



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Dear Parents**

We have enjoyed a wonderful week with so many children shining brightly in their new year groups that it would be impossible to name them all. In Mars Class Mrs Taperell asked if she could nominate her whole class for a special Merit Award because without exception she had experienced 'excellent behaviour, excellent manners and excellent learning'. Well done children, what a super start. All week I have been meeting parents at our Class Information Evenings and again I have been delighted with the huge attendance. No wonder your children are so eager to learn with such supportive parents!

The new Year 2 children have just started their weekly Philosophy lessons and a glance at the Thought for the Week below will confirm just what a successful start they have made.

On Thursday Year 1 headed out on their first school trip of the year to Chertsey Museum. Their imaginative topic is 'Where did you get that hat?'. This topic covers the history of clothes as well as geographical studies about clothing around the world. More about this trip next week.

This week we have been listening to Gustav Holst's Planet Suite. Each class will be learning to identify their own planet music. So far Mars and Neptune have been delighted to discover their individual musical piece.

On Thursday morning we also hosted our PTA coffee morning and it was wonderful to see so many of you there. Mrs Elizabeth Hibbert is our new Chair and she has been delighted with the interest shown in the essential works of the PTA by so many of our valuable parents. Thank you all.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Maxwell D for wonderful manners and for eating so much fruit. Bravo Maxwell.

Thank you all for raising objections to the thoughtless parking restrictions proposed for our neighbouring roads. The residents have also applauded our efforts. Please can we remember to show kindness and respect in turn.

Congratulations to **Dahl** House for their first win of the term! A wonderful start to the new year with an impressive total of **89** Housepoints.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Weeks Merit Awards

Thomas P, James W, Niamh H, Noah B, Elliza M, Sophia M, Thomas M, Matias P, Baylen B, Morgan W and ALL of Mars Class for such a wonderful start!

Philosopher of the Week

Jasmine C

Thought for the Week

Should you follow your dreams?

## Work of the Week

This week we have all been hearing about the wonderful summer activities that your children enjoyed. Lottie R in Mercury Class wrote about her summer holidays and gave this marvellous account.



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### My Holiday

I went on three holidays and I went to France and I went on a pedalo and we had to where a life jacket. It was very hard and we had a picnic. It was very hot. There were lots of dogs that were running in the water. People were swimming in the water. And there were lots of fish there. Then we went back and swam in the pool. Soon we got out and had a shower and got ready to have dinner. We had pizza and we went to bed. The next day we went home. It took ages to get home. Soon we got home so we unpacked had dinner and went to bed. The next day we stayed at home to unpack a bit more. We unpacked the clothes and all the blankets.

What a lovely account of your holiday  
Lottie. Well done 😊



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Hooray! It's a brand new term and we are delighted to welcome all the children back into Nursery. For some of our children, it is their very first steps on their learning journey while others have joined their new groups as part of Pre-Reception. We have been really pleased at how well the children have settled and how they are already becoming confident to explore the many areas of the nursery. We have had many birthdays already this term and Mrs London made a valiant attempt at a vegan birthday cake. With the help of seven children, a rather large, heavy, slightly grey looking cake was produced. Luckily the children are very forgiving and ate the lot! Our role play this term has been transformed into a home. The children have printed their own wall paper, painted views from the windows and decorated mirror frames to help furnish our new house. All the children have painted their own portraits this week creating an eye catching rainbow of coloured faces. The outside cottage is a Woodland Hideaway where the children have been mixing their own potions using plants, conkers and twigs. The children then decided to make their own fairy wands, so card and scissors were hastily provided and wands appeared. Thank you for all your family photographs that you have sent in, we have enjoyed looking at them during group time. A big thank you to Mrs Wilson, Mrs John and Mrs Bullock for coming into school to share their talents for our topic Magnificent Me.

**Reception News** The children have settled into 'Big School' beautifully. They have learnt our routines and are already trying very hard with our learning activities. We are very proud of the children. The children love our topic; Turrets and Tiara's and are having fun in the role play and with our small world play castles. We are learning how to paint pictures of castles and naming their features. Would your child like to live in a castle or their house? This week's book is The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch and we have enjoyed making some brilliant paper bag royal versions of ourselves.

We have been busy finding out how clever the children are with their phonics, writing their names and sounds as well as counting and number recognition. Thank you to all who came to our Information/Reading Evening. Please ask for a meeting if you have any further questions.

Uniform Reminder - Now the children are wearing their winter uniforms, could you please ensure that the boys are wearing their tie and ensure that all items are clearly marked with their name (even plimsolls and shoes) Thank you.

**The Foundation Stage Team**



## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Scholastics Book Fair

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Pre-Nursery Parents' Evening

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jeans for Genes Day – *Children to wear jeans and house t-shirt*

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am – JUPITER Class Assembly – *All parents welcome to attend*



Extra date to note: The Grand St Christopher's Art Exhibition will be held on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please add to your diary. Exciting details to follow.



## This week's Respectful Rabbits

This week we are delighted to introduce our Autumn Term initiative: The Respectful Rabbit Award. To introduce these we needed first to focus on what RESPECTFUL means. Here is what we told the children:

Everybody has something special to offer to the world. Some of you can run very fast or play football or tennis with great skill. Others love to read and are good at saying lines on stage in our school shows. Some people are very kind and look after their friends and family with special care.

It is easy to admire people with these special qualities. If you have watched someone behave in a wonderful way you RESPECT them for their talents. Grown Ups work hard to be kind and considerate and to show and develop their special skills and share them with others. This earns them our RESPECT.

When we show RESPECT to each other we are thinking of the feelings, wishes and rights of others. At St Christopher's we want to celebrate this. If you have been thinking of others and showing Staff how you have looked after each other and listened to the wishes of another child or adult you may earn a RESPECTFUL RABBIT. You can also earn this special award for treating an adult with care and RESPECT such as standing back to let an adult pass by first.

This week's RESPECTFUL RABBITS are: Isaac F, Oliver N, Saraya J, Arisa A and Catriona O.



Mathletics: Congratulations to Lily C, Jasmine C and Eliza B for gaining their Bronze awards.