



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Parents

Last Thursday we welcomed Western Green for a fabulous Sports afternoon with Year 2. The children had a wonderful time participating in a circuit of track and field events, such as javelin, long jump and hurdles. Our children enjoyed meeting their pen friends they had written to earlier in the term and receiving their written responses back. They enjoyed a milkshake and flapjack together to finish off a brilliant afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Sarah Pryor for organising this collaborative event.

On Monday afternoon our Year 2 children impressed again by singing beautifully to some of the residents of Linden House, a local care home to elderly residents. They had many tapping along and some even joining in with some of the singing. Our children were particularly fascinated with one lady called Joy who talked to the children about her memories of being at school and finding out if their names were being used when she was a little girl. Well done to all of Year 2 who behaved brilliantly and managed to walk very sensibly in the pouring rain!

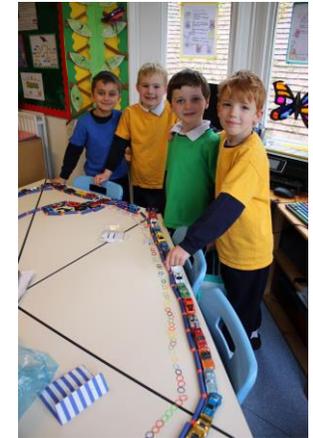
As many of you are already aware, St Christopher's is celebrating its 80th year this year. To continue with our birthday celebrations we had our Maths themed 80s day on Wednesday which was a resounding success. Our day began with the children from Reception to Year 2 bringing 80 objects into school. We had a huge variety including sweets, marbles, crayons, teabags, pasta, hama beads, stickers, pennies and pegs! Over the day the children counted their objects in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s, they ordered and compared the size of their '80' and Mrs Garrod's class did some clever addition and calculated that their class total of objects was 1200! One of our St Christopher's traditions is to have a junk modelling House Challenge and this time the theme was to design and build what St Christopher's would look like in 80 years' time! The children were very creative and imaginative which resulted in some impressive models. Mr Bennett then had the tricky task of judging. After much deliberation he chose Dahl House, and particularly liked their car parking pod for flying cars and the brain boosting smoothie café! They were awarded a huge 50 House Points for their success. Congratulations to **Dahl** for earning the most Housepoints during the week bringing their total to **409!**

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Alexander L, Elliza M, Joshua C, Amelia L, Annabel v, James W, Emma S, Zoe M and Elodie B.

Event of the Week
80s House Day
Some wonderful images of our super day



Happy 80th Birthday
St Christopher's!



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have been celebrating St Christopher's 80th Birthday this week with our House Number Day. The nursery joined the rest of the school in this event by becoming part of an enormous number 80 on the field. We also joined our house friends to create St Christopher's School in 80 years time by planning and building using junk modelling. In the nursery we tried a range of different number activities, including using tweezers to pick up 5 raisins on the snack table. We have been making number biscuits, making play dough numbers, ordering numbers to ten on a washing line, number puzzles, dice building, counting popcorn and a strawberry counting game to name a few. For our Wow activity, we did some observational science. We wanted to see what would happen to raisins if we put them in lemonade. We all made predictions about what would happen and then talked about what we observed. There were some lovely observations from the children. Budding scientists I think! REMINDER: Uncertain weather as always so please ensure that waterproof coat and trousers are in your child's bag every day. Please return any spare clothes that we have lent you - supplies are low! Remember to check your Tapestry account for any notes from the nursery. It is the quickest and most efficient way for us to inform you of nursery news or changes. Thank you



Reception News

This week the Reception children had great fun being cooks, making Gingerbread Skeletons. Learning how to roll the dough and squeeze the icing required skill and concentration. We loved the skeletons so much we wrote the recipe to make some more. The children remembered all seven ingredients, words like sugar and bicarbonate are tricky to write but the children had a good try using their phonics. Then they made sure that they could sequence making the gingerbread skeletons using four pictures and their own writing. We often talk about sharing in school and this week we started learning about sharing things in maths. We tried sharing out the skeletons into 2 and then 3 different houses so each house had the same number of skeletons. Can your child try sharing at home - maybe fruit, sweets or toys. We had great fun on Wednesday counting our 80 objects. Some of us found we could count in 2's to check we had the right number. **The Foundation Team**



DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 7TH MAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 9th May 9am – Grandparents Morning (Ahlberg and Dahl)

Thursday 10th May 9am – Grandparents Morning (Donaldson and Kemp)

Friday 11th May – No Percussion Club

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Nursery and Pre-Reception Summer Performances –

Wednesday 16th May 9am – Ahlberg and Dahl parents

Thursday 17th May 9am – Donaldson and Kemp parents – *An email has gone to all parents regarding the allocation of tickets.*

FRIDAY 18TH MAY 9.15 – 11AM OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS – *Please let any family or friends know about this event.*

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING CLUB INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY – NO ART CLUB OR YOGA CLUB

This term's PTA Second Hand Uniform sales will take place on Wednesday 6th June, 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.15pm

Our wonderful PTA who run our Second Hand Uniform Sales are looking for volunteers to help run this highly valued service to parents. Please contact the school office if you feel you could help in any way. Many thanks.



TERRIFIC TORTOISES

This week's Terrific Tortoises are: Emma S, Maxwell d, Scarlett S, Fraser W, Ebba R, Saraya J, Max T, Eliza B, Noah B, Bailey T and Beatrix B.

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

