



# St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents

On Friday we were delighted to welcome many of you to the PTA Coffee Morning where we enjoyed some delicious cake and coffee at this well-organised event raising an impressive £192.80 which is generously being donated to our special charity St Christopher's Hospice. Thank you to all who supported this event. Having enjoyed a May Day Bank Holiday off our Year 2s sprung in on Tuesday ready to enjoy a trip to The British Wildlife Centre in Lingfield. Seeing a range of British animals close up was a wonderful experience and the children were particularly fascinated by Turbo the Hedgehog who lived up to his name as he shot across the circle surrounded by our delighted children. Florence the Tawny Owl was also a pleasure to meet and a tame fox who also enjoyed the attention of our eager children contributed to a very special day.

On Wednesday we continued our studies of domestic pets when Artie's two cats Cleo and Attis came to play. They visited every classroom and explored with interest welcoming soft strokes from our happy children. This was followed by a visit from Jisoo's Guinea Pigs Ginger and Buzz which gave us another opportunity to handle pets and compare the differences. What a treat!

On Thursday Year 2 set off once again to City of London Freeman's School to see some former pupils appear in their summer production of The Scheherazade. We were very impressed by the talented students and enjoyed this performance enormously.

On Thursday we held our annual reading competition The Great Read in the Hall and welcomed 5 other teams from local schools to join in. The theme was taken from the classic book 'The Wind in the Willows' and next week we will have some wonderful photos to share.

The Lunchtime Superstar this Week is Bailey T for enjoying her lunches and always greeting the catering staff with an enthusiastic "Thank You"! Well done Bailey.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for winning this week's Housepoint challenge with a splendid total of **510** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### This Week's Merit Awards

Nancy H, Evelyn W, Megan R, Scarlett C, Oliver N, Charlie S, Joseph G, Isabella G, Thomas M, Annie S, Scarlett S and Max T.

### Philosopher of the Week

Morgan W, Emma S and Zoe M

### Thought of the Week

Can you compare each other's work?

### Work of the Week

As part of their Science topic Jupiter have been looking at wild plants. They used a classification key to identify different wild plants. Erin O completed her classification key and then independently researched other wild plants using nonfiction books. Well Done Erin!

Name: Erin Date: 03.05.19

Use the classification key to identify the wild plants. Then stick each picture in the box next to its name.

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    Q1{Does it have thorns?} -- Yes --> A1[It is a blackberry bush.]
    Q1 -- No --> Q2{Is it red?}
    Q2 -- Yes --> A2[It is a poppy.]
    Q2 -- No --> Q3{Is it tall with finger-shaped flowers?}
    Q3 -- Yes --> A3[It is a foxglove.]
    Q3 -- No --> Q4{Is there more than one flower on each stem?}
    Q4 -- Yes --> A4[It is a red campion.]
    Q4 -- No --> Q5{Does it have white petals?}
    Q5 -- Yes --> Q6{Does it have a long stem?}
    Q6 -- Yes --> A5[It is a chamomile.]
    Q6 -- No --> A6[It is a daisy.]
    Q5 -- No --> Q7{Is it yellow?}
    Q7 -- Yes --> A7[It is a buttercup.]
    Q7 -- No --> A8[It is a cornflower.]
  
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## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



The rain has done its best to stop play this week! One minute it has been bright sunshine and then we had heavy, heavy rain. The children put on their wet weather trousers and coats and were outside in the garden splashing in puddles and dancing around. We are reading Rosie's Walk and the children have been drawing their own maps showing where Rosie walked round her farm. She went over, under, through, and past to name



a few. It was lovely to see your woodland walks with many photographs being sent in, showing positional language. We loved seeing children peeping from behind trees! The children have been making their own bread this week, they were able to remember all the ingredients they used and used their super strength to knead and pound the dough. A large egg has been found in the Nursery Office and Harrison suggested that we need to keep it warm so it would hatch, so the children collected all sorts of things to make a nest, grass, sticks, fluffy balls and dried pasta! Izzy and Victoria made signs to let people know what it was and to not touch it. We have been drawing what we think might be in the egg. So far, we think it may be chocolate, a lion, a hat or a dinosaur. We will have to wait and see!



**RECEPTION** It may be a short 4 day week but Reception have been working hard! We started our week by thinking back to our farm visit and recalling many of the interesting facts we discovered whilst we were there. We have learnt so many facts about the animals and farm life that we decided to write a fact book. Our teachers are so impressed for we are approaching the end of Reception and we are now able to complete our writing tasks with pace and



independence! We have continued with our handwriting, practising our joined letters. We have also focused this week on recognising and forming capital letters. Please encourage your

child to include a capital letter at the start of their sentences. In Maths it has all been about money, money, money! Here we have looked at the different coins and their names. We created a farm shop and were asked to buy different vegetables from there using real money! We have become experts at shopping now! The 100 square is in constant use in Reception not only for counting and number recognition but also supporting our addition and subtraction.



Our teachers like to give us clever sums to solve. The 100 square really helps us find the answers. **The Foundation Team**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May -  
After school and 12pm and 1.30pm  
for Nursery parents in the  
Outdoor Classroom.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May - PARENT FORUM CANCELLED.  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7pm - Y2 Juniper Hall Parents' Information Evening.  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Y1 Visit to Kew Gardens.

**ADVANCED NOTICE - PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - 11.45AM - 12.15PM AND 2.45 - 3.30PM.**



**PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**  
This week's playground panthers:  
Annie R, Charlie S, Holly D, Sam S and Elise D.

We are delighted to introduce this term's special behaviour initiative which is to be a 'Leading Llama'. There are various ways to earn this special award by being a leading example in behaviour, effort and achievement. These super stars earned a Llama this week. Ask your child to tell you why they earned their Leading Llama Award:

Bailey T, Carlos D, Emily L, Dylan C and Jemima's wonderful parents Mr and Mrs H.



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