



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 11th March 2016

Dear Parents

In another busy week we enjoyed two successful Open Mornings and our families both current and prospective all commented on the wonderful displays by the children and the impressive work on show. Year 2 dazzled with their musical and gymnastic displays and we all felt very proud. We were also delighted to be able to thank the PTA for all the hard work they do with a ribbon cutting opportunity to officially open our new classroom and outdoor Nursery area.

We welcomed a record number of mothers into school on Friday for a Mother's Day Tea. The children prepared placemats, decorated cakes and welcomed their guest and looked after them serving refreshments with great maturity. There were a few happy tears shed when the children sang 'Love is Something' to their own mummy and a very happy afternoon was enjoyed by all.

On Friday morning Neptune Class shone when presenting their Class Assembly about 'Sharing a Shell'. The colourful costumes, impressive acting and super singing were all a delight and we thank them all together with their clever producer Miss Eames for such a wonderful assembly.

On Thursday we held our 6th annual Music Festival at St Martin's Church and welcomed over 200 children from 8 different schools both at the event and to come back to lunch with us. The Mayor Chris Frost was most impressed with the whole event and enjoyed his personal tour of the school before lunch. Special thanks to Mr Harris for playing the church organ so magnificently to close the festival.

We had a record number of Times Tables champions this week. Huge congratulations to Sachin W, Arthur L, Rowan W and Stanley G for securing their Silver Star Awards this week. Earning some splendid Bronze Stars were Issy S, Abigail M, Caia H, Maddison H, Lexi M and Alexander H.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Ned S for his wonderful attitude, brightening our day at lunchtime.

*Congratulations to all the children in **Donaldson** House for leaping into the lead with a superb total of **1148** housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Annabel H, William W, Eden H, Lenny S, Dylan F, Henrietta L, Esme T, Joshua I, Sophia D, Amelie C, Lily C, Arlo R, Sachin W, Rory B, Lauren M, Leo R and Daisy M.

Philosopher of the Week
Stanley G

Thought of the Week

Why do people have competitions?

Event of the Week - Mother's Day Tea



Mothers arrived to a name place Mat hand decorated by their child



Tea and coffee was served by each child



For some lucky Mummies there Was more than one cake!



The children sang 'Love is Something' to their delighted Mummies.



On Saturday members of the PTA helped our Chair of Governors cut the ribbon to officially open the new classroom and outdoor area

Foundation Stage News

The Reception children are all becoming very confident learning how to double and halve quantities. They use objects to help them work out the problem practically and then they write the number sentence. Mars class have been working very hard getting ready for their assembly. The topic of 'The Big Blue Sea' has been a great success stimulating lots of learning opportunities and encouraging some beautiful creative ideas.



Next term sounds very exciting, the children are already discussing the topic; '5,4,3,2,1 Blast Off', (which you may guess is all about space). The teachers have been finding out what children already know. Lottie said 'There are holes on the moon'. Eliza said 'We have a moon that goes

around us'. This is a specialist subject for some children; Seth said 'Tim Peak is out there now' and Caiden explained 'Satellites bounce signals back to Earth'.

The children were then asked what more would they like to learn about Space. Milo wants to know 'How big is Space?' Ethan asks 'Are there any aliens or people'. Rafael wonders 'How long does it take to get to the moon?' and Dylan wants to find out 'How hot is Mars?'

Spring has sprung, and the nursery children are getting the ground prepared and planting seeds ready for the warm weather. We love painting and making lots of colourful flowers. We have looked around at trees, plants and flowers and noticed that some are tall and others are short. Comparing size and learning the correct terms to describe height is tricky. Encourage your child to look around and talk about things that are taller or shorter than they are. Our book this week is 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and next week the growing theme continues with 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth.



We have started thinking about next term's topic 'Water, Water Everywhere'. We talked about water and the children told us what they know, for example 'we need to drink water', we can swim in the sea or a pool. Some children explained we get water from a tap, clouds make rain and the sea is big water. Lots of children talked about sharks, fish, and dolphins. We know there are lots more watery things to learn and explore after Easter.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE FINISHED

Monday 14th March at 9am: MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 15th March: SPORT RELIEF MILE
Please return sponsorship by Friday 18th March

Wednesday 16th March: Reception visit to SeaLife Centre, Brighton

FRIDAY 18th MARCH: TERM ENDS AT MIDDAY



Reception Children will leave school via the back door under the porch during the Summer Term to help prepare them for their move to the upper school in September.

OWLS & LARKS BOOKINGS SUMMER TERM

Forms are now available from the office and on our website.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS FOR RECEPTION, Y1 and Y2

See recent letter for details.

Please return booking forms by Wednesday 16th March

GRANDPARENTS' MORNINGS - CORRECTION

Wednesday 20th April: **DONALDSON** & Dahl

Thursday 21st April: **AHLBERG** & Morpurgo

RSVP by Wednesday 16th March



STAFF CAR PARK

Please note that the Staff Car Park at the front of the building is not a public car park at any time of the day. Please ensure that you park in adjacent roads when collecting your child from clubs or OWLS. Thank you.

Mathletics: Congratulations go to Jack C for achieving his Silver Award and to Sachin W for gaining his Gold Award.

