



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 27th June 2014

Dear Parents

We are all feeling very proud of our beautiful new brood. First to make an appearance was Dahl Chick 24 hours ahead of schedule, indeed the incubator was still rocking as he pecked his way cheerfully into the world. His identical twin Morpurgo was next to break through followed by Rowling who is a beautiful apricot brown and last, needing some adult help to enter into the world was dear little Ahl, the tiniest chick who is doing very well.

Thank you all for being such super audiences at our summer production Race Against Time. Following parental requests we asked for no individual filming which interferes with the enjoyment of others and you all supported this and it made a big difference. We were so proud of all the children and I hope you enjoy the small selection of photos on p2. We will try and upload the other shots onto the website as soon as a technical hitch has been resolved.

Once again there were plenty of nominations for the overall STAR child who has consistently demonstrated EMPATHY towards others. The award this week goes to Alexander W from Venus Class for being so quick to see another's point of view. Gold Stars for outstanding use of Times Tables have gone this week to a batch of clever children: Oliver M, who also shone in Philosophy (see below), Finn T, Lara K, Ellie B and Raadhika W. Two Silver Stars have also been awarded to Megan G and William S - well done children.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Phoebe J for showing wonderful manners and delightful lunch time conversation. Bravo Phoebe!

*We are all excited about the Summer Fair tomorrow and want to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising this popular event. Please do support this venture and remember to sell raffle tickets to those unable to come. The Housepoint champions this week continue to be **Dahl** with another splendid total of **887** housepoints. Just two more weeks to go till we discover this year's champions. We also look forward to awarding the House Shield for Sport following next week's Sports Day.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

STAR (School Target Achieved Reward)
Empathy Week
Alexander W

Philosopher of the Week
Oliver M

Thought for the Week

Is intelligence more important than strength?

Event of the Week



Mercury class starred in a scene set in 1666 at the time of the Great Fire of London

Jupiter Class took us back to the 2nd World War where we watched some evacuees leave for the country



Not quite as far back in history for Venus class. They shone in their scene set in 1965

The Wright Brothers featured in Saturn's scene about the first flight in 1903.



Foundation Stage News

What a performance! Or rather what faaantastic performances! We are very proud of all the children from the 'Twinkles' to 'Mars' I am sure you will agree they are all super stars. Thank you to all the parents who provided costumes, you will be impressed with your children's speedy dressing skills after all the practice they have had this week!

The Reception children are preparing for a trip into space soon, they have been planning what they need to take on a mission and they decided two essentials are food and a toothbrush! The children are keeping up their log books and have been busy writing letters to the alien Zog.

The children have puzzled over addition and subtraction problems and can now outsmart their teachers using bead strings to support their calculations. This week they have continued their study of self-portraits looked at the work of some artists who used a variety of media to create portraits that are diverse. The children enjoyed looking at Pop Art by Andy Warhol and found that it looks quite different to the pictures by Stanley Spencer.

Last week the children in Nursery were inspired by our visitors, a nurse and a paramedic. So this week we have set up a role play hospital. The hospital is very well staffed with doctors and stocked with bandages and equipment for all emergencies. The children are learning to take turns and work cooperatively acting out the various roles of doctor, receptionist and patient. They have been using their newly acquired medical knowledge and understanding to act out medical scenarios. There are lots of writing opportunities in the hospital role play as the children are learning to make appointments



and write patient details on their notes.

Outside we have been busy practising ready for sports day next week. We are developing the skills of throwing, balance and running but equally important the children are developing their communication and language skills to listen and follow instructions. Practising for sports also involves the social skills of waiting for their turn and enjoying their successes and efforts as well as celebrating the success of their friends. We look forward to seeing lots of parents on Friday 4th. Fingers crossed for good weather.

The Foundation Stage



SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE FINISHED

DIARY DATES



PTA SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 1 – 3pm

SEE YOU THERE!

Monday 30th July (morning): Year 2 visit to CLFS

Tuesday 1st July (morning): Reception visit to Epsom Odeon

Wednesday 2nd July 9am: Music Assembly

Thursday 3rd July at 9am: Year 2 Parents are invited to Good Digital Citizen Award Assembly

Thursday 3rd July: Year 2 visit to Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford

Thursday 3rd July: Reports home to parents

Friday 4th July: Sports Day (See letter for full details)

9am Nursery Sports

4.30pm Upper School Sports

Children go home at 1.30pm and return at 4.15pm

Monday 7th July (morning): Reserve Sports Day

LOWER NURSERY PARENTS TEA ON MONDAY 7TH JULY

All children should come with their parents but please try not to bring younger siblings so that your nursery child can benefit fully from this experience – thank you.

If your child is in school that day please meet them in the hall at 2pm.

SUMMER PRODUCTION DVD – Please return orders by 2nd July

SEPTEMBER 2014 – PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETINGS

Monday 8th September at 7pm: Year 1

Tuesday 9th September at 7pm: Year 2

Wednesday 10th September at 7pm: Reception

Thursday 18th September at 7pm: Nursery