



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 2nd October 2015

Dear Parents

Last week the parents of children in Venus Class joined the whole school to watch a human Time Line organise themselves into date order helped by the clever Year 2 children in costume. Cleopatra, Winston Churchill and Neil Armstrong were just some of the historical characters alongside contemporary famous names such as Jonny Wilkinson who presented a wonderful assembly that was both informative and entertaining. The children impressed us all with their professional public speaking voices and lovely songs. Well done Venus and a huge thank you to Mrs London for this enjoyable assembly.

Our School Council is taking shape and I was delighted to assist Rowan Waine, the Chair of the School Council, as she awarded the badges to the children in each class who had been elected by their peers to represent their class this year.

Congratulations to: Caia H representing Mercury, Thomas M representing Venus, Eddie H representing Saturn and Zac P representing Jupiter. We look forward to hearing about your exciting activities and discussions soon.

The sun has shone warmly during the last week of September and the field and playground have been a hive of activity as the children have enjoyed their maths and literacy challenges outside linked with the season. I watched some very able mathematicians in Saturn measuring the tennis courts and I am informed that the area also known as the playground measured 26 and a half metres long!

Next week is our Harvest Festival and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the celebrations at St Martin's church. Thank you for not bringing small siblings. We have organised a crèche because we are keen to protect the quiet required for the presenters and narrators of the festival who are only 6 and 7 years old.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Andrew Dixon for trying the lovely range of new dishes at lunchtime with such enthusiasm. Well done Andrew for impressing the Team in your first term at St Christopher's.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house for making it to the top! You scored 572 housepoints this week. Well done!

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Lily T, Isla T, Jack B, Ethan L, Sophia D, Oscar R, Issy S, Teddy C, Jack D, Benji S, Alexander M and George T.

Philosopher of the Week

Sachin W

Why do people lie?

Work of the Week - Saturn Class

The Work of the Week is from Saturn Class this week. Their topic is The Rain Forest and this week the children had to create and describe a fantasy creature to live in the Rainforest. This super creation is by Eden H who has used effective description and written her words all by herself with a splendid attempt at spelling. Well done Eden.

My Fantasy Rainforest Creature

My animal will have pupil fep
and shap glos and wiskis.
It has green c los with pink webs
on its omg. its eras (ears)
ar yelo.

A super description of your rainforest creature
Eden Your illustration really matches
what you wrote. Well done 😊

One house point awarded.
Well Done!

Foundation Stage News

The Reception children (sorry, pirates) have been planning the things they would need if they were stranded on a desert island. They decided they might become hungry, thirsty or wet (if it rained) so they wrote letters asking for food, water and things to make a shelter. They rolled up the messages and put them in a bottle ready to send out to sea. The teachers are very impressed that the children are trying so hard to write some of the sounds that they hear in words.

The Reception scientists have used magnifying glasses and safety goggles to look at a range of natural, seasonal objects like cones, conkers and leaves. They sorted the objects using tongs and containers to compare and suggest similarities and differences that they noticed about the objects.

In Maths we have continued to look at sequences. Can your child continue the sequence of the days of the week or the numerals on a number line? The children are fantastic at creating repeating patterns using all sorts of resources.

Harvest is just around the corner and in Nursery we are looking forward to going to the church to celebrate. Harvest is quite a complex event to understand when you are 3 or 4 years old so we have been talking a lot about fruit and vegetables, what they are called, where they come from and if we like eating them. Like Oliver in the book 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French we are learning what chips are made from, can your child remember? We love using our apple harvest from the tree in the garden, in the kitchen, making apple cakes, crumble and biscuits. We have also been playing a game counting toy fruits into our fruit bowls. The children are very clever as they learn to check their counting by lining up the fruits and moving their finger to count carefully along the line.

Fine motor coordination is a prime area of learning in the Foundation Stage. Mrs. Degg comes to work with us in the art room on Wednesdays and she has been teaching us to use our fingers to pinch clay to make little clay people. This week we are applying the glaze with precise brush work, just like real sculptors. Anthony Gormley would be proud! Mr Gormley would also enjoy watching the children have fun playing musical statues in the garden. When all the children are as still as a statue the photographer (one of the children) takes a photo. Sometimes we can't even tell if the children are statues or real children.

The Foundation Team



DIARY DATES

**TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER at 10am: HARVEST FESTIVAL
at St Martin's Church, Epsom**

All parents and carers are welcome to attend, but please make arrangements for babies and toddlers to be cared for. Thank you for your consideration.

**Please bring your gifts into school on Monday.
All and any donations received with gratitude.**

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 9.15 – 11 am

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Please let your friends and neighbours know

PTA DISCOS

Friday 16th October

Nursery, Pre-Reception and Reception:

3.30 – 4.15pm

Years 1 and 2: 4.30 – 5.30pm

Please return ticket requests by

Friday 9th October to the PTA box under the porch



Mathletics

Congratulations for Bronze Awards to:

Zachary C, Joshua I, Stanley G, Noah T, Ned S, Rory P, Kieran A, Liberty R, Athena D, Elliot M, Sophie M, Freya P, Rory B, Jack D and Annabel H.

Also well done to Caia H and Claudia M for earning their Silver Awards.