



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 23rd September 2016

Dear Parents

Last Friday we were delighted to watch Mercury Class' Assembly which was all about the history of Epsom. This clever assembly was delivered with great confidence by the Year 2 children in Mercury and was enjoyed by us all. Thank you to all the children and well done and thank you to Mrs Garrod the producer!

We have had such an exciting week with the highlight for everybody being a visit by Tom Ransley who represented Great Britain in the Rio Olympics and won a Gold Medal! Tom was part of the rowing team of eight and his presentation on Thursday inspired a whole school of children and adults. To capture the excitement of his winning race we showed the children the video footage and when Tom took to the podium to receive his gold medal the hall stood up to sing the National Anthem followed by some very enthusiastic cheering and flag waving. To see a real Gold Medal and hear Tom's inspirational story was a very special moment to treasure. Our sincere thanks to the lovely family.

On Tuesday we all enjoyed our annual Honours Assembly and we were delighted with the children's maturity and kindness as they celebrated the success of each other with smiles and congratulations. Do see the list on page 2 of all our important children.

On Wednesday Reception set off on their first school trip to Painshill Park for a day of team building with magical spells and activities which perfectly complemented their topic about Magic. The children found a 'dragon's egg' in a real crystal cave and set off to search for the dragon meeting witches and other enchanted creatures along the way. They had a fabulous time.

On Thursday both Reception and Pre-Reception headed outside again for a Forest School experience and enjoyed every minute of their time with problem solving activities and learning opportunities outdoors with Jay their excellent tutor. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Matthew S for his lovely conversations with the cooks and his cheerful dining every day. Well done Matthew!

*Congratulations to **Dahl House** for winning this week's challenge. They are now at the top of the leader board with a splendid **286** Housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Philosopher of the Week

Benji S

Thought for the Week

Why are people ungrateful?

Event of the Week

Our annual Honours Assembly made everyone smile. Here are a list of our super Year 2s whose photos you will find around the school and on the website.

Lunch Captain: Robyn C

Lunch Monitors: Tommy C, Lauren H, Jago G Rory P, Jamie H, Daisy M, Oliver M, Louis G and Sienna A.

Librarians: Ziyah O, Lauren M, Matthew S, Elliot M and Jack D (pictured below)

Chair of School Council: Zahra K

Head Boy: Zac P

Deputy Head Boy: Joe C

Head Girl: Freya P

Deputy Head Girl: Sophie M

Music Monitors: Dara O, Zachary C

House Captains **DAHL HOUSE: Freya M, Benji S**

House Captains **DONALDSON HOUSE: Eden H, Rory B**

House Captains **AHLBERG HOUSE: Annabel H, Liberty R**

House Captains **KEMP HOUSE: Sophie B, George T**

Blue Bench Monitors: Alexander M, Athena D



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Our Nursery Rhyme this week is 'One, Two Buckle My Shoe'. The children have been collecting sticks to make a collage of the rhyme as well as using them to sing.



Thank you for coming to our information evening on Wednesday and I hope you found it useful. Remember to always come and talk to us if you have any questions.

REMINDER - Waterproof coat trousers in school every day please.

Reception News

The big news this week is the trip to Painshill Park. The coach set off with very excited children on board. The weather has been good so a lovely day has been had by all.

Lots of pictures to follow next week.

We have been busy in the Green Room this week where we have been printing with lots of different things, including welly boots and cookie cutters.

We are busy learning our song for the Harvest Festival which is all about how people say 'hello' all over the world.

We still loving playing with all the animals. Guess who is under the hat?



This week we have been looking at 2D shapes and their properties. We went on a hunt around the school and spotted many different shapes in some peculiar places. The most popular shape we found was a rectangle and the hardest shape to spot was a pentagon.

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 28th September 2.30pm – Reading Meeting for Reception parents in Mars Class

Friday 30th September 9am – Saturn Class Assembly
All Parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER – 8.35am PARENT FORUM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.
PLEASE SUBMIT ANY WORRIES OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE TO GOVERNOR MR NIGEL FIELD AT nfield@winkworth.co.uk BY 30TH SEPTEMBER

ADVANCED NOTICE – PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES ON
Wednesday 12th October 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.45 pm
In the Outdoor Classroom



Mathletics: Congratulations to Rory P, Freya P, Henry M, Iman O and Mia P for gaining their Bronze Awards.

Special congratulations to Zac P on achieving his Gold Award.



This week's Happiness Hamsters

This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and we have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils:
Sienna A and Sophia M.



Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at **StChrisEpsom** for information and weekly highlights

