



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 20th September 2019

Dear Parents

Thank you all for supporting our Macmillan Coffee Morning last week organised by the brilliant PTA and including a choice of fruit this year! We were delighted to hear that £242.90 was raised on a morning that allowed parents to chat and make new friends.

During the last two weeks we have presented Parents Information Evenings for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and even Pre-Nursery and it has been wonderful to see these so well supported with nearly 100% attendance. This demonstrates the outstanding Parent/School partnership that St Christopher's enjoys and it reflects the excellent results both academic and pastoral that we enjoy. Next week we look forward to welcoming Nursery and Pre-Reception Parents to the Hall for their EYFS Curriculum Evening.

This week Nursery and Pre-Reception began exploring the school grounds as part of their topic 'Magnificent Me'. On Monday they used their eyes to explore with the aid of magnifying glasses and binoculars and on Wednesday it was time to explore using their 'listening ears'. Do follow their adventures on Twitter @StChrisEpsom to see evidence of the daily delight that they bring.

On Wednesday Reception children enjoyed being outside in the sunshine learning about seasons during their Woodland Adventure sessions.

On Thursday Year 2 set off to Hampton Court as part of their history studies also following in the footsteps of Paddington in the book that they are studying! As well as enjoying an educational workshop on Tudor Life our very lucky children were invited on to the Real Tennis Court for a lesson and an experience playing their first game of real tennis.

Congratulations to Nicholas Z for being nominated as this week's Lunchtime Superstar for going up to the Catering Team and awarding them ten out of ten for his lunch last week. Well done Nicholas!

We are very excited by our new environmentally friendly initiative. Do watch out for your child coming home with an EMU (Environment Matters to Us) soon.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for achieving the most housepoints this week with a total of **394** housepoints.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Charlie A, Thea L, Jemima H, Joseph O, Conall R, Harrison G, Logan R, Sophie R, Alistair H, Elliza M, Amelie M and Wilf S.

Philosopher of the Week

Baxter M

Thought for the Week


Work of the Week

Year 2 are very excited about their topic 'London with Paddington Bear'. Well done Jisoo, in Venus class for listening so carefully to find out all about this lovable character.

All About Paddington. 6.9.19

Paddington got his name from a station. He wears his duffle coat from the browns. There over 1000 Paddington books. Paddington is 61 years old. He wears a red hat and carries a bag. Also he has marmalade sandwich under his hat. He is very clumsy. He is also forgetful. He is a bear of little brains. He first met the Browns at Paddington station. The author is Michael Bond. Here he is a British bear. He is waving a British flag. The characters are Judy Mr and Mrs Brown and Jonegoon.

This is excellent information Jisoo! Well done Jisoo!



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What a wonderful week in Nursery! The children have enjoyed their first full week of fun. As part of our 'Magnificent Me' topic our focus book this week has been 'Peepo'. The children have been using their eyes to investigate the Nursery environment. Each group went on a hunt with their binoculars, magnifying glasses and clipboards. They found many interesting things using their eyes, including a spiders web, wasps and many other insects in the outside learning area. We have been creating our very own 'Peepo' style flap books, the children have been deciding what they can see through the window just like the baby from the story. We have enjoyed our first Phase One phonics sessions this week; as part of our learning we made our own listening ears and went on a listening walk around Nursery and we also used our body as percussion instruments! We have wonderful new



basketball hoops for our outside learning area and the children have thoroughly enjoyed trying to throw the ball through the hoops. In the kitchen this week we have been making our very own fruit kebabs; the children cut their own fruit and thread it onto their wooden stick before enjoying it at the snack table. This week we had our first Woodland Adventures session with Mrs Self. We used our magnifying glasses to investigate conkers and had our own baskets to collect natural materials. *Reminders: Please remember to put any messages in your child's Communication Book and place it in our basket in the mornings and check Tapestry for messages. Thank you.*



RECEPTION

What a fantastic week we have had in Reception! We have begun our phonics lessons and have concentrated on the sounds 's,a,t,p,i,n'. This week we read 'The Paper Bag Princess' and have had lots of fun making our very own paper bag princesses' or princes. For writing, we have been writing sentences to describe who we were dressed up as and used the words 'I am a....' to start our sentence. We then thought carefully about our sounds to sound out words like princess, or dragon.

We have also had a great time learning all about a knight's armour and had a go at labelling the helmet, breast plates and gauntlets. We have also used 2D shapes to make a knight's armour.

In PSHE we discussed what it means to be brave and talked about how brave we are in a variety of different situations. What a busy week!

The Foundation Team



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 24th September – House Day – All children to come to school in the following:

Nursery/Pre-Reception – House T shirt (instead of polo shirt), Joggers, Sweatshirt, School Shoes or Trainers and Waterproofs.

Reception/Year1/Year 2 – House T shirt, Shorts under joggers, Sweatshirt, School shoes (bring plimsolls into school), Hats, blazers and waterproofs.

Email previously sent with details of the day's events.

Wednesday 25th September 7pm – EYFS Parents' Curriculum Evening (Hall).



PTA Parents' Drinks and Canapes

On Thursday 3rd October 7.30 to 9pm in the school hall.

Come and join the PTA for an informal evening of drinks, nibbles & piano music.

No charge, funded by the PTA. £5 raffle on the night.

Please RSVP to Vanessa.rapier@icloud.com by Friday 27th Sept.

PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers: Charlie A, Sam B, Scarlett C, Logan R, Dexter R, Callan M, Lily W, Daniel B and Felicity V.



MATHLETICS:

Congratulations to Ella D for achieving her Bronze Mathletics Award.



Spotty Box Awards



In the Spotty Box this week we celebrate:

Juliet F who gained 1st prize in the Epsom Garden Society Junior Exhibitor's Awards. Sophia A for her 5m swimming award. Jisoo P for taking part in a Musical Theatre Workshop and Izzy J for being awarded Street Dance rosettes and certificates.

Well done.



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