



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 24th March 2017

Dear Parents

On Friday we all enjoyed the wonderful assembly by Mars Class based on the book 'What the Ladybird heard'. The fine array of farm character costumes lit up the hall and the wonderful acting and singing was a joy to see. Well done to all the courageous and talented actors in Mars Class and thank you to the clever producers; Mrs Meredith-Bennett and Mrs Taperell.

We were delighted to see so many happy faces on Saturday morning at our Saturday Showcase opportunity. Special thanks must go to the children in Year 2 who gave up their morning to perform in the Orchestra, the Choir and the wonderful Gymnastics Display. Thank you all and special thanks to Mrs Mulhern and to Mrs Pryor for their hard work and artistic direction. On Wednesday the children performed their Gym Display in front of the whole school and Nursery were especially inspired taking the PE mats back into Nursery for their own exciting versions. Do see the evidence on Twitter.

The Tables challenges have really taken off and we say congratulations this week to Annabel H, Athena D, Liberty R, Matthew S and Ziyah O for winning their Bronze Star Awards for magnificent multiplication.

On Wednesday the weather let us down for our Pre Reception visit to the Library in Epsom. The children all returned to School damp but happy with news of the stories that they had shared, the books they had looked at, the tour they had enjoyed and especially the snacks that they had been served in the Library café! Well done to all those little legs and thank you to all the parents and relatives who enabled this trip by helping provide the additional support.

On Wednesday 5 children from Year 2 set off to Linden House to take part in a special clay project designed to pair the old with the young. Athena, Daisy, Eden, Louis and Robyn brought some very big smiles to the faces of the residents as they worked with and chatted to their elderly companions under the watchful eyes of professional sculptor Asta Kalpokaite who supported this initiative. The second part of this visit will take place next week. What a wonderful activity!

Thank you all for the splendid Lorax Woodland Trust work. Certificates will be given to all the participants and the Highly Commended entries received special certificates that and are listed on page 4. Congratulations to you all.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Caitriona O for such a wonderful and improved approach to lunchtimes. Well done Caitriona!

*Well done to **Ahlberg** House for launching to the top with an impressive total of **3184** Housepoints taking them into first place this week. Mrs Annie Thackray*

This Week's Merit Awards

Scarlett S, Fraser W, Caitriona O, George T, Zachary C, Lily C, Nathan J, Jasmine C, Sophie B, Zac P, Baylen B, Louis G, Dara O, Nathan H, Zoe M, Saraya J, Emma S and Artie B.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 27th March – Year 1 Food Sale

Monday 27th 2pm – Spring Music Concert

Thursday 30th – Cup Assembly

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**PTA EASTER EGG HUNT AND FAMILY PICNIC
AT MIDDAY – PLEASE BRING £2 CASH PER CHILD.**



Special thanks to our lovely Reception mums for baking and running the wonderful PTA Café at the Showcase Morning on Saturday: Sarah F, Tanya D, Emer O, Vidya R, Chloe C and Emma S.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have had a wonderful week of activity in the Nursery and due to popular demand we have extended our Jungle theme. The Jungle Biscuits have been lovingly made in the kitchen using a variety of colourful vegetables which have been expertly chopped and placed on savoury water biscuits after some super spreading of cream cheese has taken place. The Art Room has been extremely busy with Mother's Day card- making and Easter card creations which will all appear home in the next few days.

The highlight of the week was our Pre-Reception Trip to Epsom Library where we heard 'Oi Frog' and 'My Big Shouty Day'. If you haven't read them do go and borrow them from the Library, they are hilarious. After a snack in the Library Café, we all walked back to school with no complaints from the owners of the little legs. Well done everyone and special thanks to the helpers!

Reception News

This week in Reception we have moved from doubling to halving. The children were introduced to this concept by helping the teachers to share their shopping fairly. Artie was very thoughtful to suggest cutting the apple in half. The children then used a range of practical resources to half amounts to 10. Some of us were even able to talk about the link between doubling and halving. Maybe the children could demonstrate their understanding with you at home using objects or ladybird spots! We had a lovely circle time talking about how our mummies are special and how we can show them love. Hopefully their ideas will be put into practice this weekend for Mothering Sunday! We were impressed with the children's cursive handwriting this week too. Ask them to show you the letters we have tried so far. We hope you enjoyed the cakes lovingly iced and decorated by the children for you and thank you for coming to share them at the Mother's Day Tea. **The Foundation Team**



Mathletics: Congratulations to: Henry M for achieving his Gold Award.



TREE CHAMPION CHALLENGE WINNERS

Millar W, Erin O, Benji S, Nathan H, Imogen W, Nathan J, Oliver N, Gabriel K, Daniel M, Lucy A and Jamie H.

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: Andy D and Rafael I.



PLEASE NOTE

OWLS AND LARKS BOOKING FORMS FOR THE SUMMER TERM ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE PARENTS SECTION OF THE WEBSITE, UNDER THE BACK PORCH OR FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.