



# St Christopher's School

## Weekly News

Friday 28<sup>h</sup> February 2014

### Dear Parents

Welcome back following a half term break that allowed us to see signs of Spring arriving with a light break from the rain and a chance to get outside and enjoy some lovely walks. Sadly the inclement weather has returned. Please do remember to send in your child's waterproof coat every day and in the event of any arctic conditions suddenly appearing, remember please to use the website for information.

We ended half term with a splendid performance by Jupiter Class. Their class assembly fell on Valentine's Day and they used the opportunity to talk about the history of this tradition as well as producing some warm and loving anecdotes. We were also delighted to see their play about a crocodile based on their Rain Forest Topic and marvelled at their costumes, their acting and their clarity. Well done Jupiter Class and thank you to Mrs Kay for all her hard work.

Mr Jones, Megan's daddy, got Welsh Week off to a colourful start as he donned his dragon waistcoat and enchanted Year 2s as he taught them to prepare and cook Welsh Cakes. I do hope that you are encouraging your children to repeat these exercises at home so that you can benefit from these wonderful recipes. Many thanks to Mr Jones for his time and his kindness.

All week we have been enjoying poetry recitals in every class. Children in Nursery have shone with their well-rehearsed poems and we were able to enjoy some impressive children's performances from the whole school in the semi-final on Wednesday. Today is the grand final and I shall report back with photos next week.

There are two dress code changes to note next week! On Tuesday our Grand Inter House Pancake Relay competition requires every child to wear their House T shirt and on Thursday it is World Book Day with a focus this year on your favourite bedtime story so pyjamas are the dress code for all apparently!

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Max G from Mars for being appreciative and polite to the Catering Team. Bravo Max!

I was impressed with the housepoint total this week. Well done to all the children in Ahlberg House who are now top of the board with 839 housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### This Week's Merit Awards

Hafsa D, James S, Milo H, Naomi B, Freya R, Savannah W, Alice C, Alex S, George G, Aden L and Nell E.

### Philosopher of the Week

Millie M

### Thought for the Week

Is life the same everywhere?

## Work of the Week

In Neptune Class we have been doing some clever subtraction using the song 1,2,3,4,5 from our Nursery Rhyme Topic. We played some games catching magnetic fish learning to 'take away' or subtract. The Work of the Week is by Teddy who did even more subtracting by scoring through fish as he learnt to take away a 1 digit number from a 2 digit number. Bravo Teddy!

Can I subtract by crossing out? 25.02.14

Excellent crossing out and counting to see how many are left.

Now draw your own fish and work out: 17-4=13 ✓ 15-6=9 ✓ 14-3=11 ✓ 20-5=15 ✓

Well done Teddy at using a number line by counting back the subtraction sum with your 'shopper' finger.

### Foundation Stage News

1 2 3 4 5, how many fish have the Reception children caught? I hope no one has been bitten! The children have been busy making fishing rods with sticks and magnets to make a game and learn how magnets work. There are a number of fish that 'got away!' these fish were made with collage to make a beautiful display. There have been so many fish that the children are trying to count in 5's and 10's. When some fish are caught the children have been learning subtraction using number lines. Some children have used a 100 square to help them with some very tricky taking away. Well done children! Some children have made pictures using their hands to make a hand print, writing numbers on the fingers. The children are also learning to write the number words too.

The rhyme 3 Blind Mice has prompted the Reception children to think what would happen if we could not see. They have been exploring their sense of touch feeling their way around outside. They worked in pairs with one child blindfolded and the other child giving directions to find their way around.

Poetry week has been great fun with lots of surprises; some of our quietest children were super stars, remembering their words and speaking with a loud and clear voice. We are very proud of them all.

In Nursery we are looking forward to more rhyming fun next week. The children will love to hear their Mummies and Daddies joining in with our Rhyme-Along Workshops next week. We hope you are all practising at home for the children love rehearsing at Nursery.

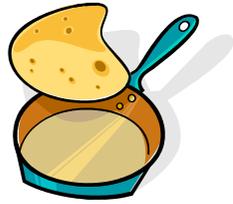
The Nursery children enjoy going upstairs to the school library so much that they asked if we could have our own library in the role play area. The children are proudly writing their own library cards. In the nursery garden Mary, Mary has started gardening and the children have been busy making flowers in the art room carefully sewing tissue paper and painting. Her cottage is full of butterflies and the children are starting to plant flowers and place shells and bells around the garden. We have had great fun moving around the obstacle course in the garden and it has been great to get out and enjoy the garden without having to put on rainwear every day. There are times when the children's wet clothes and rainwear are left out to dry rather than be put back in their bags still wet. As the children are encouraged to be independent, gloves, hats and jumpers do not always get put in the correct bags. Please can parents help by clearly naming all clothes and checking bags for stray clothes. We make a list of lost items and regularly check the Nursery to join clothes with their owners. Thank you for your understanding if clothes go astray.

Our Rhyming theme continues in the garden next week with 'I had a little nut Tree' and 'Ring a Ring of Roses'. Do remember World Book Day next Thursday is pyjama day with a focus on your favourite bedtime story.

**The Foundation Team**

### DIARY DATES

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March: International Pancake Week



**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Inter House Pancake Relay Race – all children to come to school in house T shirt and navy shorts under their tracksuit please.**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March: The St Christopher's Great Book Swap

See recent letter for details

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

Please can the children come dressed in their pyjamas (no onesies thank you) and bring their favourite bedtime story to share.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.15 – 10.30am

OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – 12.30pm

OPEN MORNING FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

You are warmly invited to look around the school with your family and friends; the children always enjoy this opportunity to show you their work and the wonderful displays in their classrooms. Our Year 2 choir, orchestra and gym team will also be entertaining us.

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### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please collect these valuable vouchers and put them in the token box under the back Porch, thank you.

