



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 26th April 2013

Dear Parents

The sun has made a welcome return this week and it has been a joy to see the children playing on the field and making the most of this warm weather while it is here. Please ensure that sunhats are in school every day this term.

On Tuesday Year 1 walked down to Epsom Library in the sunshine and enjoyed a spring nature spotting opportunity as they did so. The Children's Librarian had prepared a wonderful display about the seaside and had books ready to share with our children. Year 1 were then able to explore the library before returning to their seats to hear about how they could become members of their local library. It was then time for a final story before returning back to school full of enthusiasm for this wonderful resource. Please do consider joining your local library.

On Wednesday Mr John Glenister from the Air Ambulance charity came to present a very interesting talk to the children about the valuable life saving work that his organisation provides. Our children were transfixed by the information and photographic evidence of the helicopters at work and we were all so proud of them as they asked their insightful questions. Our display in the Reception area shows just how well we are doing with our fundraising and our total is going up weekly at the moment thanks to some wonderful Smartie Tube contributions. Some of the children stood up in assembly and told our guest how they had raised their money.

Mr Glenister thanked all the children and expressed his gratitude and admiration for our articulate, imaginative children who had created a wide range of activities that were rewarded in donations to their Smartie Tube. We have currently raised £214 by this method. Well done and thank you to all our families and please do keep going and hand yours in as soon as it is ready.

Congratulations to our Lunchtime Superstar this week who is Raven W from Venus Class. Raven has been nominated by Mrs Stubbs and her team for being particularly helpful at lunchtime by advising the team of children who were delayed in arriving in the lunch hall due to some finishing up of work. How helpful Raven, well done!

*The first win of the term was achieved by **Dahl** House who scored a splendid total of **188** housepoints taking them straight to the top of the leader board.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Luke V, Joaquin G , Alexander W, Ellina M, Raven W,

Zach C, Ava S, William P

Philosopher of the Week

Arthur M

Thought for the Week

Is it important to be happy?

Work of the Week

This week in Venus Class the children were asked to describe a 'magic moment'. They had to think about using exciting describing words for what they saw, heard and felt.

I was playing on the computer when I felt strange. So I pressed the question button. Out of the blue I was sucked in to the video game! There were shooting stars and glitter. There were colourful patterns and thunder booming. An hour later, I found I was on a desert island. Jeepers!

By William P

I was playing a game on the computer. I pressed the question mark and suddenly little stars came shooting out everywhere. My tummy felt tickly. I saw colours everywhere, there were more and more. Then I was moving. I looked everywhere. I was facing a shark! I said "Where am I, what am I doing?"

By Suri S

I was playing again on Mum's computer. I pressed the button and ...Clank! Wiz! Boom boom! It was amazing – even more sounds. I saw purple bullets and a slow, big, terrifying tornado. I felt a little bit weird.

By Arthur M

Foundation Stage News

Thank you to all the parents who brought in pets and also to those who offered to bring in their animals for the very successful Pet Morning on Friday. The children had great fun learning about cats, hamsters and guinea pigs and what they need to stay healthy and safe. They saw the differences between a puppy and a dog as well as differences between breeds. Can you find out what the babies of the other animals are called? We have given you one!

Rhyme has been ringing through Reception this week as we have begun to create our own poems for the 75th Anniversary School Poetry Book. We can't wait to share them with you and are very excited about seeing them published just like grown up poets! We have been learning songs and actions for the season cycle, months of the year and days of the week. We have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's while skipping and looking carefully at 2-digit numbers and how they are sequenced within a 100 square and beyond!

Reception Classes were pleased to welcome student Miss Danielle Hutchinson who will be largely based in Neptune class and look forward to working with her over the next nine weeks on her final teaching placement.

We are looking at 'water beasts' in Reception next week. If you have any old shoe boxes, please could you send them in.



The Foundation Team

All Foundation Stage children have loved learning to be vets and very efficient receptionists. In Nursery we have had some excellent painting, drawing and writing about pets including posters for lost cats and dogs. We have found out about some pets by asking our friends questions and looking in non-fiction books. We always share in Nursery and had particular fun when counting out dog bones into their bowls.

Next week the Nursery children will be in the garden looking for creatures. How many birds, foxes and snails can you find in your garden? Happy counting.

DIARY DATES

Monday 29th April: Year 1 Sports Afternoon at Chinthurst School

Tuesday 30th April 11.30am – 4.30pm: Year 2 football squad to ISA tournament at Virgo Fidelis School, Norwood

MONDAY 6th MAY: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY

This term's Dates for the Diary is also on our website. In particular, please note the change of date for Sports Day to THURSDAY 4th JULY.

PTA 75th ANNIVERSARY SUMMER BALL

Saturday 18th May at Kingswood Golf Club

Please see letter for full details of this great evening of entertainment.

Football Club on Tuesdays - Children should have a pair of trainers to wear for football club please. Football boots/studs are not permitted.

Please check the finishing times of school clubs and collect your child promptly as Owls is often full and unable to take additional children waiting to be collected – Many thanks.

BOYS' SUMMER UNIFORM (Reception – Year 2)

We are phasing out the aertex shirt due to difficulty of supply. The boys should wear a short-sleeved pale blue shirt with the collar button undone; they do not need to wear a tie.

OWLS

Please note that if your child is booked in to Owls and is unable to attend you must give at least 24 hours notice or you will be charged a late booking fee. We have had increased numbers attending Owls resulting in additional staffing requirements. Thank you.