



# St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Dear Parents

Last week on a sunny Wednesday evening we offered an 'Evening with Victor Allen' to our staff and parents and extended the invitation to staff and parents of nearby schools so that we could all hear about Victor's observations about building resilience and social intelligence. It was a very enjoyable evening and we are extremely grateful to City of London Freemen's School for lending us their beautiful Music Hall as a perfect venue.

This week we actually timed our Bank Holiday Monday with some holiday weather and all the children returned on Tuesday looking like they had enjoyed an extra week off rather than just one day.

Our thoughts then turned to all things warm, cuddly and kind aka Grandparents! As usual we were amazed at the number of grandparents who gave up their time and travelled a fair distance to make their grandchild smile. The waving hands and broad smiles were in abundance and we would like to thank all the grandparents who came to play on Wednesday and Thursday. You were a pleasure to have in school. During the refreshments Year 2 beautifully entertained our guests and special mention must go to our acting music teacher Miss Henrietta L who led the singing with great style. Thank you too to Mrs Helen Mulhern for her lovely piano playing.

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed talented football coach Josh Evans into school to coach our enthusiastic Year 2s. They thoroughly enjoyed his rigorous training programme and he was impressed with their ability.

Congratulations to our Times Tables champion Sienna S for achieving her Bronze Star award for magical multiplication this week.

A huge thank you to ALL our parents who supported our Sports Relief fundraising initiative. We broke our previous record this year by raising an extraordinary £3459.95 for this worthwhile charity. Well done to ALL the children for running a marvellous mile but thank you again for your generosity

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Dexter R who comes for seconds every single day with a dazzling smile that lights up the dining room. Well done.

Congratulations to **Dahl** for earning the most Housepoints this week. A splendid total of **535** Housepoints have maintained your lead at the top!

