



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 20th January 2017

Dear Parents

On Friday we all enjoyed Saturn Class's wonderful assembly about teeth. This assembly was informative and entertaining and featured acting, singing and even tap dancing. We all listened with care to the cautionary tale about the little girl who did not brush her teeth and enjoyed meeting the dentist, Mr Floss. It was an excellent performance and we say well done to the Saturn children and thank you very much to Mrs Russell ably supported by Mrs Richardson.

On Thursday last week the School Council invited Mr Barrett into school to discuss with him their fund raising ideas for our charity MERU. Mr Barret was very kind and helpful and we will hear more about this exciting initiative soon but in the meantime special thanks to Mr Barrett for his warm support.

The hall was packed on Wednesday evening with Nursery and Pre Reception parents eager to hear about how key skills are taught in the EYFS and how they could support their child's maths and literacy skills at home. Thank you to all those who attended and special thanks to Mrs Emma London and Miss Kate Rendall for such an informative evening and for the whole Nursery Team too.

This Thursday our intrepid Year 1 explorers headed off to Wisley RHS to investigate plants which are the source of food in support of their topic Naughty but Nice. The education Team at Wisley are wonderful and our children enjoyed hands on experiences such as potting a plant.

Back here at school it was the turn of Lauren M and Matthew S to run the weekly Library Raffle. The theme this week was winter and snow.

Ice has been the theme in every class with teachers seizing the opportunities for scientific discovery in this winter season. I particularly enjoyed watching the Year 2 Science lesson. Having learnt about The Titanic in their History lesson they had created two icebergs out of fresh water and salt water to conduct some buoyancy experiments in a tank of water. Everyone was absorbed by the task and much laughter ensued as children were given two ice cubes and a piece of string with a challenge to pick up the ice cubes using the string without knots or assistance. The clue I will offer is that salt was involved but do ask a Year 2 just how they did it for the results were spectacular.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Sophia A for impressing the team with her delightful manners and for her impressive appetite. Well done Sophia! Congratulations to **Ahlberg** for reaching the top of the Leader Board this week with a splendid total of **383** Housepoints. Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Alex M, Carlos D, Freya P, Matthew S, Jago G, Clara H, James B and Rayyan W.

Philosopher of the Week

Zac P

Thought for the Week

Is it every ok to take things that aren't yours?

Work of the Week

This week's work is by Oliver M in Venus Class. Venus have studied The Titanic in history as part of their topic 'From Pole to Pole'. In science Year 2 tested the buoyancy of both fresh water and saltwater icebergs. Oliver wrote this super account of his experiment including his predictions all by himself. Well done Oliver!

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Iceberg Experiment

Question - What do we want to find out?

We want to find out... which I iceberg will sink?

Prediction - What do you predict will happen?

I predict that... I think the salt iceberg will win because there is salt water.

Equipment - What equipment will we use?

We will use: water salt greaser saltwater iceberg pots fresh water salty water

Method - What did we do?

Firstly we... put the salt iceberg in the sea.

Then we... put in the sea tap water iceberg

Results

What has happened? the tap water iceberg was slightly more buoyant above the salt water iceberg

Well done Oliver, you have used lots of scientific knowledge.

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Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Thank you for the wonderful turn out at our curriculum evening on Wednesday, it was lovely to see so many of you there to support your child's learning. Our book of the week is 'Sonny's Wonderful Wellies'. It is all about a duck who has a new pair of red wellington boots and really wants to splash in puddles but it just won't rain! Ask the children what great idea his Grandma had. Our sound of the week is 'a'. I am very pleased to tell you that nearly everyone could remember 's' from last week and have really embraced our new letter. Can you spot anything at home that starts with an 's' or an 'a'? Some of the children have been making hats for the teddies. They have been trying to make a hat that will be waterproof in the rain. Weather mobiles are taking shape, with cutting skills at the forefront and we have used coat hangers successfully to hang them up. We have been making icing wellington boots in the kitchen as well as celebrating a couple of birthdays with a yummy cake! Happy birthday children!

Reception News

This week the children have been writing about their own chosen animal, thinking about what noise make ie: 'a bee buzzing in my ear' 'a dog barking at me'. The children are great at using their phonics for writing and some of us are remembering those tricky finger spaces between the words. We have been learning how to write the sum to go with adding two groups of animals together. We have also been thinking about what it would be like if we could not see or hear and discussed sign language and braille.

In French we are looking at parts of the body and the children are becoming very fast at identifying each part confidently in French. A real highlight this week was the French version of Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes which warmed us up as we sang.

We thought about being explorers too and heard about how your eyelashes may freeze when exploring the Antarctic because it is so cold.

It was cold here for Forest School fun with Jay but we loved the crisp winter landscape and seasonal activities that he provided.

The Foundation Stage Team

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 26th January – Year 2 Re-Union Tea

Friday 27th January 9am NEPTUNE Class Assembly –

All parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am.

Friday 27th – PTA Quiz Night

This week's Happiness Hamsters

This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils: Nathan J, Thomas M and Imogen W.



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Mathletics: Congratulations to Louis G for achieving his Silver Award and Rory P for gaining Gold.

There are four types of Playground Panther. Patrol Panthers look out for rough play and intervene or report to an adult. Polite Panthers are kind and friendly and quick to involve others in their games. Playful Panthers think up exciting new games and encourage others to join in and Promising Panthers may have played roughly before but are now committed to gentle safer play. This week's Playground Panthers are: Satvika R and Morgan W.



PTA FAMILY PHOTO DAY – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The PTA Family Photo day will no longer take place on Saturday 25th February as mentioned in Dates for the Diary. It will take place on Saturday 29th April – details to follow from the PTA.

Also it is not too late to join in the PTA Quiz Night on Friday 27th January. Details are available from the school office.

Would you be interested in advertising in our Music Festival Programme?

We are inviting sponsors for the programme for this year's festival on 9th March. The programmes are given out to the large audience of parents from the local area as well as the participating children. The cost will be £50 for a half page and £100 for a full page colour advertisement in a prominent place in our A5 glossy programme. If you would like to publicise your business or you know of a local business who would be interested in this opportunity, please contact the school office.



Please do return your Parent Questionnaires. If you have mislaid one pick one up from the office. We really do value your opinion and it would be wonderful to have a full response from all our families.