



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 24th June 2016

**Dear Parents**

*As I write it is lovely weather for ducks which is good news for our little brood of ducklings who we have tenderly nurtured from egg to duckling. On Friday they will head off to Ladyland Farm. Do go and visit them in the summer. Special thanks to Mrs Garrod for giving us this wonderful opportunity.*

*Last Thursday we entered work from every Year Group in the ISA Regional Art Competition held in Purley. We were absolutely thrilled to win 6 First Prizes, 2 Second Prizes, a third Prize and a Highly Commended. As always we were up against much larger schools and our inspirational Art Director, the talented Mrs Degg was delighted to see such success in this area of the curriculum. Names will appear in next week's newsletter and certificates given out next week. All 6 first prize winning pieces will go through to Nationals in the autumn.*

*On Friday we were amazed and delighted to welcome 90 dads into school to join us for our Father's Day Challenge Morning. The dads should be congratulated for throwing themselves into the activities so enthusiastically. Disco Dads, Sneak a Peek construction and athletics on the field were all heartily enjoyed and the children beamed all morning to have their fathers here. Those who could not be here were also spoilt with handmade gifts created on the morning by their excited children. Well done and thank you.*

*This week congratulations are due to Years 1 and 2 for their wonderful production of Perseus and Medusa. The children shone with superb acting and narrating and outstanding singing and dancing. Special mention must go to the eponymous hero Perseus brilliantly played by Joshua I. Thank you to all the parents for coming and for so generously supporting the Macmillan Nurses by giving a grand total of £345.19 in the retiring collection.*

*Please do remember to park with care and consideration at the start and end of the day. Illegal parking is a new issue and needs to be quickly addressed please so that the safety of both our families and the residents can be protected.*

*Please also remember not to open up the Trim Trail without a member of staff present as this needs to be closely supervised at all times.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Oliver M in Jupiter for making such a special effort to enjoy his lunches. Well done Oliver.*

*Congratulations to all the children in Dahl House with just two more weeks to go. You have claimed first place on the board with a fabulous total of 1167 housepoints. Well done.*

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher*



**This Week's Ducklings:**

*Prince Phillip, HRH Elizabeth, William, Harry, Charles, George, Andrew and last but not least baby Charlotte.*

Event of the Week  
Perseus and Medusa  
Some wonderful images of our KS1 play



## Foundation Stage News

This week nursery and pre-reception have been learning about snails which was lucky as they had all come crawling out in the rain! Following on from our learning about Octopuses last week we found out that Octopuses have 8 legs, but snails only have one foot. We have listened to the story of the 'Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson and after seeing how clever the snail was at writing messages we had a go at snail writing by leaving a trail of glue and sprinkling on just 'pinch' of glitter so that our friends could see our snail pictures or drawings. Snails have also been spotted in the kitchen where children have made pastry 'Swirls' and in the art room where, inspired by the artwork of Matisse, we have made snails and carefully selected the right size pieces of paper to stick onto our collage. We have even had some real snails in to closely observe and recreate using play dough.

Next week Friday morning we will have our Nursery Sports Day. Don't forget to come wearing house T-Shirts. We are practicing our races at every opportunity when the sun shines. We are getting very clever at remembering which colour House we are in and what it is called.

Please note this Friday is the last day Pre-Reception will be taking home their book bags. Can you kindly ensure all books are returned on Monday. We thoroughly enjoyed Forest Schooling, albeit in the rain. We created our own bugs/mini-beasts using wooden spoons to decorate with pens and add pipe cleaner legs. Also some children learnt to tie knots.

We have been looking at the story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers and linked it to Tim Peake's adventure home.

The children have observed lots of videos of Tim Peake's expedition on the International Space Station and particularly liked the water experiment as its state changes to a bubble and by using hydrophobic bats he was able to play ping-pong. The children were eager to record their findings.

We have also been practicing counting in 2s sequencing numbers to 20 by cutting and sticking and then some of us even recorded all the way to 100!

## The Foundation Team



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### CLUBS HAVE FINISHED

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 visit to Guildford**

The children should wear Victorian costume



**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Elephants' Tea Party** please bring £1 donation for Child Bereavement UK

*(Please see recent email for full details)*

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Twinkling Stars Parent/Teacher Appointments

**Reception Parents: Transition to Year 1**

Meeting in School Hall at 7pm

*Please let your child's teacher or the office know if you are unable to attend*

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 2 singing in Twin Towns Choral Festival**

Epsom Market Place 2.40 – 3pm

Reports will be sent out to parents

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July: SPORTS DAY**

Nursery Sports: 9 – 10am

Upper School Sports at 4.30pm

**School closes at 1.30pm** See recent email for full details

### **SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY: PTA SUMMER FAIR 1 – 3PM**

***Congratulations to Zac P, Robyn C, Zihah O and Lauren H for being awarded their Good Deed Awards this week.***

### **Whole School Photograph (taken on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June)**

Please see the large print in the Porch. Information regarding ordering has been distributed via bookbags. Orders can be placed on line or by post in the pre-paid envelope; they do not need to be returned via the school office.



**Sad news- careless and illegal parking will generate further parking restrictions if we fail to manage this ourselves. An email was sent as a clear reminder and these incidents occurred the next day just after 1pm and Thursday at 8.30am.**

