



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Dear Parents

Last Friday we were all enchanted by the wonderful Class Assembly performance by Saturn. Inspired by their new topic 'Home is where the Heart is' the children showed pictures of a favourite room in their house and talked about it with enthusiasm. They then performed a delightful play based on the book 'On My Way Home' by Jill Murphy with a range of characters from the pages of children's fiction before singing a charming song complete with solo performances. Thanks to all the children in Saturn for this impressive assembly and special thanks to Mrs Richardson and to the talented Mrs Russell for the fabulous script and direction.

On Wednesday we welcomed Anna Turz from United World Schools into school to present an excellent age-appropriate assembly about the school in Cambodia called Pong Tek. She described the school as 'our school' because our significant fundraising initiatives are going to be put to such excellent use this year. Anna talked about the differences between home and school life in Surrey and near Pong Tek and we learnt that in Cambodia children as young as 5 are expected to work. Our Head Boy and head Girl, Baylen and Imogen were thrilled to hand over a cheque for £1271.37 knowing that 100% of these funds will go to educate the local children. Thank you to all our families who have shown such generosity and really made a difference. Do check the website for photos.

On Thursday we were delighted to welcome last year's Year 2 back for their exciting Reunion Tea. It was a joy to see the colourful array of blazers enter the hall and quickly reunite as if no time had passed. Some happy chatter, a shared look at photos, a quiz and a party tea made for a perfect time to get together. Thank you to all our former pupils- do keep in touch!

This weekend is the National Big Garden Birdwatch hour and we are sending home details so that you can get involved. We all want to support and protect our wildlife so do join with us and use the hour suggested to record your garden visitors. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Charlie S for eating up his lunches so well and even leaving his plate completely clean on Wednesday! Congratulations to all the children in **Donaldson** House for winning **489** Housepoints which has taken them to the top of the leader board.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Noah B, Frederick K, John D, Lottie R, Freya C,  
Thomas M, Artie R, Mathias P, Millar W, Arisa A, Matilda G and Jisoo P.

Philosopher of the Week  
Rafferty O

Thought for the Week  
Should you ever lock somebody up?

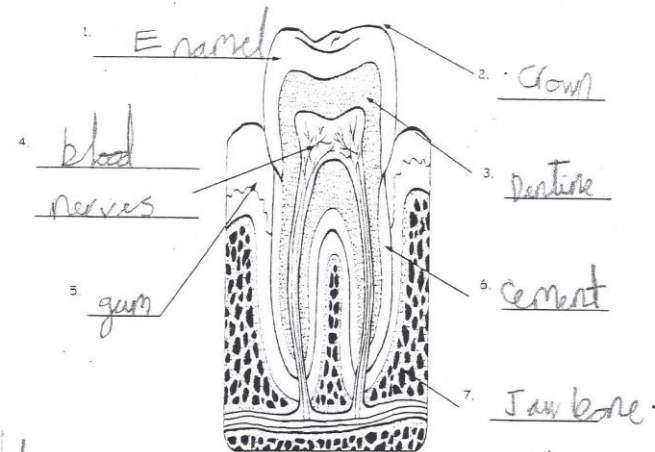
### Work of the Week

Year 2 have been studying teeth in their science lessons. Mia P in Venus Class labelled her diagram independently with great care. Well done Mia.

Mia 23.1.18

#### Investigation 1 - the inside of a tooth.

From the information you can find label the different parts of this tooth.  
You'll need to use all of the following words:  
Enamel Dentine Blood vessels and nerves in pulp chamber  
Gum Jaw Bone Crown Cement



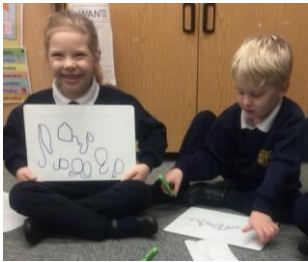
The Incisor we got ripping food ✓  
The canine is for tearing food ✓

The molar is for chewing food ✓  
Well done Mia you clearly understand  
the purpose of each tooth. Super labelling

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## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us on Wednesday evening for our Curriculum Evening and Workshop. A great time was had by all and we hope you found it informative. This week our sound has been 'a'. There are alligators and an airport in the cottage and the children are doing brilliantly forming an 'a' using the mnemonic 'round the apple, down the leaf'. