



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parents

It has felt a little bit like Noah's Ark here as animals have gracefully appeared in Nursery during the week to support this week's theme 'My Pet'. Thank you to all the parents who have brought a pet along to share.

On Friday we all enjoyed Saturn Class's Assembly all about clothes with the theme that 'clothes have feelings too'. This delightful assembly gave a voice to clothes that are scattered on the floor rather than hung up with care and we all laughed at the entertaining items of clothing such as the gloomy vest who is still waiting to see some sunshine! Saturn children acted with confidence and energy and we were very impressed with their wonderful performance. Special thanks to Mrs Lizzie Russell for the direction and entertaining script.

On Wednesday the School Council Captains introduced the ideas for the School Council this year. Yin-Lily and Nathan spoke effectively in assembly about their role before awarding badges to and welcoming the new recruits voted for by each class. Congratulations to Dilly C and Elodie B representing their Year 1 form and to Lily C and Jasmine C who were also voted for in a secret ballot by their Year 2 classes. They will join Jessica H and Satvika R who will continue to represent the lower classes until our new Reception are ready to join in January.

This week saw the welcome return of the famous Library Raffle. Mrs Serrano had chosen a particularly exciting set of books and Librarians Frederick K and Lily C picked the lucky names out of the hat belonging to 'The Cat in the Hat'. Thank you all for your wonderful support for our Harvest Festival. Every year we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents and the charity Lunch Box were delighted to have such an impressive addition to their Food Bank which will help the many families in crisis that they are currently working with.

A special well done to all the children who have worked so hard learning their poems and songs for this special occasion. We were particularly proud of Year 2 for narrating the entire performance with great style. Well done children.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Nicholas Z for such an improvement in the selection of food that he enjoys particularly the fish! Well done Nicholas.

*Congratulations to all the children in **Donaldson** House for leading this week's housepoint challenge! They are now at the top of the leader board with a total of **525** Housepoints.*

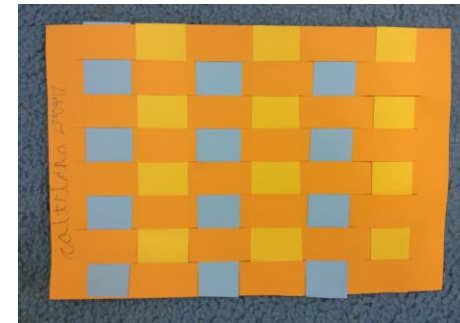
Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Weeks Merit Awards

Annie R, Xander L, Carlos D, Scarlett S, Nathan J, Henrietta L, Daisy M, Ethan L, Fenton F, Zoe M, Elodie B, Samuel V and Lucy A.

Work of the Week

In conjunction with our topic about clothes, Jupiter Class have been looking closely at how materials are made by weaving. They have been using their fine motor skills to create individual designs. Here is an example created by Caitriona. We are also using a large wooden loom to produce our own woven piece of work. Maya and Millar have started us off.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Happy birthday to Beatrix this week, she made lovely chocolate cup cakes for us all with her friends in the kitchen. Our theme this week has been 'Our Pet' and we have been reading Dear Zoo and Mog at the V-e-t. Talking of pets, we have been lucky enough to have some little furry visitors to nursery. Toby's nanny bought in her dog 'Ben' and the children were able to stroke him and describe how he feels. We met Timmy, the very large Ragdoll cat, belonging to Ella and her family. He was very well behaved and let all the children stroke him, so very patiently! Felice's dog and Beatrix's puppies all made an appearance, rounding off our pet week with style. The children have been investigating weight using our balance scales, they have been weighing the vegetables that were buried in our digging patch and seeing which vegetables were heavy and which ones were light. We have all become authors this week, where we have been writing our own version of the famous books 'That's not my ...' We have been choosing different materials to stick on our pet and thinking of good adjectives to describe them. As well as tasty cup cakes, the children have been making their own bread. They have been learning all about yeast and how it makes the bread rise. Thank you all for coming to our Harvest Festival and the help you gave us to walk down. We are very proud of our children and hope you enjoyed their performance.



Reception News



This week we have been thinking about harvest and have enjoyed practising our songs and poem for the Harvest Festival. We shared the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and we did a circle time on 'caring is sharing' and how it is important to share and help each other. Harvest is a time when the farmers are very busy collecting their crops. We discussed how wheat is turned into flour and made some delicious hedgehog bread rolls which we took home to eat. We took a photograph of their fantastic rolls to inspire the children to write. Mrs Thackray wanted to know how we made our bread so we wrote her a list of the ingredients we used in our 'Ready for Writing' books. We have been very impressed with the progress of the children's writing in such a small amount of time. We popped over to nursery for an afternoon of fun where we had a great time on the bikes, digging, building and playing with the trains. We also took our harvest learning outside where we were being farmers and sowing the correct amount of seeds into the numbered fields. We hope you enjoyed the Harvest Festival at the church and join us in being very proud of all the children.

The Foundation Stage Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 10th October – Year 2 trip to Hampton Court.
Wednesday 11th October – 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.45pm
2nd Hand Uniform Sales.

Please leave any unwanted uniform at the office clearly labelled.

Wednesday 11th October – Stars Parent/Teacher Appointments.

Thursday 12th October 9am – PRE-RECEPTION Class Assembly – *All parents welcome.*

Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am.

Friday 13th October – Individual pupil portraits – *Please ensure that your child is dressed smartly in full winter uniform.*

Friday 13th October – PTA Treat Day and Children's Discos – Details sent out from the PTA.



PLEASE REMEMBER - TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 8.30AM – PARENT FORUM.

Please send any questions to the school office (office@st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk) or directly to Mr Field (NField@winkworth.co.uk) by Monday 9th October.

HALF TERM – MONDAY 16TH – FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Congratulations to this week's Respectful Rabbits: Niamh H, James B, Joshua C, Zoe M, Saraya J, Ethan L and Max D.



Mathletics: Congratulations to Henry Morton on achieving his Silver award. Thomas M, Luke M, Scarlett S, Arabella B, Max T, Annabelle S, Maxwell D and Millar W have all gained their Bronze awards, many congratulations to them all.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Year 2 – Jasmine and Lily C

Year 1 – Dylan C, Elodie B, Satvika R and Jessica H

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