



# St Christopher's School

## Weekly News

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Dear Parents

The eggscitement is mounting surrounding the incubator and sounds of tiny chirping on Thursday morning heralded the arrival of two tiny black fluffy chicks! Every day there is an eggstrodinary interest in the progress from pupils and parents alike. The first House chick to hatch was an egg representative egg for the Support Staff Team and the second chick was from Dahl House.

We are delighted to announce this term's initiative: The Helpful Hedgehogs which have been enthusiastically welcomed by our eager children. The first children to be honoured for their exceptional help are Daisy G, Rowan W and Destiny M.

On Wednesday we were thrilled to welcome parents into school to see our third Music Assembly of the year. As well as some outstanding contributions from our orchestra and violinists we were thrilled to include the Recorder Club, individual pianists and the Handbells Club. We all clapped especially loudly for young Dara O from Reception who made his debut playing a 'String Concerto' on his cello. We all enjoyed this wonderful assembly and marvelled at the talent and confidence evident in such young performers. Special thanks to Mrs Helen Mulhern.

We were delighted to welcome Mr and Mrs Park to talk to us about their professional lives being members of our wonderful British Police Force. We are so grateful to them for their wonderful and detailed talk and their patience with all the interesting questions. They managed to secure a real police car visit too and this was another highlight in the packed morning.

Congratulations to Poppy L for achieving her Gold Star Times Table Award this week. She confidently answered quick-fire times tables questions together with a range of problem solving tasks as well as being certified by her teacher as someone who uses and applies her knowledge accurately too. Well done Poppy.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Cameron M for trying an even bigger array of different foods offered by Mrs Stubbs and her team at lunchtime.

Congratulations to **Dahl House** for achieving first place in this first week back after half term with an impressive total of **528** housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Award  
Mr and Mrs M and Chessington Garden Centre

For the beautiful St Christopher's roses  
Thank you so much



## Event of the Week



Jessica and Sara having their fingerprints taken



Ayrton and Athena enjoying trying on a selection of uniform



The children being shown a stinger after they had climbed into the car



PC Amin radioing for assistance

### Foundation Stage News

The Reception staff were very impressed with the research that the children did over the holidays. The children shared their findings with their friends and teachers. They had found out about a vast range of vehicles and presented their information in lots of different ways. In preparation for the traffic survey they will be conducting, the children have been learning how to make a tally chart. They made a tally to help them count all the small world vehicles in the classroom, some of the children even managed to count in 5s to find the total.



The children have been traffic engineers making road mats card adding the features such as road markings, buildings, lights and roundabouts. It was great fun to use toy cars and to try out the roads. The children had fun comparing the patterns made by tyre tracks as they drove toy cars through the role play area the children have been busy mechanics their hand made 'cars' (boxes) using tools, torches and measuring equipment.



on large traffic people size and paint. In repairing

Our focus book in Nursery has been 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. Can your child remember where the little egg came from or how many fruits the caterpillar ate altogether? We have asked questions like 'Do we think all of the foods the caterpillar eats are good for us?' and 'The next day was .....'

We have been doing lots of number and counting activities including recognising the number and putting the correct number of fruit into our bowl. Some children are learning how to count two groups of fruits to find out how many altogether. In the art room we have been rolling clay into balls and then fixing them together to make caterpillars and we are also exploring how colours can be mixed and used to make beautiful butterflies.



Look how the chefs in the kitchen made the dough green and then rolled balls to make the tastiest green 'bread caterpillars' you have ever tried.

There have been some butterflies fluttering outside as the children found their wings (scarves) and flew around the garden. We have also been very quiet, careful scientists as the children use their magnifying glasses to hunt in the garden. We have seen slugs, woodlice and spiders

and we wondered if it is best to look out for butterflies when it rains or when the sun shines. The wonderful British weather may not always be in keeping with the seasons please note weather forecasts we go out in all weathers and your children need clothing to suit. It was too cold for some children to go outside early in the week as they did not have coats. Please also make sure your child has a sunhat in school each day these can be purchased from the school office.

**The Foundation Team**

### DIARY DATES

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Reception visit to Brooklands Museum, Weybridge

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

GOLDEN BOOT CHALLENGE DAY  
(Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 Residential Visit to Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre,  
Mickleham, nr Dorking

FATHERS' DAY EVENT – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

9am – 10.30am: Details to follow

### SUMMER PERFORMANCES

**This year we will be allocating audience tickets for the summer performances according to your child's House: 2 tickets per child plus one ticket per sibling.**

**If you cannot attend on your given day, please try and swap with friends before contacting the office.**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9.15am – AHLBERG HOUSE**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am – DAHL HOUSE**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am – DONALDSON HOUSE**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am – MORPURGO HOUSE**

**Lower Nursery Children are welcome to participate in every performance and should be collected afterwards on days they do not usually attend Nursery.**