



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 28th June 2013

Dear Parents

As I write this our magnificent children are fully into the performance run of their Summer Production, Beauty and the Beast. We were very excited about the challenges of staging a whole school production where 150 children have to take to the stage in some capacity and the children really warmed to the idea of this traditional tale told via the Disney interpretation which everyone has thoroughly enjoyed.

Congratulations to all our performers both seasoned and new. Those lucky parents who watched the show will not be surprised to learn that Nara A was unanimously voted to be the recipient of the Performance Cup for her outstanding contribution to the play.

May I once again thank our wonderful PTA, especially Mrs Manley and Mrs Clark, for their help in assisting with the DVD and photographs.

Times tables excellence was in evidence again and we say congratulations to this week's Gold Star winners: Charlie N, Oliver K and Jessica B. A huge well done also to our Silver Star winners: Nara A, Connie H, Henry C, Eddie L and Jake F and to our Bronze Star winner Harry S.

Last week we were delighted to welcome Debbie Headdey as a guest speaker in assembly to tell the children about her Mount Everest expedition in August. Debbie will be climbing 17,598ft to raise money and awareness for Childreach International, dedicated to improving children's health and education in countries such as Nepal, Bangladesh and Cambodia. If anyone would like to join staff in sponsoring Debbie's climb please do let Mrs Headdey know. Any contribution will help this worthwhile cause.

Thank you all for supporting the Elephant's Tea Party last week. The children spoke beautifully about friends, family and pets who are no longer with us and we raised £113.70 for the Child Bereavement UK charity.

Congratulations to Lucy D who has been awarded the certificate for this week's Lunchtime Superstar for being a delight to serve and fitting in to St Christopher's so seamlessly. Mrs Stubbs and her team are delighted to have such a delightful diner every day.

*We were delighted to count up this week's housepoints as the record number earned by the children saw the totals impressively rise. Bravo to all the children in **Dhal** for winning the weekly total with a splendid **903** points.*

Eggwatch – We are delighted to announce the birth of Mini Morph – the first egg to hatch. Can you guess which house won the race?

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Event of the Week Our 75th Summer Production Beauty and the Beast



Belle meets the book seller



The beautiful castle characters



Jupiter Class shine singing 'Be Our Guest'

Foundation Stage News

The Reception children have been learning about dinosaurs this week. We are trying hard to say the three time periods when dinosaurs walked the earth – Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous – they are big words aren't they? We have been trainee palaeontologists, using our fossil brushes (old toothbrushes) and little hammers (spoons) we have carefully excavated dinosaur bones. We made sure we wore our safety goggles! Alexander set up a dinosaur cave in Mars class, he had to put up his tent (cave) but needed some teacher help in the end. We have been watching a dinosaur egg with great excitement in our classes, it started to crack and we are looking forward to seeing what it will reveal.

We have been reading Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs and the children have written some lovely sentences on what special item they would keep in their bucket, including sweets, cars, lego and shells.

We have been all at sea in the Nursery this week. Our role play boat has been setting sail in search of sea creatures. On their adventurous sea expeditions the children caught lots of colourful fish and some dangerous sharks. They have also



written some labels and signs so we know how many children can play in each area at a time.

The art room has been full of counting, it can be tricky to stop counting at eight but octopuses only need eight tentacles. Be careful though they don't like to only have seven! We used our fingers to pull the paint across the paper to make tentacles and to roll the playdough out for even greater length.

The children have loved writing to Georgia the Explorer to tell her about the seahorses and turtles that we saw (on video). Other children have been taking care to keep to the lines/waves as the children enjoyed practising their pencil control and colouring.

Our books have been great fun and fascinating, 'Commotion in the Ocean' introduced us to lots of sea creatures and 'One Tiny Turtle' showed us how turtles live.

Outside the children have been swimming in and out of their wonderful sea cave round the rocks (built from wooden blocks). They love to feel the sand in between their toes and draw patterns with their feet and then solve the problem of which shoe goes on which foot!

The Foundation Team



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

SEE YOU THERE!

DIARY DATES

Monday 1st July (morning): Year 2 visit to CLFS

Tuesday 2nd July: Sports4All Challenge
Please see letter for details

Thursday 4th July: Sports Day and Family Picnic **Please see letter for full details**

Friday 5th July: Reports to parents

Monday 8th July (morning): Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 9th July: Moving-up morning

Wednesday 10th July: St Christopher's Day

A day of celebration, fun & games. School uniform to be worn, please, not mufti as in previous years.

Friday 12th July at 11am: Leavers' Assembly -
Year 2 Parents are warmly invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SCHOOL CLUBS END THIS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 2013 – PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETINGS

Monday 9th September at 7pm: Year 1

Tuesday 10th September at 7pm: Year 2

Wednesday 11th September at 7pm: Reception

Wednesday 18th September at 7pm: Nursery

LARKS & OWLS Booking forms for the Autumn Term are now available in the Porch, from the school office or on our website

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Our children really enjoy their weekly sessions and we appreciate the help of parents. If you would like to be involved, please let the office know. A CRB clearance is required and the process can take some time.