



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parents

We have had an exciting week preparing costumes and props for our Key Stage One show 'Peter Pan' and the Early Years show 'Stella the Starfish'. We have been dazzled by the wonderful children who have remembered their lines brilliantly and are now adding the action to bring the shows to life. You are in for a colourful treat when you watch your child sparkle on stage either via film or in person. Year 1 were inspired by the Peter Pan story and used this as a 'hook' (excuse the pun!) to interview Captain Hook in readiness to create 'Wanted' posters. The work they produced was excellent, full of similes and with exciting vocabulary.

On Wednesday Year 2 set off in the glorious sunshine for their annual residential to Juniper Hall at the foot of Box Hill. This famous Field Study Centre provides a excellent education department with dedicated tutors who inspire our young pupils with their passion for nature. Year 2 could not wait to take part in their first residential experience and to enjoy a special sleepover with their friends. What an exciting adventure! At the time of writing Mrs Thackray is helping the children set small mammal traps for inspecting some woodland creatures before setting them free. We look forward to hearing all about their special trip on Friday.

At the beginning of the summer term we introduced our wonderful new PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Studies) resource, 'Jigsaw'. The children have welcomed Jen, Jo, Jack and Jerry cat (Jigsaw mascots) into their class circle times and have discussed feelings and strategies to manage feelings in a very grown-up manner. We are always impressed with the levels of kindness and care the children demonstrate for each other and those in the wider community. Each weekly session begins with a 'Calm Me' time where the sound of a chime is listened to, with rainbow breathing used to focus and settle the children. In Reception last week the children were thinking about 'responsibility' and it was their job for the morning to look after a small toy 'person'. They were asked to look after the 'person' and take them with them everywhere, including playtime. The children came up with some very creative ways to keep them safe e.g in their sock! Only a few reminders when immersed in learning were needed to remember to take their 'person' to the next activity. We were delighted that at the end of the morning EVERY child had responsibly kept their toy safe.

On Thursday the theme of the Library Raffle was 'Lions and Tigers'. Librarians this week were Year 1 merit winners who helped Mrs Thum beautifully.

Congratulations to five amazing mathematicians this week. Thomas M confidently earnt himself a Bronze Star times table badge this week and Wilf S, Lily W, Reis P Lawrence H and Ella D shone brightly to earn themselves a Silver Star, extending the number of times tables tested. Well done for practising at home to become multiplication kings and queens!

The Lunchtime Superstar is Thomas B from Neptune Class who was nominated by the Catering Team for showing delightful manners whilst being patient and considerate as he stepped aside to allow the dessert trolley by. Well done Thomas.

Congratulations to **Dahl** House who are the winners of the Housepoint challenge this week. The children in **Dahl** House scored an impressive **1114**

Lisa Meredith-Bennett Deputy Headteacher

#### Merit Awards

Rafferty D, Ilyas A, Yasmin M, Callan M, Daniel B P, Tadeo W, Zachary V, Thomas B, Phoebe B, Austin O-M,  
Olivia B P and Megan S.

#### Philosopher of the Week

Remy O, Harrison G and Holly D

Thought for the week

Do we need nature to survive?

# Juniper Hall



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Nursery have been diving under the sea this week continuing with our Amazing Animals topic. We have been learning some interesting facts about different sea creatures. Did you know that sea horses can change colour and have up to 2000 babies at once! There has been a hive of excitement in the kitchen this week; the children have been busy using their spreading skills to create a delicious cream cheese sea scene cracker! The children have also been dazzling us with their number skills by practising their counting using the numicon pieces and using different size pieces to create a fish picture. We have been making fabulous fish inspired Father's day cards for their special day too (shhh it's a secret until Sunday). In preparation for 'Stella the Starfish', the children have been using their scissor skills to create their wonderful costumes. We have our very own 'Stella the Starfish' stage in Nursery where the children have amazed us when at performing the songs they have been learning with the actions. We have also been whizzing over to the hall to practise our special dance moves; we have some fabulous pincer crabs, stylish starfish, swishing seaweed, jiggling jellyfish and a few baby sharks! What a busy week!



## Reception News



Reception have had a fabulous time this week! We have been enjoying having fun in the sun (as well as in the rain too). We have been thinking about our Dads and talking about them a lot. They are very good at hugs, kisses and some of them are experts at tickling too! To celebrate Father's Day this week we decided to make a picture of our Dads using our handprints and we think they look exactly



like them too! We hope you will enjoy receiving them on Sunday; Happy Father's Day! It's been full steam ahead with play rehearsals this week and we have got creative by making our own costumes. Lots of paint, glitter and of course glue were to be found in Reception!



Singing and dancing have also been a highlight too. We have lots of super moves and singing superstars in Reception! We are looking forward to you seeing our production very soon! We have been trying hard to write 'super sentences' making sure we are sitting our letters on the line and using finger spaces. We are trying to make our sentences more interesting by adding adjectives (wow words). What wonderful writers we have!

## Important Notice

Please note that the summer fair has now been rescheduled for the  
11th of September 2021

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**Congratulation to Benjamin K for his Gold certificate.**

**Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :**

**Charlie A for being star of the class at Headstart football club and for taking part in the rugby under6's squad for Sutton and Epsom RFC.**



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