



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 3rd October 2014

Dear Parents

On Friday we all enjoyed the Class Assembly performed by Venus. Talent was in evidence everywhere as we watched some fabulous choreography to 'Singing in the Rain', heard a wonderful song about a lonely little petunia in the onion patch featuring the amazing vocal talents of Poppy L and saw some fine acting by these clever Year 2 children. There were some wonderful sentiments expressed as we at school were compared to the growing crops and just like them, with a bit of nourishment, care and love, we too will flourish and become the best that we can be. Thank you Venus for such an enjoyable assembly and special thanks to Mrs Russell for such a terrific production.

From next week Year 2 children who play the piano will be delighting us with some live performances during the term. Watch this space to see who will be getting the first certificate for playing in front of the whole school.

On Wednesday we voted for class representatives for the School Council.

Congratulations to Poppy L (Venus) Lucas C (Mercury) Rocco S (Saturn) and Ned S (Jupiter) who will be enjoying a year on the Council making changes and discussing important ways to make St Christopher's even better.

On Thursday our lovely Bursar Mrs Gordon presented an assembly about Rosh Hashannah, the Jewish New Year. This interactive assembly was most enjoyable with a beautifully narrated story, apples and honey to represent a sweet new year and a chance to hear a real shofar. If you are not sure what a shofar is ask your child about it. We all enjoyed this assembly and learnt so much about this important festival. Do see the photos on the website.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Claudia M in Jupiter for always taking time to return to the serving hatch to thank the team for her delicious lunch. Bravo Claudia!

*Congratulations to **Dahl** house who have overtaken **Ahlberg** and shot to the top of the board with a splendid **586** housepoints.*

This Week's Merit Awards

Felix A, Alexander S, Joseph C, Isla M,
Oliver Q, Sachin W, Robyn C, Jack D,
Eden H, Rory P

Philosopher of the Week
Sophie P

Thought for the Week
Why do people fight?

Work of the Week

Who has joined the aliens in Space?

In Saturn Class we have been designing moving pictures as part of our Design and Technology project. We used a sliding mechanism to make Oliver appear and disappear in his space alien picture.



Foundation Stage News

WOW the Reception children are super-fast at changing for PE. Maybe it is because they are Superheroes? They have all made super capes. This week they have been learning about what they need to do to be a super healthy hero. They love the book 'The Avocado Baby' by John Burningham. The children thought hard when deciding what healthy food they would put on their paper plates.

The children found out about how exercise keeps us healthy during their maths lessons. They had fun doing different actions like star jumps, discovering how many they could do in one minute which helped them to learn about time too. Then



they had to try writing the numbers to record their scores. With some help from their teachers the children talked about superlatives and alliterative words for food like; tremendous toast, fantastic food and brilliant broccoli.

To finish the week the Reception children have enjoyed a tasty maths activity making repeating patterns with fruit for delightfully delicious fruit kebabs.

In Nursery we have enjoyed looking at food too but we used our vegetables and fruit to print repeating patterns and pictures on plates. We have continued our 'All About Me' theme and we have made our own small world with the trains, dolls houses and cars. The children have demonstrated some super 'writing' as



they wrote train and car park tickets as well as lovely shopping lists.

In the kitchen we have had great fun decorating biscuits to make faces using vegetables then we used pasta or drew a body for the head. To help tidy up the children ate their biscuits at the snack table! We found that the children have enjoyed measuring themselves against our vertical letter chart so we have decided to put up a height chart. They are all very interested in checking to see how tall they are they have decided that our focus next week will be all about growing and change. Our focus book will be 'Alfie's Feet' by Shirley Hughes.

In the garden we have noticed even though the weather is still warm autumn is coming. The beech nuts keep falling on us and the vegetables have finished growing so we decided to use what we find in the garden to create pictures and patterns with our own ephemeral art. We have also been exercising our muscles and coordinating our bodies as we climb, balance and play.

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY



TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER at 10am
HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH
All parents and carers welcome to attend
Please bring your gifts into school on Monday.
All and any donations received with gratitude.

Suggested class donations:

Mercury: UHT milk / 250g or 350g cereal packs

Venus: 1 small jar of coffee / 500g pack of sugar

Nursery: 1 tin meat / 1 tin fish

Neptune: 1 tin rice pudding / 1 tin fruit

Jupiter: 1 packet biscuits / 1 small box tea bags

Saturn: Pasta sauce (Jars or packets) / 500g pack of rice

Mars: Tin of custard / tinned sponge pudding

WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER – PUPIL PHOTOS

Individual photographs and sibling groups are being taken by Lawrence Photography. Please ensure your child has tidy hair and is wearing smart, clean WINTER uniform.

THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER – YEAR 2 VISIT TO PORTSMOUTH

NO SEWING CLUB ON 9th OCTOBER

FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER: JUPITER CLASS ASSEMBLY AT 9AM

FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER: Year 2 to Downsend for Spanish afternoon

Just for fun – Christmas Card Competition

The Rt Hon Chris Grayling, MP for Epsom & Ewell, has again asked for our help to design his official Christmas for 2014.



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All entries should be submitted on A4 paper in felt-tip pen. For reproduction purposes, please avoid using glitter or sticking anything onto your picture.

Please ensure your entry is returned to school by WEDNESDAY 15th OCTOBER.

The winner will visit the House of Commons and receive a trophy. Good luck!