



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

*Dear Parents*

*We were all thrilled to meet our new born chick and ducklings this week. First born was a duck whose egg had been marked by Donaldson House Captains and they named their ducking Doodle. Next out of the shell was Charlie the Chick named by Ahlberg House Captains and finally the teacher's egg hatched as Poppy the Duckling. They will be with us for another week and then next Tuesday they will come to Ladyland Farm with us and safely move into their new home.*

*This week we say a special well done to all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their magnificent performances in our summer production, Back to the Start. The children positively bounced on to the stage and navigated us through 8 amazing decades including fact, song and dance. We couldn't be prouder of them. Thank you all for being such splendid audiences and for your generosity donating the sum of £496.90 to our Pong Tek school in Cambodia.*

*It wasn't just fun this week as our magical mathematicians discovered. Congratulations are due this week to the first times tables Gold Star champions. Seth J, Iman O, Frederick K and Kai K demonstrated their sound grasp of problem solving using their excellent multiplication skills and won this top award. Congratulations also to Imogen W and Nathan J for earning their Silver Star Awards. Well done.*

*Thank you all for participating in our annual Golden Boot initiative. This week's winners were Saturn for 100% of parents weaving in an eco-friendly drop off to help ease parking congestion and help to save the planet. An update on the parking restrictions is to follow via email.*

*This week we finally received the green light for a very exciting new build to take place to update and increase in size our Nursery Art Room with exciting internal improvements too due to take place in the summer holidays. This is another substantial investment approved by our committed Board of Governors. Please see our website for advance sight of the fabulous improvements.*

*The Lunchtime Superstar this week is Harrison G for being such a delightful diner. Congratulations to Donaldson House for reaching first place this week with an impressive total of 1337 Housepoints.*

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

### **This Week's Merit Awards**

Ava C, Mathias P, Esme T, Sienna S, Kai K, Lambert S, Arabella B, Luke M, Amelie C, Henry M, Logan R, Matilda G and Fenton F.

### Event of the Week

Our Summer Production 'Back to the Start'

Congratulations to all our super actors and singers for such a magnificent show.



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Hot hot hot! - Time for the sprinklers this week. We love the hot weather at Nursery, plenty of water play inside and out and a chance to run madly through the sprinklers, a very good way to get cool! The children love making water streams and watching where the water goes, so we got out the guttering and let the

children investigate how quickly the water went down and whether they could alter the path it took by putting a variety of objects in the water's path. We have been continuing with our sound work this week, trying to spell small words by sounding them out eg: cat = c-a-t, many children were managing this very well indeed! We have also been practising our rhyming and sound discrimination skills by making silly soup and playing I-spy. We have made full use of the trim trail this week where it is nice and shady in the afternoons. The children enjoyed making a large pirate ship on the soft surface and then we got out the pirate role-play with an anchor, pirate hats, parrots and treasure. Although some children decided to play tug of war with the anchor which was very imaginative! Some amazing building has been happening inside as well, with some of the boys making an almost life size wooden scarecrow and a Beauty and the Beast castle.



**Reception News** What a lot of excitement there has been in Reception this week! Not only were we amazing at acting and performing in the school play. Learning our lines, using loud voices on stage, singing and dancing too. But we have also been celebrating the birth of new arrivals at school. 'Two ducks and one chick! We investigated their life cycles and were fascinated by it. So much so that we decided to draw their life cycles and write about it too. Some of us even re-named them. Our favourite names were 'Tom', 'Tam', 'Fred' and 'Tinkerbell'. We have also been busy making mini gardens. Here the children used their own imaginations to make the perfect garden. Some of them made their gardens for fairies, others for dinosaurs and some just wanted glitter gardens for the insects to dance in! We then planted some cress and watered it well. What stars you are!



The Foundation Team

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 11 - 11.30am - Transition Tea for Nursery to Pre-Reception Parents.**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7pm - Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting for Parents.**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Whole school trip to Ladyland Farm.**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 7pm - Year 1 to Year 2 Transition meeting for Parents.**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Moving up Morning.**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm - Transition Tea for Pre-Reception to Reception Parents.**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 2.15 - 3pm - Summer Music Concert.**

## **FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY SPORTS DAYS**

**Nursery 9am - Children to go home at 12 noon or 1.30pm**

**All children to go home at 1.30pm.**

**Main School children return at 4.15pm for 4.30pm start.**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1 - 3pm - PTA Summer Garden Party**

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY - PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL NURSERY AND PRE-RECEPTION CHILDREN FINISH AT 10.45AM ON THIS FINAL DAY OF TERM.**



**A very big Thank You goes to Mrs Elizabeth H, Mrs Yvonne F and Mrs Louisa H and all the PTA members for their hard work organising the St Christopher's 80<sup>th</sup> Ball on Saturday. A wonderful time was had by all.**



## **TERRIFIC TORTOISES**

**This week's Terrific Tortoises are:**

**Mia P, Eliza B, Noah B, Arabella B, Rayyan W, Joseph G, Maya L, Nathan J and Toby C.**

**Larks and Owls Booking Forms for the Autumn Term are now available on the website, under the back porch and from the school office.**

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUNGER SIBLINGS IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO AS WE ARE EXPERIENCING A HIGH VOLUME OF REGISTRATIONS FOR THE NEXT FEW ACADEMIC YEARS.**

**Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at StChrisEpsom for information and weekly highlights**

