





12th July 2013

## **Dear Parents**

Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations came to a close this week with some truly memorable events and opportunities to treasure this term. The two Sport's Days last week were successful and enjoyable and the family picnic in the warm early evening sunshine was just perfect. Thank you all for your warm wishes and your thanks to the staff for their hard work this year. It was lovely to share the evening event with so many supportive families. As we entered the Wimbledon ground last Friday we were amazed to see a Morpurgo balloon next to a Rowling balloon bobbing high up in the trees from our Great Balloon Race and I wonder if that will prove to be the furthest that they have travelled!

This week Miss Jane Luckman, Head of St Christopher's from 1972 to 1997 returned to the school for the first time since she retired. She was delighted to see the improvements to the school building and enjoyed with us a superb St Christopher's Day involving, Edible Jewellery and Chocolate Crispie Cake making stations, Karaoke, Water Play, Punch and Judy and a visit from the Ice Cream Van. The children also enjoyed a slice of the splendid cakes that each year group had helped to make and ice masterminded by the talented Mrs Christine Ansell. The glorious weather helped to make this one of the best St Christopher's Days ever and the children all received our gift of a Poetry Book to mark our special anniversary. I do hope that you have received and had an opportunity to read yours and locate your clever child's poem inside. Special thanks to Mrs Katie Moilliet for collating and illustrating the book with such care. Miss Luckman also presented the children with a dear little teddy bear wearing a blue top with the gold school crest and the inscription 75 years which was a gift from our fantastic PTA who have enjoyed great success this term with their wonderful annual ball and their magnificent Summer Fair. Thank you to Mrs Lisa Manley and her hard working team.

In Assembly on Thursday Mr John Glennister from the Air Ambulance Charity came to receive a giant cheque for £2,317.27 raised by our generous St Christopher's families this year. Your kindness will make a difference to this important charity and I would like to convey their thanks to you for raising such a marvellous sum.

Well done to our artists who entered the PTA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Colouring competition. The prize winters in Nursery were Nicholas M and Vihaan S. In Reception, Rowan N, in Year 1 Sofia M and Ria A in Year 2.

Congratulations to the final flurry of Maths Superstars this week. Gold Stars were awarded to Harry S, Nara A and Connie H and Silver Stars were awarded to Samuel A, Louie N for their Times Tables' excellence.

Miss Luckman talked about the importance of memories in life and we have certainly helped to create some lasting memories for our children. We are very sad to say goodbye to our Year 2s who have made us so very proud this year. We wish all of them together with Mrs Jones and Miss Harper every happiness in the next chapter of their lives and urge them to keep in touch and come and see us again soon.

On behalf of all the staff may I wish you all a very happy, safe and sunny holiday and I look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday September  $4^{th}$ .

Annie Thackray, Headteacher



## PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETINGS - AUTUMN TERM 2013

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm – Year 1 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm – Year 2 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm – Reception Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Nursery