



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 13th March 2015

Dear Parents

On Thursday last week you would have been forgiven for thinking that you had arrived in Wonderland. In homage to the fact that it is 150 years since the first edition of Alice in Wonderland was published, World Book Day was based around this wonderful story. The Staff as a pack of cards made a very colourful array and the Queen of Hearts made a loud and lively contribution to the proceedings. Having taken part in Mrs London's super quiz, the children headed into the playground for a costume parade and prizes were awarded in each year group. Do see the photos on the website.

On Friday we all enjoyed Neptune's Class Assembly which was all about Springwatch with a focus on owls. Our roving reporters and talented TV presenters showed skill beyond their years and the acting and singing by all the children in Neptune was outstanding. Well done children and a special thank you to Miss Eames for this entertaining show.

We were so proud of our Times Tables champions this week for shining as they demonstrated their significant skills. Bronze Stars were awarded to Charlie S, Mathilda K, Isla M, Ho-Y, Destiny M and Dean A. Many congratulations also to Finn H for the first Silver Star of the season and to Michael S for earning the first Gold Star Award. Year 2 also demonstrated overall Mathletics talents this week with Charlie S and Lola F both receiving their Bronze Certificates.

The school is full of beautiful displays of your children's creations and we look forward to welcoming you all into school to see the work and art projects that your children have been busily engaged with on Saturday 21st March between 10.30am and 12.30pm. There will be some musical and gym displays by Year 2 during the morning but we do encourage you to let your child share their wonderful achievements with you.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Sophie P for being consistently polite and a super eater! Well done Sophie.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for a splendid performance this week. They earned a magnificent **1060** housepoints to secure top place.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Freya M, George T, Robyn C, Tommy C, Dean A,
Jacob F, Finn H, Michael S, Sachin W,
Naomi B and Caiden C.

Philosopher of the Week
Joseph C

Thought for the Week
Should you trust what you see?

Event of the Week World Book Day



The Staff made a colourful display



Elliot's hand-made costume won 1st Prize



Who was stealing the jam tarts?



Ah....that is who!



What do you call a collection of Alices?



The assembly quiz team would have known



Tweedledum and Tweedledee



Eliza in Nursery won 1st prize presented by Mrs London

Foundation Stage News



On Tuesday all of the Foundation Stage children set off on a 'Bear Hunt'. How exciting! The children all had a turn acting out the story in Mars class and then they went outside to try the obstacle course going over under and through each obstacle. Next was a messy part as the children were given a toy person to go through the artificial snow, trip trap forest, oozy mud and even squelchy jelly as they hunted for the toy bear. They then moved on to explore the different sounds they might hear on their journey with musical instruments and when they got 'home' they had delicious hot chocolate in Neptune

class.

The Reception children made maps of their Bear Hunt adventures using a variety of types of paper and natural objects. They thought of all the words we could use to describe the features in the story such as 'dark, scary' forest, 'freezing, icy' snowstorm and 'squashy' mud. The scientists in Mars and Neptune classes investigated which objects would float or sink in the deep, dark river. First, like real scientists they made predictions about what they thought would happen. Rory B suggested that the paperclip would sink because it had a hole in it. Good reasoning Rory! Then they tried out their theories. Zahra said that the sponge floated because it was light. What a super prediction Zahra.



In Maths the children had a problem "How can we measure from the house to the bear's cave?" The children tried using a range of objects, including their bodies to lie along the ground to see how far it was. Then they had a discussion about how tricky it is to use children or objects that are different lengths, I wonder what they will try next?



The Nursery children have been busy working for their *special* family member this week. We are very pleased that they are trying very hard to write their names carefully. Lots of the children are using their sounds to try writing some words too, well done children!

The Foundation Team



DIARY DATES

Grandparents' Mornings 8.45am – 11am

Wednesday 18th March: **AHLBERG & DAHL** Houses

Thursday 19th March: **DONALDSON & MORPURGO** Houses

Tuesday 17th March:

Jupiter Class visit to Waitrose (morning)

Saturn Class visit to Waitrose (afternoon)

Thursday 19th March (evening)

Nursery Parent Appointments

Friday 20th March

CLUBS FINISH

Information for the Summer Term Clubs will be available shortly

OPEN MORNINGS

Friday 20th March 9.15am – 10.30am for Prospective Parents

Saturday 21st March 10.30 – 12.30 for Current & Prospective Parents
You are warmly invited to look around the school and visit your child's classroom with family and friends.



Monday 23rd March at 9 am – **MUSIC ASSEMBLY**
Parents of children in our orchestra, recorder club and violin groups are invited to attend.

Coffee will be served in the Porch from 8.30am.

Polite Penguins



What a lot of polite penguins we have this week. Congratulations to:

Jessica H, Sophie B, Freya P, Lexi M, Dylan F, Oliver Q, Amy D, Louisa R, Jamie H and Oliver L.