



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents

On Friday we were delighted to be part of the National annual fundraising initiative for the charity Macmillan Cancer Support which does such an excellent job supporting those affected by cancer. Thank you to every class volunteer who baked cupcakes for each class. The standard was amazing and we had some delighted pupils at break time as you will see from the charming and chocolatey photos on Twitter (@StChrisEpsom). Special thanks to all those who supported the PTA Raffle with some impressive prizes. We organised a mini PTA from Year 1 to draw the raffle and need to thank Harriet R, Jemima H, Liam S and Eloise B-S! The winners were delighted and this raised an astonishing total of £960. Thank you all.

Philosophy lessons started for Year 2 last week as you will see from the excellent 'Thought for the Week' below. Children aged just 6 and 7 never fail to amaze me with their grasp of 'life questions' inspired by the chosen text and Lily did a brilliant job which generated an excellent debate.

It was quite a week for Year 2 who beamed from ear to ear during the annual Honours Assembly on Thursday. At the top of the school, our super stars are ready to take on serious responsibilities and I am delighted with the way that we have been able to adapt some of their duties while we are currently restricted by government guidelines. A full roll call of honours are featured on page 2 and we say huge congratulations to each and every one. The newly appointed House Captains have collected the House points below and next week the new Librarians will present the weekly Library Raffle for the first time on film. The Lunch Monitors will be having their first meeting to think about new menu suggestions for lunch. How exciting!

Thank you all for your exceptional support this week as we bravely tackled Parent Information Evenings via the magic of Zoom. You had all followed the advice and watched the presentations with care and raised some important questions during each evening's presentation. It was a shame that we could not be together in person but your kind comments of appreciation have been invaluable. Thank you.

Congratulations to Amelie M for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar for her exceptional manners and beautiful smile everyday. Mrs Waite was surprised to discover that you are the sister of last week's superstar! Well done Amelie.

Congratulations to **Kemp** House for winning the second Housepoint challenge of the autumn term.

The total housepoints this week are **477** Which is a super achievement for everyone in **Kemp** House.

Special thanks to our brand new House Captains for their efficient collection.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Parva A, Elena W, Barnaby B, Kitty T, Luca K, Olivia C
Monty H, Annabel H, Evelyn W, Ariana A
Zachery R and Gabby L-T

Philosopher of the week

Lily W

Thought for the Week

Is everything possible?

This year's Honours 2020-2021

<i>Lunch Captains</i>	<i>Beatrix B and Thomas M</i>
<i>Lunch Monitors</i>	<i>Paul H, Zahra M-H, Elise D, Benjamin K and Maximo Y</i>
<i>Blue Bench Monitors</i>	<i>Evelyn W and Harrison G</i>
<i>School Council Chairs</i>	<i>Ella D and Felicity V</i>
<i>Music Captains</i>	<i>Rosie T and Benjamin C</i>
<i>Sports Captains</i>	<i>Conall R and Felice F</i>
<i>Computer Monitors</i>	<i>Harrison G and Wilf S</i>
<i>Librarians</i>	<i>Ariana A, Sophie G, Scarlett C, Zachery R, Lawrence H and Nancy H-P</i>
<i>Head Boy</i>	<i>Reis P</i>
<i>Deputy Head Boy</i>	<i>Rumi W</i>
<i>Head Girl</i>	<i>Megan R</i>
<i>Deputy Head Girl</i>	<i>Holly D</i>

Donaldson House Captains: Bailey T and Gabby L-T

Kemp House Captains: Amelie M and Harry S

Dahl House Captains: Darcy W and Harry L

Ahlberg House Captains: Remy O and Lily W



Pictured here are the original Head Boy and Head Girl badges which are made of solid silver! You will see that Saint Christopher is pictured on both of the badges carrying a child on a journey. This is the image that inspired our two founders: Miss K Angus Paterson and Miss P Critchell Moody, to name the school in 1938 after the patron saint of travellers; St Christopher, prompting images of nurture, safety and adventure. Our Head Boy and Head Girl still wear these badges for their first day in office before returning them to the display cabinet where they can be safely enjoyed by generations to come.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What a fabulous week in Nursery. The children have settled so beautifully into our Nursery routine and have been greeting us in the mornings with their biggest beaming smiles. This week we have been talking about our families and ourselves. The children shared photos of themselves and their families with their Key Groups and talked about activities they enjoyed doing at home. We have been talking about our features and creating some self-portraits that are



so effective that we are displaying them in Nursery. We have been creating 'All about me' caterpillars adding a photo of ourselves, important information including our favourite colour, favourite toys, and how old we are. In the kitchen this week we have been practicing our



spreading skills; the children have been independently spreading cream cheese onto their crackers and creating faces with different vegetables. In the garden area we have been moving in different ways and the children have shown great skill at jumping, hopping and balancing. The mud kitchen has been very popular too, the Nursery teachers have been lucky to receive many delicious mud pies and cakes! What an amazing week, Nursery you are super stars.



Reception News

What a super week we have had in Reception! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about different superheroes this week and have been brilliant at discussing their superpowers. The children then used their sounds to label and write about their favourite superhero. We had some super sounders! Our story this week was 'Superkid'; the children loved it. It is full of lots of rhyming words which we enjoyed picking out of the book. We also matched rhyming words and pictures to continue a rhyming string. In maths, we have been doing lots and lots of superhero counting. The children have been busy practising counting on and back from twenty. We have also had lots of fun practising our number formation too. What super stars! For PSHE we talked about what makes us super special. The children were fantastic at speaking and listening during their circle time and thought about some lovely reasons as to why they are special. We have also been very lucky this week as we have had our first special art lesson with the lovely Mrs Degg. The children enjoyed learning all about a new British artist J M W Turner. In PE, we are already working on getting undressed and dressed independently which is a skill that we can definitely practice at home.

The Foundation Team



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Team Building House Day

22nd September House t-shirts and P.E kit to be worn to school

School photos will be taking place on
30th September



Parents Evening 7th & 8th October via zoom

Appointments to be booked soon



Congratulations to Harriet R and Annabel N for their Bronze award and to Lily W for her Bronze and Silver award

Spotty Box Awards

Well done to Aaron S for completing a Go Ape tree top adventure involving 20 wobbly crossings, 22 meters from the ground!



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