



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015

Dear Parents

Last week every child in the school dazzled in our Summer production, *Take a Look inside a Book*. We were astonished at their focus and energy not just on one occasion but for every single performance. Page 2 is dedicated to our star performers. Thank you to all the parents who came and enjoyed the shows. You made a splendid audience and your generosity was immense for this year for we raised a staggering total of £749.02 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you all for donating so kindly to this important charity.

On Monday Year 2 set off to the Barbican to take part in a wonderful workshop with the London Symphony Orchestra. The focus this year was Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and the children had been well prepared by Mrs Mulhern. They loved watching the full orchestra on stage and recognised the pieces that they had learnt joined together by the 'Promenade' as the composer created the image of a person walking around the exhibition. What a treat.

On Wednesday Year 1 set off for the seaside on one of the hottest days of the year but, being Britain, it had clouded over at the coast and the rough waves prevented paddling. The children had a lovely time on the seaside bus and looked at all the landmarks that they had been studying in their topic.

Meanwhile back at school we embraced the hot weather and organised 'sprinkler fun' during lunch play which was a highlight for all, including Nursery who enjoyed getting absolutely soaking wet. Thank you all for sending in spare clothes. We took trays of water round several times during the day to all so that we could ensure plenty of hydrated children and they had been well protected with sun cream by you.

Earning their Helpful Hedgehogs badge of honour this week were James S and Finn H. Well done boys.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Noah T for being so kind and helpful to Mrs Culligan at lunchtime. Well done Noah!

Congratulations to all the children in **Ahlberg** House. On the penultimate count this term, you have jumped into the lead with **1189** Housepoints

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Arthur L, Luke S, Michael S, Mathilda K, Sachin W,  
Freya B, Baylen B, Ziyah O, Liberty R, William W,  
Matthew S and Patrick M.

Event of the Week  
The Summer Production



Under the sea the singing was super



We all enjoyed following the band



Walking through the jungle



shh...Burglars ahoy!



Once upon a time there were some very clever children



What a splendid set of underpants



At the top of the beanstalk



Here's Wally!

## Foundation Stage News

The Nursery children have been preparing for Sports Day. We discussed waiting for turns and following instructions and then practised our sports on the field, there is a lot to remember. We watched a video showing that it is 'taking part' that matters and that we all can't win but we can all have *fun*.

The children have been practising their cutting skills making their own sports rosettes, trophies and badges. They are all working hard writing their names as best they can and we are very impressed with these clever children.

This week has been very hot and the children all know about wearing a sun hat, sun cream and drinking lots of water. We have also been learning how important it is to play quietly, walk slowly and to give each other space as cuddling our friends makes us hot and sometimes irritable. It was amazing to see how the children remembered these lessons on Wednesday. The children have stayed indoors during the hottest parts of the day and we have monitored the amount of time each child has been outside.



Lots of us had great fun with water activities this week. Many thanks to all our parents who have remembered to put sun cream on their children in the mornings and provided sun hats as well as spare 'T' shirts, shorts and underwear so that the children could enjoy the water-play. Even more thanks for your patience when some clothing does not always find its way into the correct children's bags immediately. The children are great at reading the name labels on their own and their friends' clothes but we do have trouble if clothing

is not named clearly.

The children in Reception are fascinated by the weather it changes. They looked at the local weather forecast and about the symbols used on the map like warm and cold cloud and rain and talked about how these tell us what the will be like. All the children have made a weekly record will bring home to complete over the weekend. I hope record sun but not too hot on Saturday for the fair!

The weather has been a 'hot topic' this week, the children used this ideal opportunity to talk about temperature. They undertook a science experiment using 2 cups of water, 1 surrounded in white paper and the other with black paper. They took the temperature of the water in each cup, both 20 degrees C. and then made predictions about what would happen. Kieren suggested the black one would get hotter 'because my car is black and it gets *so* hot'. Matthew thought that the white one would get hotter because 'Lava from a volcano is a light, bright colour'. At the end of the hot day the black cup was 37 degrees and the white was 32 degrees.

The art focus this week has been based on 'The White Rabbit's Colour Book'. The children experimented with mixing paint and choosing from a range of media to make a rabbit picture using one colour. **The Foundation Team**



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**PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS BY MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

## DIARY DATES



**PTA SUMMER FAIR: SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1 – 3pm**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July (morning): Reserve Sports Day

### Events during the last week of term:

**Please see emailed letter from Mrs Thackray (copy also in the Parents' Area of our website).**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2.15 – 3pm: Lower Nursery Parents' Tea & Meeting with Key Workers (Hall)**

**Year 1 Parents' Meeting at 7pm in the School Hall**

(See separate letter for details)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Moving-up morning**

Children will visit their classes and meet their new teachers for September.

New class lists will be posted on the porch noticeboard from midday.

**2.15pm: Upper Nursery Parents' Tea & Meeting with Reception Teachers in the Hall**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: St Christopher's Day**

Our traditional day of fun & games. Sensible mufti with practical footwear (no fancy dress this time). PE kits & plimsolls should also be in school. Nursery children go home at 1.30pm after our school picnic, or 3pm if they usually stay for the afternoon session.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 11am: Leavers' Assembly**

Year 2 Parents are warmly invited to attend.

**TERM ENDS ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT MIDDAY**

We hope you have a lovely time on your Summer Holiday!



### **SEPTEMBER 2015 – PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETINGS**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm: Year 1

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm: Year 2

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm: Reception

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm: Pre-Nursery

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm: All Nursery Groups