



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 1st July 2016

Dear Parents

In our penultimate week of term we enjoyed a rich selection of activities. On Monday Year 1 arrived in some impressive Victorian outfits. Their lunch had been wrapped in paper and each child brought in a metal cup for their water for this was a trip with a difference. The Year 1 trip was to Guildford Museum to experience life as a Victorian scholar. In the Victorian schoolroom the children drew on slate boards, the girls did sewing and the boys made sailor hats. They used ink pens and blotting paper to practise handwriting and recited poetry in rote form. They had the opportunity to play with traditional Victorian toys both inside and outside and the children responded with awe and care as they marvelled at the differences.

On Tuesday we raised money for the Child Bereavement UK by joining in with their National initiative to hold an Elephant's Tea Party. The children were as usual amazing and talked about loved ones who are no longer here with eagerness as they shared their photographic memory. We also raised money for this original charity that does excellent work with and for children. Thank you.

Outstanding maths was in evidence once again in Year 2 as we celebrated another set of marvellous multipliers! Congratulations to Oscar R for achieving his Bronze Star Award and to Issy S and Sophia D for gaining their Silver Star Award. I was also delighted to present Gold Star Awards to Naomi B, Alex H and Ned S. The annual Gold Boot initiative was fiercely contested this year. Mercury Class won the best green baseline award and then went on to win week 3. Saturn won week 1 and Venus won the second week. Congratulations to all who took place and thank you all for your contribution. It really does help to alleviate parking congestion on Chartwell Place.

Next week we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Anne Bailey who has been our part time School Secretary for 11 years. Her efficiency and dedication to St Christopher's will be missed and, with our warm thanks we wish her every happiness for the future. We have been fortunate enough to have recruited delightful Mrs Helen Blake who has started working with Anne and Mrs Gill Ventris to ensure a smooth handover. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Joe C for being a joy to feed despite his dietary restrictions. Well done Joe!

*Congratulations to all the children in **Ahlberg** House for winning the Housepoint challenge in the penultimate week. You are now in first place on the board with an excellent total of **1312** housepoints. Well done.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Louisa R, Claudia M, James S, Jack B, Daisy M, Imogen W, Amelia C, Jasmine C, Joe C, Dylan F, Lottie R, Caiden C, Joshua I, Naomi B, Milo H, Alexander M, Jamie H, Liberty R, Freya P, Sophie B, Benji S, Daisy M and Zac P.

Event of the Week

A day in the life of a Victorian child for Year 1 children



Using marbles for pinballs!



Drawing a still life owl on slate



Sitting and listening with hands behind backs



Using ink pens and blotting paper



Playing skittles



Rolling metal hoops in the sun

Foundation Stage News



This week the Reception children were lucky with the weather so forest school activities were all outside. The children collected lots of sticks and then they watched Jay burn them! When the children were given their sticks back they found they had been turned into charcoal. All of the children were fascinated to find their charcoal sticks are great to draw pictures and for writing.

The children swapped the charcoal for some cleaner colours so they could do their *best* drawing for their reports. The children used mirrors to check the details for their self-portraits. I am sure you will agree the children's drawing is improving all the time with great attention to detail.

As part of their 'mental maths' activities the children are getting very good at reciting numbers in 2's, 5's and 10's. They are also working on tricky subtraction sums. Can your child remember what to do when they see these signs + - = ?

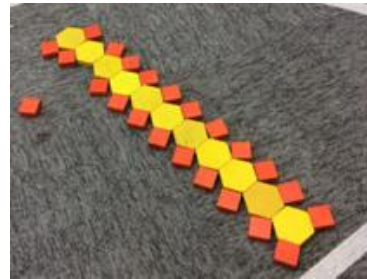
How they have grown! The Reception children are ready for Year 1, independent, thoughtful, clever learners. The children are working on forming cursive letters for joined up writing. I was very impressed with their writing when I joined Neptune class for a morning this week.

In Nursery we have had great fun practising for sports day. We are learning to take turns and remembering to follow all instructions which is very hard when you are only three or four. We have been drawing pictures of us practising for sports day and writing our names on winning cups.

The children loved rolling the pastry to make snails



on Monday. On the other days this week they have been making some delicious orange scones. The children are great at building and making. 'Look at my caterpillar' said Andrew after he had been busy working with shapes for quite some time.



As this will be the last Newsletter for the year I would like to thank all of the Foundation Stage staff team for all their hard work throughout the year. They have created a wonderful, happy early school experience for all of the children and I am very proud to have worked with them. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

The Foundation Team



DIARY DATES
SATURDAY 2nd JULY
PTA SUMMER FAIR
1 – 3PM



Events during the last week of term:
Please see emailed letter from Mrs Thackray
(copy also in the Parents' Area of our website).

Monday 4th July
2.30 – 3pm: Nursery Parents' Tea & Meeting with Key Workers
7pm: Year 1 Parents' Meeting in the School Hall
(See separate invitation for details)

Tuesday 5th July: Moving-up morning
Children will visit their classes and meet their new teachers for September.
New class lists will be posted on the porch noticeboard from midday.
2.30pm: Pre-Reception Parents' Tea & Meeting with Reception Teachers

Wednesday 6th July: St Christopher's Day
Our traditional day of fun & games. Sensible mufti with practical footwear (no fancy dress this time). PE kits & plimsolls should also be in school. Nursery children go home at 1.30pm after our school picnic, or 3pm if they usually stay for the afternoon session.

Friday 8th July at 11am: Leavers' Assembly
Year 2 Parents are warmly invited to attend.



TERM ENDS ON 8TH JULY AT MIDDAY
We hope you have a lovely time on your Summer Holiday!

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

'Reading Anytime, Anywhere!' will be a new display for our library. We would like to display photos of your child/children in some interesting locations or positions - demonstrating that reading can take place anywhere and anytime! In September, please return to school with your photo for Mrs Serrano. We are sure this will prove to be a most entertaining display for the children. Let your imaginations fly!



Mathletics
Congratulations to Zahra K and Freya P for achieving their gold awards