



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Dear Parents

Last week despite torrential rain The Great Read was a terrific success and we say congratulations to the Year 2 children who represented our school in this competition and showed us that they had studied every book with care and thoroughly deserved their medals. Well done to Arisa A, Caitriona O, James B, Theo R, Freya C and Myles H. Author Kaye Umansky enjoyed the event enormously and judged the poetry recital competition which talented Isaac F our own representative won. Special thanks to Mrs Lizzie Russell for devising and organising this brilliant competition and to Mrs Jules Degg for the stunning art work and scenery.

On Tuesday the House Captains selected a duck egg each to be placed in to the incubator. We will watch the eggs with care over the next four weeks to see which House's egg hatches first and look forward to welcoming our first Khaki Campbell duckling shortly.

All week we have enjoyed the Book Fair and thank you all for your support.

Thanks to Mrs Louisa Taperell for organising this event. Mrs Taperell awarded prizes to the winners of the 'Design a New Book Cover Competition'.

Congratulations to Annabel N, Montgomery H, Ariana A, Christopher B and Arisa A who won book vouchers of £5 each. See their super entries on Twitter.

On Wednesday Year 1 had a fantastic day at Kew Gardens. In the morning they used powerful microscopes to look at plants and magnifying glasses to observe seeds. They then collected plant materials to make a botanical collection card. After lunch the children explored the beautiful gardens and appreciated the glass sculptures of Chihuly.

Congratulations to our super mathematicians who earned their Times Tables badges this week: Fenton F and Luke M received their Bronze Star Awards and Emma S, Clara H and Saraya J received their Silver Star Awards.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Arisa A for complementing the Catering Team on their delicious lunches with a lovely smile.

Congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning this week's challenge with a splendid total of **647** Housepoints.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### This Week's Merit Awards

Felicity V, Harrison G, Harry L, Maximo Y, James H, Saraya J, Annabel V, Jessica H, Lambert S and Rayyan W.

### Philosophers of the week

Thomas M, Freya C, Zoe M, Isaac F

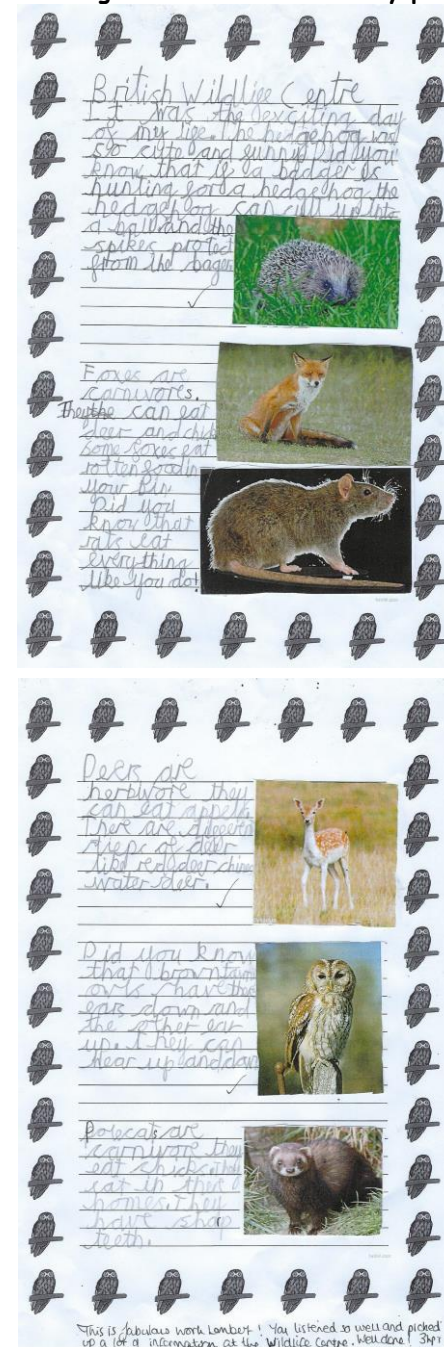
### Thought of the Week

What makes people happy?

### Work of the Week

Year 2 Venus Class had a very exciting time when they visited The British Wildlife Centre, Lingfield. You can see from Lambert's fact file just how much he learned.

Great listening Lambert and beautifully presented.



### Nursery and Pre-Reception

Our focus book this week has been 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. We have loved listening to this story and joining in with reading it aloud. We have sequenced the story and even had a go at writing our own bear hunt book! Outside we have been exploring the positional language used in the bear hunt book by using different apparatus to go over, under and through. If you are going on a bear hunt, you must of course go prepared with a picnic on the way. Not



only have we been making different varieties of bread to enjoy at the snack table, but we have also made sandwiches, which have been enjoyed on a picnic mat in the garden. We are so excited about our show next week and have been practising really hard. Pre-reception are trying to use their big voices for their lines. Songs have been rehearsed and we have loved going on stage to polish our dance routines. We hope you enjoy the performances next week!

**RECEPTION** Reception have had a wonderful week enjoying the lovely warm weather and the exciting range of outside learning on offer. The children worked together to build their own tractor to use on the farm. Our focus story is 'Farmer Duck'. Poor Farmer Duck



is being given lots of jobs to do by the lazy farmer who stays in bed all day eating chocolates and watching TV. We talked about how unkind it would be to make someone do all the work and how we could be helpful at home and at school. The children came up with some great ideas of how to be helpful including tidying their bedrooms, helping in the kitchen and cleaning the house! We have been writing speech bubbles for some of the instructions that the farmer might shout to Farmer Duck using some 'bossy' verbs. We have been busy with our numbers this week building some 2-digit numbers with the Numicon and taking photos to show our

friends. We have also been learning all about time, including what a clock looks like and where the hands would be for 'o' clock and half past. We played a game of What's the time Mr Wolf? To help us to understand how many hours there are in each clock. What a fun and exciting week we have had! **The Foundation Team**



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Wizard of Oz theatre production for Rec, Y1 & Y2.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1.30pm – Y2 Sports Afternoon with Chinthurst.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9am – Nursery & Pre-Reception Summer Performance for Ahlberg and Dahl parents.\*

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9am – Nursery & Pre-Reception Summer Performance for Donaldson and Kemp parents.\*

*\*Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am.*

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Treat Day and Children's Discos.

**ADVANCED NOTICE – PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 11.45AM – 12.15PM AND 2.45 – 3.30PM.**

**HALF TERM – MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY**



### **PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

This week's playground panthers:  
Thomas P, Maxwell D, Conall R,  
Jessica H, Annie R and Holly D.

We are delighted to introduce this term's special behaviour initiative which is to be a 'Leading Llama'. There are various ways to earn this special award by being a leading example in behaviour, effort and achievement. These super stars earnt a Llama this week. Ask your child to tell you why they earnt their Leading Llama Award:  
Carlos D, Thomas P, Sophia A, Ariana A and Morgan W.



Special Congratulations to Isaac F for winning the Poetry Recital section with an outstanding performance in the Reigate and Redhill Music Festival on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Well done Isaac.



Images from the stunning hall decoration from this year's Great Read. Please see the website for more photos.