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

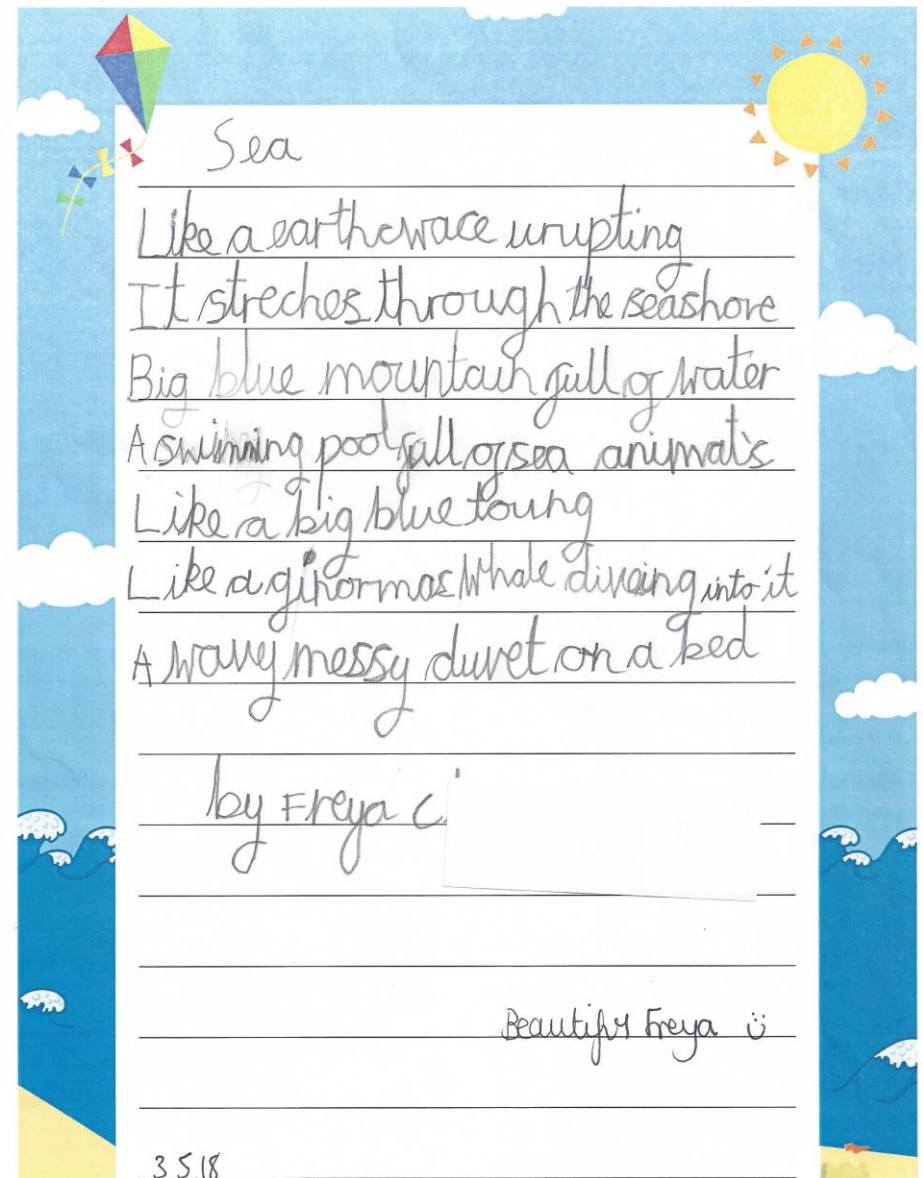
### This week's Merit Awards

Gabriel K, James N, Baxter M, Thomas S, Maya L, Annie S, Max T, Leo E, Lottie R, Niamh H, Jack B, Iman O, Noah B, Baylen B, Ebba R, Fraser W, James B, Saraya J, Sam S, Lucy A, Christopher B, Alaistair H, Rafael I and Andy D.

### Work of the Week

The Year 1 topic this term is 'The Seaside'. Saturn Class made a class poem describing a hermit crab. The children then had a go at choosing their own subject for a poem. Here is Freya C's poem about the sea. She wrote it all by herself.

Well done Freya!



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



We hope you all had a wonderful bank holiday weekend. The sun was shining and we have heard many stories of paddling pools, beach trips and barbecues! This week we invited many grandparents into school to share our play and learning activities. We played crazy golf, had our photograph taken in the photo booth, made spring flowers, played in the role play area and sunshine café not to mention playing in the mud kitchen, digging in the muddy patch and lots of water play. We have seen some wonderfully creative role-playing with the chef preparing some mud kitchen soup, sandwiches and tea. We have played on pirate ships and enjoyed treasure hunts using the big blocks and we nursed many sick animals in our vet's area. Rehearsals

are in full swing for our summer production next week. It is turning into a brilliant, vibrant, smile bringing exrtaveganza! Sometimes we forget just how little our children are and how clever they are to get on the stage to sing and dance. We are very proud of them and I am sure you will be too.

We are planning our summer trip for after half term and a separate letter will be in your child's bag shortly. We are really excited about riding on a real coach to Painshill Park.

### Reception News

We have been thinking about food this week, especially after reading the story 'Daisy eat your peas' by Kes Gray and Nick Sharratt. We spoke about our favourite meals and decided to make them using



craft materials. We then wrote a menu for them using descriptive language. They all sounded so delicious! Whilst focussing on food the children learnt about the different food groups and what it means to have a healthy and varied diet to make us grow big and strong. We also discovered how important it is to drink water and that our bodies are made up of 60% water! That's over half! We all agreed that eating fruits and vegetables is really healthy for us and remembered that we must try to eat 5 portions a day!

We have developed our understanding of sharing equally using toys to 'share' them practically. Some of us started to spot how sharing by two linked to counting in twos! We have introduced the children to the division sign this week.

We continue to practise our cursive handwriting and we are very good at writing our own names. We are encouraging the children to use cursive script in their own writing too, practising for their move to Year 1 in September.

*The Foundation Team*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 visit to Alexandra Road allotments**  
**TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY – PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARENT FORUM HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO NO SUBMISSIONS BEING RECEIVED.**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm – Y2 Sports Afternoon with Ewell Castle.**

**Nursery and Pre-Reception Summer Performances –**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 9am – Ahlberg and Dahl parents**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9am – Donaldson and Kemp parents – 2 tickets have been sent home in your child's bag.**

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 9.15 – 11AM OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS – Please let any family or friends know about this event.**

**ADVANCED NOTICE – A WHOLE SCHOOL 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE TAKEN ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY – Please ensure that children arrive in school in correct and smart summer uniform.**

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING CLUB INFORMATION:  
WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY – NO ART CLUB OR YOGA CLUB**

**This term's PTA Second Hand Uniform sales will take place on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.15pm**



### **TERRIFIC TORTOISES**

**This week's Terrific Tortoises are: Nathan J, Lily T, Myles H, Sophie R, Andy D and Elodie B.**



### **Polite Reminder**

**Several residents have politely commented about the issue of parents sitting in their cars with their engines running. They were quick to point out that they understood why for it began in the very cold weather when heating was needed and this has been replaced with the use of air conditioning. Please could we ask you to avoid this and think of the environment as well as the neighbours!**

**The Nursery Staff need your help. They are dedicated practitioners who set up the Nursery Area with great care and pride and they have asked me to remind you please not to let your child play in the outside Nursery Area as you arrive or leave school because this is causing double the amount of work to re-set the area and indeed to patch up some of the spoilt equipment that arises when it is used without adult supervision. Thank you.**

