **Annie Thackray, Headteacher**

This Week's Merit Awards

Mathilda K, Lola F, Toby H, Stanley G,  
Madison H, Liberty R, George T, Sophie B, Ziyah O, Austin S and Sophie P, Freya R and Jack C

Philosopher of the Week

Isla M

Thought for the Week

Is money important?

Event of the Week – Talk Like A Pirate Day



HMS Neptune



Captain Sienna



Pirates invading Mrs Thackray's office – the golden coins are discovered – and the plank is set up ready for the punishment of thievin' rascals!

## Foundation Stage News

The Nursery children have loved bringing their toys to school. They have made beds and houses for their toys and introduced their toys to their friends. We would like to keep the toys please so that next week we can try using them as models paint pictures. The children have enjoyed the book 'My Friend Harry' which we will continue next week along with other stories about favourite toys like 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes and 'Kipper's Toybox' by Mick Inkpen.



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As you may know the PTA arrange for Christmas cards to be made using the children's own art work so in the art room we have started making the pictures ready to go home next week. The children have continued with their ideas inspired by the book 'Katie and the Bathers'. They have made a lovely display for the role play area and enjoy having picnics along the riverside. They have also been busy sailing and making boats in the garden. The children are learning to ask for a grown up to help them change if their clothes get wet with water play.



Our phonics activities are great fun! All the Upper Nursery children have enjoyed wearing their 'Listening Ears' to go around the school listening out and identifying the environmental sounds that they hear. Did they hear any important meetings in Mrs. Thackrays office? They have also used musical instruments to make sounds that are loud, quiet and also fast and slow. It is very tricky trying to play something fast as well as quietly, or slow and loud too. We are sure the children will love practising at home. The Reception children love being Superheroes and have drawn themselves as Superheroes and decided on their Super Powers. Some children have even given themselves

new names. They have made Superhero belts, cuffs and capes ready to dress up. In maths the children have looked at patterns with shapes and colours and they have completed tricky tasks arranging resources in the class room and colouring in sequences on the Interactive Whiteboard. They are working on their fine motor control as they practice their cutting along straight, curved and zig zag lines. The Reception staff are very proud of how the children are playing cooperatively, sharing, taking turns and using great imaginative ideas and language in the role play - 'Ordinary Street' (which is disguising the Superhero Rescue Centre). There was a little disappointment that it rained when the children arrived in Leatherhead for their Superhero Autumn Collecting Adventure but spirits were soon lifted when the children revealed their Superhero physical powers bouncing, jumping and climbing in the soft play area.

**The Foundation Team**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 9.15 – 10.30AM**

**Open Morning for Prospective Parents**

*Please let your friends and neighbours know*



**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 10am: HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH – All**

**parents and carers welcome to attend**

***Please hand in Crèche booking forms by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September***

## Parent Forum – TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 9AM

This will not replace the traditional methods of raising individual queries via Class Teachers or Mrs Thackray. We will be discussing generic issues rather than individual circumstances but if you would like to raise an issue you may do so either via your Class Rep or direct to the Chair of the Forum, Governor and recent former parent, Mr Nigel Field. He may be contacted directly via his email [nigel.field99@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.field99@gmail.com). All submissions should be made please by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**SCHOOL GATE – Please note that the school gate is now accessed by a small covered key pad. Please remember that the gate must remain closed at all times unless families are entering, in which case it should be passed from hand to hand. Please refer to the school letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.**

**Please check the protected parents' area of the website for the code.**