



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 9th May 2014

Dear Parents

We all enjoyed the sunshine and fun on Bank Holiday Monday and the children have been full of news about the exciting outdoor activities that you have all been enjoying at home.

On Wednesday Year 1 visited the Recreation Park as part of their lesson on Design and Technology. They have been thinking about how each piece of equipment is designed in addition to looking at the shape and structure. After all of this technical work the children put the equipment to the test by trying it out. The testers reported back favourably; "My favourite piece of equipment was the big swing because I swung so high using my legs" reported Destiny the junior technician from Jupiter Class.

TARGET term begins next week with a focus on being **THOUGHTFUL**. All staff have stickers that can be awarded for clear demonstrations of this important quality. The board under the porch will be ready to receive any nominations from home to celebrate examples of thoughtfulness in evidence!

Thank you to all families currently using the scooter park. Please do try, as the weather brightens, to use this environmentally friendly initiative.

On Tuesday 20th May from 2pm till 3pm we will be holding an afternoon meeting to discuss reading at St Christopher's with a focus on explaining in greater detail the philosophy behind our reading scheme. Please do come along and join us as we share a greater understanding of how reading is taught at St Christopher's and hear about the exciting developments taking place.

Congratulations to Lara K for earning her Silver Star Times Tables award this week with a faultless performance.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Aden L nominated personally by Mrs Culligan for helping her so cleverly at break time with serving the water. What a super accolade Aden, well done!

Congratulations to **Rowling** House for earning the greatest number of 184 housepoints for the first week of the term

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Thomas M, Claudia M, Matthew S, Cameron M, Amelie P, Will H, Max G, Sophia D,
Lara K, Raadhika W, Yasmin V, Luke S.

Philosopher of the Week

Ellie B

Thought for the Week

Is it important to be rich?

Work of the Week

In Year 2 we love writing stories. In Mercury we have been developing our literacy skills. We have been learning how to move from one setting into another. Georgina W demonstrated this beautifully with her excellent Magic Moment story.

let
Magic Moment

It was quite an ordinary day just right for playing hide and seek! I was hiding in the cupboard. I felt back behind me but there nothing there!

Suddenly there a flash of sparkle and I got sucked into a vortex it was all the colours of the rainbow. It all seemed very strange I heard a crackling noise! The vortex settled and I saw the other side.

I felt dizzy. I looked all around it looked as if I was in Antarctica!
"I can't believe it!" I said.

Foundation Stage News

Welcome to the new term and to all our new children. They are all settling into the Nursery very well, how grown up!

We are very excited this term to learn about lots of different people in our topic 'The World and Me'.

The Reception children are learning about the post office and what happens to a letter when it is posted. They watched a video showing the whole process. The children all wrote letters to their friends and posted them, and then visited Epsom Sorting Office to find out what happens to the letters next. They have had great fun as they relived their experiences in the Role Play area. In maths the children have been weighing parcels and sequencing various sized envelopes.

The children have been very busy making houses from boxes to make a display. They have also worked on their computer skills to draw their houses. The next tricky task is to make a tiled roof.

Reception children also learnt what happens at the library during their busy visit to Epsom *and* there was a special treat at the café.

In Nursery we looked at a picture of the world and talked about the places and people we see. The children decided we needed a Fire Station in the garden role play – we like to 'Be Prepared!' We talked about all the other people we see like doctors, nurses and shopkeepers.

The art focus this term is looking at and making portraits. We have studied the work of Stanley Spencer looking carefully to see how everyone is different. We have started to explore how we can use a variety of media like paint, charcoal and pastels to create our own portraits.

In Nursery next week we will continue to focus on Fire Fighters.



We occasionally have little accidents at nursery so if you have any spare pants, knickers and socks we would be very grateful for donations.

Thank you all for returning the permission slips for our trips. Our outings are great fun and we learn so much, we love to have parents and helpers with us to share the excitement. If you find you are able to join us please let your child's teacher know.

Thank you.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Monday 12th May: After-school Ballet starts

Wednesday 14th May: Mars Class visit to Fire Station (afternoon)

Thursday 15th May: Neptune Class visit to Fire Station (morning)

Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm

Year2 Parents' Meeting re visit to Juniper Hall.

Friday 16th May 3.15-4.15 – EXTRA FOOTBALL CLUB SESSION - NO FOOTBALL ON TUESDAY 20th MAY



Tuesday 20th May 2pm – 3pm – Reading Workshop for parents – details to follow.

PTA DISCOS ON FRIDAY 23RD MAY

3.15 – 4.15pm NURSERY & RECEPTION

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 16th May

IMPORTANT NOTICE

For your children's safety we will be locking the back gate from 3.30 – 3.50pm. An electronic keypad will be installed shortly. In the interim access can be gained via a coded padlock and chain. The code is xx. This code is for adults only. Please remember to close the padlock behind you. If you forget the code, entry can always be accessed via the front door.