



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Dear Parents

Well, potentially we have a new government in operation following the General Election yesterday and here at St Christopher's we congratulate Prime Minister M from Mercury who was elected fairly by voting in assembly on Thursday morning. Patrick was chosen from 6 candidates on a mandate to give more money to charity. Well done to both candidates and voters alike.

We had our own democratic gathering at the Parents' Forum this week and were once again indebted to our families for some well worded questions that were aired and discussed with our 'select committee' otherwise known as parents who voluntarily turned up. Thank you for both posing questions and being part of the debate. We all found it very valuable. A feedback sheet will be sent out shortly. The school has been an especially nice place to walk around this term with 'Door Mice' showing great sensitivity and respect. Thank you and well done to Isla M and a host of very polite boys, Zac P, Dean A, Jack D, Tommy C and Rory B.

Super mathematicians are everywhere and the Athletics challenges keep resulting in a crop of certificates each week. Well done to Dean A for earning his Gold Certificate and to Caia H and Milo H for being awarded their Silver Certificates this week.

The Silver Star Times Table Awards were also in demand. Well done to Rowan N, Patrick M, Sara D and Sophie P for success with quick fire multiplication questions.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Leo R for being a cheerful, enthusiastic diner quick to thank Mrs Stubbs for a delicious lunch. Bravo Leo.

In Philosophy the children are working really hard to develop their skills at collaboration with great effect. You will notice during the last few weeks the Philosopher of the Week has been a team. This is because the children work together to share their ideas and mould them into the perfect question.

Congratulations to Ahlberg House for once again reaching the top of the leader board with a splendid total of 237 housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Isla M, Sara D, Sachin W, Roco S, Savannah G, Felix A, Lenny S, Freya M, Benji S, Zac P and Charlie S.

Philosophers of the week

Patrick M, Ava S, Cameron M and Destiny M

Thought for the week

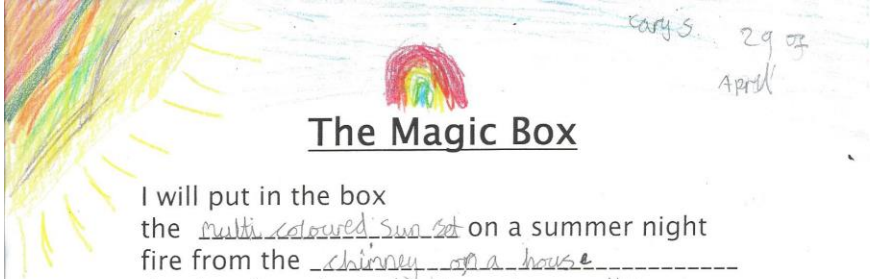
Can you help it if you are naughty?

Work of the Week

The Work of the Week is from Venus Class. Year 2 are looking at poetry and beautiful, lyrical language. Carys F thought of some marvellous descriptions for this piece of creative writing.

Well done Carys, what an imagination!

Carys 29 of April



## The Magic Box

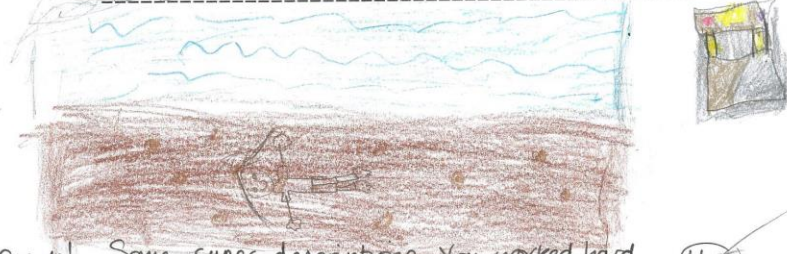
I will put in the box  
the multi coloured sunset on a summer night  
fire from the chimney of a house  
the tip of a finger touching the wall

I will put in the box  
A bright star with a smile on its face ✓  
a sip of the bluest water from a bubbling fountain  
a leaping spark from the glowing sun shining ✓

I will put in the box  
three whispers spoken in Welsh ✓  
the last voice of a great grandeur  
and the first smile of me when I was little ✓

My box is made from gold and silver  
with crystal and stars on the lid  
and wishes in the corners  
Its hinges are a birds beak opening and closing ✓

I shall lie down in my box  
On the soft silky sand  
Then I will walk here while watching the golden stars ✓



Great! Some super descriptions. You worked hard. (HP)

## Foundation Stage News

The Nursery children have been very busy in the role-play castle, although we seem to have a lot of princesses and knights and not many butlers, maids and cooks! We had fun exploring and talking about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and blocks as well as moving shapes on the 'Smart Board' to make pictures of splendid castles. We have been playing a maths game climbing up a numbered ladder before the 'Baddy' could get us. The children were learning to recognise numbers and some children were also learning to roll the dice and how to add 1,2 or 3 more to the number they had landed on.



In the Art Room the children have continued to paint some of the people they might be if they lived in a castle.

We also have great fun using boxes, paper and glue at the making table and gloopy, slimy soapy sand.

Our books this week are very popular they are all about a Princess who shouted 'I want my Potty' and 'I want the Light on' by Tony Ross. The children have also enjoyed the rhymes 'The Grand Old Duke of York' and 'Sing a song of sixpence'.

In Reception the children discussed what else they would like to learn for their topic 'We like to move it' so this week they focussed on insects. They loved the story 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. The maths focus was all about directions and positional language. The children added directions to the maps they had drawn and then they used small world people to follow the directions on the map to check their directions worked. The children also used ladybird patterns to reinforce their learning about doubling, symmetry and addition.

This week the children were very clever sorting and comparing bugs and animals looking at similarities and differences all by themselves. They used the skills they learnt last week when they were looking closely and comparing themselves with their friends.

Inspired by the book 'The very busy spider' by Eric Carle the children have been on a fact finding mission investigating lots of insects and spiders. Their literacy activity this week was to write information about the bugs.

Next week we will be thinking about 'If we were cows, sheep, chickens and ducks'. We will learn about farms and the animals through the books 'Farmer Duck', 'Fergus the Farm Dog', 'Rosie's Walk' and lots of others. Please remember your child needs Wellington boots AND their shoes for the farm trip on Wednesday.

**The Foundation Stage Team**



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Upper Nursery & Reception visit to Ladyland Farm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May: 9.15 – 11am

OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Please let your neighbours and friends know.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Year 2 Good Digital Citizen Award Assembly at 9am

Parents are welcome to attend

## PTA DISCOS ON FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY

**3.15 – 4.15pm NURSERY & RECEPTION AND 4.30 – 5.30pm YEARS 1 AND 2**

**Advanced ticket fee £4 (£5 on the door)**

**Please complete and return booking forms to PTA box by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

### ***Back Door Porch Bench***



***Please remind your child that, after shaking hands at the end of the day, if your child can not see you, they must sit and stay under the porch on the bench as asked by Mrs Thackray until you appear.***

***Some children get off the bench to talk to their friends while they are waiting and this does not help us to identify those who need to return into school to wait for late collection.***

### **Waterproofs – Reminder**

Despite the showery weather this week, we have been surprised how many children have not had their waterproofs.

Please ensure your child has their waterproof coat in school, otherwise they may have to sit under the porch during playtimes.



### **Reception Football Club**

The football coach will be running 4 sessions for Reception children after half-term on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, for £32. If your child would like to participate, please let the office know.

***Congratulations to Caia H who at the tender age of 6 performed with her violin in the Reigate and Redhill Music Festival and won a Merit Star Certificate for her terrific performance.***

