



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Dear Parents

The School has continued to bask in the sunshine enjoying this year's Indian Summer and the children have enjoyed every minute of being outside both during working sessions and during play time. Aren't we lucky!

On Wednesday we announced some of this year's honours for Year 2 with the remaining awards saved for next week. Our new Head boy is Ho-Yan T and our new Head Girl is Lola F. Assisting them with their duties will be Deputy Head Boy Charlie S and Deputy Head Girl Destiny M. They will be launching our Open Morning on 3<sup>rd</sup> October with a speech that they are probably devising as I write! Our House Captains this year are: **Felix A** and **Cameron M** representing **Donaldson House**, **Freya R** and **Jacob F** representing **Morpurgo House**, **Patrick M** and **Isla M** for **Dahl H** and **Miles R** and **Mathilda K** are the House Captains for **Ahlberg House**. You will note that this year we have two children representing each House and they will be collecting the weekly house points and helping at House events such as Sports Day.

We are delighted to offer our parents a new means of communication via our Parent Forum which will launch this term. Your Class Rep will be inviting you to contact them with any issues that you would like to be raised and, following a period for the school to respond, the results will be shared at the forum on 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please see page 4 for further details.

Although it seems too early to be talking about Christmas treats, this year we will be taking the whole school down to the theatre in Epsom for some special performances. I have listed these on page 4 so that families don't accidentally double book, but apologies for this early reference and Christmas picture!

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Caia H in Year 1 for showing such kindness to others when helping another child.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg House** for winning the most housepoints this week. They now sit at the top of the board with a splendid total of **285** housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Noah T, Rowan W, Zahra K, Matthew S, Joaquin G, Luke S, Lucas C, Zach C, Alexander M, Sophie M and Naomi B.

Philosopher of the Week  
Narayan M

Thought for the Week  
Should you always share?

Work of the Week

This week Venus Class have been looking at effective story settings. Luke S and Michael S have both written independent settings using marvellous ideas. They also remembered to use their senses and chose some lovely language to describe their setting. Both boys tried so hard to construct their spellings all by themselves, attempting rich and exciting vocabulary at this early stage in the year – Bravo boys!

September 17<sup>th</sup> Settings

In a dark forest a scull was digging a whole. I think a spider pouncing at me. I scolded, it was the first day of May. I could smell lots of things. I saw ants dancing on a leaf. I heard an owl it was loud. It was cold and wet. I saw a bloodsucking wood, I hid in a hollow in the tree. A tree is dead in the forest. I can smell dead leaves and mud.

It was the first day of summer and it was as hot as fire. I felt a gigantic crab and I said "OUCH!" I heard all the people screaming and laughing on the beach and it was so loud that the life guard said "be quiet!" I saw the noisy white seagulls pass by and the light blue seas were calm.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Foundation Stage News

The Reception children have been counting Superheroes this week and trying very hard to write the corresponding number. They have had great fun wearing capes and pretending to be Superheroes outwitting lots of baddies in the role play area. All the children have made superhero masks and they have talked about their own superhero powers. They have already proved themselves to be very clever at changing for PE and writing their names. Well done.



The children love 'reading' to their teachers and show their great imaginations as they describe the pictures and talk about the characters.

All of the children have been discovering and testing their own super senses tasting and smelling. They made some very interesting pictures, trying to draw while wearing a mask which was very tricky



We have had a busy week in the Nursery. The children have been very grown up, learning which group they are in and welcoming the new children in Rainbows.

We have loved the book 'Katie and the Bathers' by James Mayhew. We have had a go printing spots and dots to make our own river scene picture. We have made a new role play area in Red Room so we can have picnics on the grassy bank and go boating and swimming in the river like Katie did in the book.

Lots of children have had a turn at using their fingers to make pictures of people. We have had great fun outside in the lovely weather and we are discovering there are changes in the garden as the season changes to Autumn. We used some apples from the tree to make a birthday cake and have been collecting and studying the beech nuts that have fallen from the trees. We also talked about keeping safe when we find things in the garden.

Next week we are going to look at the book 'My friend Harry' by Kim Lewis. We will talk about our favourite toys especially the toys that are most precious to us. Please can your child bring in their favourite toy (named please) to show and share in Nursery. We would like to keep the toys for a few days and will display them with care.

**The Foundation Team**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September: Reception visit to Leatherhead Gym Club  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9am: VENUS Class Assembly

### Parent Forum – TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 9AM

This will not replace the traditional methods of raising individual queries via Class Teachers or Mrs Thackray. We will be discussing generic issues rather than individual circumstances but if you would like to raise an issue you may do so either via your Class Rep or direct to the Chair of the Forum, Governor and recent former parent, Mr Nigel Field. He may be contacted directly via his email [nigel.field99@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.field99@gmail.com). All submissions should be made please by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.



**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES AT THE PLAYHOUSE:**  
Nursery and Reception – Santa Claus and the Magical Journey  
– December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
Year 1 and 2 – The Wizard of Oz – December 15<sup>th</sup>

### HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL BADGES



These are the original solid silver Head Boy and Head Girl badges that are still handed out 78 years on to our children to be worn for the first three days before being exchanged for the blue and gold shields that may be kept. You will find them on display in the new cabinet in the Reception area from Monday onwards.

**SCHOOL GATE – Please note that the school gate is now accessed by a small covered key pad. Please check the protected parents' area of the website for the code.**