



# St Christopher's School

## Weekly News

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### Dear Parents

May I begin with a section written by our guest Headmaster Mr C C written during his term of office on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

"I shook people's hands as they came to school wearing my jacket and some nice trousers. Some people said they liked my bow tie. I came upstairs to my office helped by Mrs Thackray my assistant. I read the book to everybody in assembly and I gave out stickers and special awards to William and Stan. I let Neptune go first to leave assembly because they were not talking then Venus went next then Mars. I chose the lunch of spaghetti bolognaise and ice cream and I chose Joshua to sit next to me. On our table I had flowers and stickers and Mr C, Headmaster card (see photo on p4). At the end of the day I will shake hands with everyone. My favourite part was sitting next to Joshua at dinner time." Mr Caiden C (5 years old). As you read this Year 2 will be at the annual residential in Juniper Hall at the foot of Box Hill enjoying the beautiful countryside and sun (or rain!). More about this exciting adventure next week.

Respect is the focus this week and we are enjoying reading all the wonderful examples from home too. Keep them coming in.

All the teachers were asked to nominate children who had demonstrated outstanding examples of awareness and William S in Mercury was the unanimous choice. He demonstrates this quality during the whole day and during after school sessions. William is therefore the STAR of the week. Bravo William!

We have our first Gold Star Times Tables Badge winner this week! A Gold Star is awarded for consistent and correct application of all the times tables in daily work followed by some sophisticated problem solving challenges with Mrs Thackray so many congratulations are due to Alexander W for achieving this on Monday. Well done to Megan J and Raadhika W for securing their Silver Stars and to Nell E, Savannah W and Yasmin V for winning Bronze Stars. What a clever lot!

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Jack B for making Mrs Stubbs's day very special by being so very kind. Well done Jack.

Leaping to the top of the Housepoint Board this week is **Ahlberg House** with a splendid total of 461 housepoints. Many congratulations to them.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### This Week's Merit Awards

Charlie S, Teddy C, James S, George F, Oliver Q, Destiny M.

STAR (School Target Achieved Reward) - Awareness Week

William S

Philosopher of the Week

Stan W

Thought for the Week

Was history better than now?

## Work of the Week – Saturn Class

In preparation for the school's Summer production, Saturn Class have been learning about the Wright Brothers' first flight.

Mathilda K managed to crack the code which told her that the first flight took place at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, USA.

Wilbur and Orville wanted to test their glider in a windy place. Have some fun with math and words to find where they made their first flight. First, solve the addition problems.

7	2	8	3	5	3
+3	+1	+9	+3	+4	+1
10	3	17	6	9	4
C	A	K	R	W	I
5	4	8	3	4	6
+6	+8	+8	+2	+3	+7
11	12	16	5	7	13
L	Y	O	N	T	H

The sums of the addition are code numbers for the letters below them. In the spaces below, write the correct letter above each code number.

K E T T Y    H A W K  
17 4 7 7 12    13 3 9 17

N O R T H    C A R O L I N A  
5 16 6 7 13    10 3 6 16 11 4 5 3

## Foundation Stage News

This week the nursery children had a letter from Bob the Builder; he has been very busy building in Epsom and he has asked us to help. We have learnt how cement is used to fix the bricks and that bricks are very heavy and must be used carefully to make strong buildings. In the role play area we have been drawing plans for our buildings and making lists of the materials and tools we need.

In the art room the children have been printing repeating patterns using rectangles and squares to make walls. The children have also loved using construction kits to make their own diggers and cranes to help with the work.



It is great fun to use shaving foam to explore and discover a new texture and how it moves, moulds and sticks to our fingers. Of course the children are not aware that all this fun and mess is helping to develop their fine motor skills ready for writing.

The kitchen has been a hive of industry this week but we have not been eating the food. We have been rolling, cutting and painting salt dough to make pretend food because next week we will be setting up a café for all our hungry builders.

In Reception this week the children have had great fun dressing up as police officers in the role play area. They wrote speech bubbles for the police with important commands such as “Hands up, are you stopping here? I am arresting you!” and “I need back up. Can you send two police cars?” The children are learning to use speech marks in their writing too, how grown up!

In maths the children have been learning about the properties of shapes; the number of corners, straight and curved sides. They have made shapes using string, shaving foam and sand.

It has been the turn of the Reception children to learn how to draw a self-portrait. They watched a video, looked closely at faces and then used art pencils to draw themselves. We have had fun.

The children have surprised their teachers with all their knowledge about the world. They have looked at Google Earth and studied lots of maps and talked about where Epsom is in England and in relation to the world.

*The Foundation Team*

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June: LAST FOOTBALL CLUB THIS TERM

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Reception visit to Royal Observatory, Greenwich

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 visit to Littlehampton



*PTA raffle prize winner Caiden C who won our Headteacher for the Day award*

## OWLS & LARKS – AUTUMN TERM

Booking forms for the Autumn Term are now available from the Porch, Office and can be downloaded from the Parents Area of our website. Please note the change in booking conditions for OWLS.

## SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

**Please collect and bring in your vouchers – there is a Token Box under the Porch. It is tremendously worthwhile; in the past couple of years we have exchanged your donated vouchers for some wonderful sports equipment for the children: volleyball kits, tennis sets, javelin/discus/shot put equipment, basketball posts, cricket sets, fun apparatus for Sports Day etc. Thank you to Mrs Krnic for organising again this year.**



