Dear Parents

On Friday we arrived in to school to find an extraordinary and possibly extraterrestrial unidentified flying object on the field. The children immediately began to take note of the flashing lights, smoke and sounds that they could see and marvelled at the damage caused by this spacecraft crashing down on to earth. As the morning progressed each class examined the object with even greater care pondering on the theories of its origin and devising some wonderful creative stories which finished our Space Week off in style. Never a dull day at St Christopher’s School! See below and the website for more pictures.

In Assembly on Friday our two School Council Chairs Emily L and Gabriel K gave a speech to the excited gathering about the role of the School Council. Their clear and informative speeches impressed us all and they then announced the new Council Members who had been voted for by their class and awarded each child their special School Council badge. See photo p4.

On Wednesday Year 2 set off to learn about democracy at the Town Hall where they enjoyed tea with the Mayor Councillor John Beckett and then took part in some Council business and learnt to debate. The children were fascinated by the Mayor’s robes and mace and following a history lesson about the role of the Mayor (and mace) the children were allowed to wear white gloves and hold the mace. Do see Twitter @StChrisEpsom for really super pictures.

This week Librarian Mrs Thum chose books connected with castles as the Library Raffle theme and asked Matilda G, Samuel V, Amelia L, Dylan C Christopher B and Charlie S to run the raffle themselves. Well done team.

We were delighted to hear about the PTA’s new social initiative for a Cheese and Wine Evening on Thursday. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team thinking up new and exciting ideas. This delicious evening with live music was made possible by the hard working PTA with thanks to the considerable piano skills of parent Mr Adam Assen to who we extend a special thank you.

Congratulations to Rory F for being nominated as this week’s Lunchtime Superstar for his ready smile and enthusiastic dining skills.

Congratulations to Donaldson for winning this week’s Housepoint challenge with the splendid total of 739 Housepoints.

This week’s Merit Awards


The UFO that mysteriously appeared on the field on Friday.
Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have had great fun in Nursery this week. Our focus book has been 'Titch'; he is a little boy with a sister who is a bit bigger than him and a brother who is a lot bigger than him. Titch notices that all of his things are smaller than things belonging to his brother and sister until one day he plants a tiny seed that grows and grows and grows! The children have been learning about measuring and comparing the heights and lengths of different objects including Mrs Fisher's arms and legs! The children have enjoyed using a range of resources to measure including sticks, snakes, cubes and measuring tapes. We have also been getting wet at the water tray trying to fill different size containers using jugs, tubs and syringes. The children have been telling us when their containers are full, empty, half full or nearly full. In our outside area this week we have been working on our physical development; the children have been completing a range of obstacle course challenges including balancing on a bench, using our core strength to balance on the hedgehog rocks and following directions using positional language. Hand made Banana Milkshakes have been our speciality in the Nursery kitchen this week. The children have been chopping and weighing the fruit and then adding the milk to the blender. It makes a very loud noise when it chops and mixes but the milkshake tastes delicious!

RECEPTION

What a fun week we have had in Reception this week! We have been learning all about King Henry VIII and writing sentences about what sort of king he was. The children came up with a whole range of exciting adjectives to describe him. We have also been learning about Queen Elizabeth I and compared her to King Henry VIII. In maths we have been using Numicon to practically add two amounts together and have been using careful counting to count accurately. The children worked together to 'Mambo' around the classroom and work as a team to add two amounts together. What fun! We have also been practising writing our numbers. In PSHE we read 'Princess Smartypants' and we discussed how it makes us feel when people are being bossy. For art this week we have been threading wooden dragons. First the children painted them and then they selected coloured laces to thread carefully through the holes. This helps to support their fine motor development. We are also starting to get excited about our Harvest Festival next week and each class have been learning their very own poem to perform.

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 8th October – Reception Trip to Painshill Park.
Wednesday 9th October – Lawrence Photography in school to take individual portraits of all the children – Please send children to school in smart uniform.
Friday 11th 9am – MERCURY Class Assembly – All Mercury parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

EMU AWARDS - Environment Matters to Us:
This week's EMU Awards go to: Harry L and Sophie R.

PLAYGROUND PANTHERS
This week's playground panthers: Nereya P, Nancy H, Evelyn W, Conall R, Jemima H.

Mathletics: Congratulations to the following Year 2 children for achieving their Bronze Awards:
Also Harry S, Zahra M, Scarlett C, Gabriella L and Rosie T in Year 1.

Spotty Box awards:
Miss Kate Rendall for her amazing Tough Mudder Challenge success
Thomas S for his Silver Medal won in the Chobham Rugby Festival
Luca K for his Stanley 3 Swimming Award
Nyah K for her Stanley 3 Swimming Award
Bailey T for the Student of the Week Stagecoach certificate
Amelie M for gaining Honours in her Disco Freestyle dance exam
Thomas M for his Star of the Day Sports Certificate

The School Council 2019
Emily L and Gabriel K Joint Chair of The School Council who awarded badges to new members: Lucy A, Christopher B, Ella D and Remy O.

PLEASE NOTE: No cars should be parked in Bridleway off Downs Road as it is a private road.