



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents

On Thursday we were dazzled by the Superhero Assembly presented by Neptune Reception children, some of whom have only been in school for less than 6 weeks! They talked to us about fictional superheroes who have some very exciting powers and then discussed real superheroes such as nurses, care workers, fire fighters and even teachers! We enjoyed a splendid song and dance too all via the magic of film and I hope Neptune Parents enjoyed it at home. The children in school love watching these assemblies on their giant interactive whiteboards in the classroom and clap and sing along as if it was a 'live' assembly. Special thanks to Mrs Chandler and Mrs Sharp for this wonderful assembly and congratulations to all the superheroes in Neptune Class for their amazing performances.

The whole school have been thinking about our traditional Harvest Festival as you will see from our Year 2 Philosopher of the Week below, for we have been thinking about the importance of food and of giving food to those in need. We all wish that we could have performed our delightful Harvest Festival with this year's theme, 'The World', for you in the beautiful setting of St Martin's Church but I hope you enjoy the performances cleverly filmed and edited by wonderful Miss Kate Rendall. Special thanks to all the teachers for the excellent poems, to Mrs Mulhern for the lovely songs and to Mrs Pryor for the super Harvest Dance. As always the stars of the show were the children with some poems learnt and delivered in a foreign language! Year 2 must receive special congratulations for their professional narration telling us all about countries all over the world and their culture and traditions. As usual you have all adapted alongside us beautifully and sent in food and donations to the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank who have expressed their particular thanks for your kind generosity. Enjoy the production and also the photos, a selection of which appear on page 2.

On Thursday we held this week's Library Raffle with books all about Pirates. Thank you to all the Librarians who ran the raffle alongside our Librarian Mrs Thum and well done to Ariana A and Nancy H-P for doing the 'double dip' for the Nursery children.

Congratulations to Henry D for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar, you have tried many foods and enjoy them all- you are a super eater. Well done Henry.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for winning the last of the half term's Housepoint challenge with a magnificent total of **1193** Housepoints. Well done **Ahlberg** House.

So we have all survived the first half term including the adjusted school day restrictions necessitated by the current government directions. Thank you all for your continued support and patience and extra thanks to the staff for all their hard work and extra duties that go on behind the scenes in order that the children enjoy a smooth and happy day blissfully unaware of the changes that have been made. Enjoy your half term as much as you can and above all keep safe.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

#### Merit Awards

Conor L, Max M, Isabelle W, Peter G, Callan M, Isabel J, Autumn W,  
Joseph O, Sophie G, Holly D, Bailey T and Amelie M.

Philosopher of the Week  
Lawrence H

Thought for the Week  
How important is it to have food ?

# Harvest Festival

Every child featured in this year's Harvest Festival which was brought to a delighted audience via the magic of film. The theme of our Harvest Festival 2020 was 'The World' and Year 2 navigated us around a range of traditions from countries investigated with the children learning a range of poems, some in a different language.



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Wow what a wonderful week in Nursery. This week we have been continuing our learning about autumn and talking about Harvest. The children were busy at the weekend finding out about the different things they could do with potatoes and they had many fabulous ideas. We have been reading the book 'Oliver's Vegetable's'; Oliver only likes to eat chips but a stay at his granny's makes him

realise that lots of vegetables are actually delicious. In Nursery, we decided to make our very own vegetable soup. The children have been busy grating, chopping and slicing a range of vegetables and adding them to the pan. We all tasted the soup at the snack table and the verdict was... it is delicious! In the outside area we have set up our own Nursery stage; the children have thoroughly enjoyed singing to their friends sitting in the audience and playing their musical instruments in time with their singing. We have also been



busy mark making in the glitter tray outside; we have had some wonderful faces, shapes and even some letters from our names. What super stars. We were investigating our Autumn Tray this week and drawing what we could see. The children were fabulous at describing the different autumn objects and making their own representations of them. This week we have had Mrs Degg in the Blue Room continuing with our artist of the term, Turner, art project. The children were carefully adding their torn paper from their previous session to a canvas to make a stripy, seascape scene. What a busy week. We hope you have a wonderful half term.

## Reception News



What a busy week we have had in Reception. This week we have been learning all about Harvest. The children have enjoyed learning about what harvest is and why we celebrate it. We have also learnt what our farmers harvest and how they do so. For PSHE we talked about Harvest around the world and discussed the similarities and differences between our harvest traditions and harvest traditions in other countries. We were then very lucky as we had a wonderful time tasting many different



breads from around the world. Yummy! This week we read the story of 'The Little Red Hen' who makes a delicious pizza. The children then had lots of fun making their very own pizzas and thoroughly enjoyed cooking them. We also used our sounds to write a list of ingredients that we needed for our pizzas. What fun! In maths, we have been learning all about fractions by halving and quartering our play dough pizzas. We learnt what a half and a quarter meant and what they look like and then we cut our pizzas into equal parts. We then found fractions of lots of different shapes. We used the vocabulary surrounding fractions such as whole, half, quarter and equal. We have also been practising how to form our numbers correctly and used counting on to find one more and counting back to find one less. Have a wonderful restful half term Reception!



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Half term Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October**

**Enjoy your half term**



**Thank you to everyone who donated food for Harvest Festival this year  
Epsom Food Bank will be delighted**

**Please note all children must be in winter uniform after Half Term**



**Mathletics:**

**Congratulations to Edward P d M, Jemima H, Liam S, Thea L and Harrison G for their bronze certificates.**

**Congratulations to Monty H, Aaron S, Yasmin M, Charlie A, Cillian R, Liam S, Amelie M, Harriet R, Harry L and Felicity V for their silver certificates.**

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