



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 3rd May 2013

Dear Parents

What a busy week! On Monday Year 1 travelled to Chinthurst School for sporting fun. They took part in 'striking and fielding' sessions and enjoyed a packed afternoon full of fun.

Last Friday the school welcomed family pets into school as we celebrated our Pets Day. Not just one but three dogs of a variety of breeds and ages camped out in Mars Classroom and in addition to hamsters, guinea pigs, a tortoise and Mrs McKenzie's cat, we welcomed two beautiful hens. The children gained so much from being able to study and stroke the pets in such a safe environment and enjoyed asking interesting questions to their owners.

Our excellent mathematicians were in evidence again this week as the multiplication magicians tried for their Times Tables Badges. Well done to Charlie N, Jake V and Jessica B who earned their Silver Stars this week. Congratulations are also due to Eddie L and Raven W for winning their Bronze Stars too.

I saw some of the new small world animal sets purchased by the PTA being used to great effect in the nursery this week. Our lucky children were able to make beautiful landscapes where animals could roam, in albeit interesting groups, but the children were engaged by this wonderful new equipment and we do thank you all for supporting our hard working PTA to make this possible. Do support our 75th Ball on 18th May. Not only does it raise valuable funds it is such an entertaining and enjoyable night.

On Tuesday Mrs Hawes took a team of Year 2 football players to Virgo Fidelis School to represent St Christopher's in the ISA regional Football Tournament. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of fun generated by this lively festival and played 4 matches and won 3 and drew 1.

Congratulations to our Lunchtime Superstar this week who is Alexander B for making such an improvement in the range of foods he now tries and enjoys. Well done Alexander!

We are now finalising our plans for our Holiday Activity Club in the Summer Holidays. If you are interested in this venture please visit the website as soon as possible and complete the questionnaire so that we can make an early decision on the dates and advise you accordingly.

Congratulations to **Dahl House** for winning the most housepoints this week with a splendid total of **255 points!**

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Phoebe J, Sara D, Sevi K, Jake F, Suri S, Nara A, Megan H, Max O

Philosopher of the Week

Megan H

Thought for the Week

Should you ever steal?

Work of the Week

In Year One, the children in Saturn Class wrote their own fantasy stories. Our topic is 'The Seaside' and this inspired Natasha C to write a fabulous story about the adventures of a pirate.



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Foundation Stage News



Thanks to the good weather the Nursery children have enjoyed discovering creatures in the garden. Looking under stones for slugs and snails and looking up into the sky and listening for birds. The children have been busy drawing pictures and writing labels about what they can see. We are learning to use non-fiction books to find out more about all sorts of creatures and this week we discovered why some blackbirds are brown.

The children love the song 'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a leaf' and have learnt how caterpillars turn into butterflies as we read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carl. The book has been great fun as well as helping with counting and remembering the days of the week. Of course our cooking this week has been butterfly cakes!

We are learning about symmetry making butterflies and ladybirds. We have also been busy with lots more maths counting insects and spots on ladybirds.

Please take some time to look out for creatures in your garden this weekend. Next week we will be looking at the books 'The very busy Spider' by Eric Carl and 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson.

Reception have been looking at 'Water Beasts', creatures that live in and around salt and fresh water, describing how they look, feel and move. Can you name five creatures that can be found in the sea or pond? Dioramas of ocean scenes complete with weed, rocks, darting squids, tropical fish and sharp toothed sharks are appearing along with clay frogs on lily pads.

We have continued our exploration of time by looking at how to tell the time 'o'clock and half past' on an analogue clock. Take a look at the different types of clocks you have at home. What is the same and different about how they show us the time? We continue to practise our counting, ordering and writing of numbers. Remember to use numberlines to help check your numbers are the correct way round.

The Foundation Team

REMINDER – please send in a named, clean pint plastic milk carton for next week. If you have any spare, please bring them in to school as we are very short! Next week Reception are going to start looking at creatures that may be found while on an African Safari. Take a look at home and see what facts you can find out about the animals that live there.

DIARY DATES

MONDAY 6th MAY: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 17th May

OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Welcome presentation at 9.15am followed by tours of the school.

Please let your friends and neighbours know.

PTA 75th ANNIVERSARY SUMMER BALL

Saturday 18th May at Kingswood Golf Club

Please see letter for full details of this great evening of entertainment.

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BOYS' SUMMER UNIFORM (Reception – Year 2)

We are phasing out the aertex shirt due to difficulty of supply. The boys should wear a short-sleeved pale blue shirt with the collar button undone; they do not need to wear a tie.

SUNSCREEN

If and when the warm sunshine arrives, please put sunscreen on your child before they come to school

Football Club on Tuesdays - Children should have a pair of trainers to wear for football club please. Football boots/studs are not permitted.

Please check the finishing times of school clubs and collect your child promptly as Owls is often full and unable to take additional children waiting to be collected – Many thanks.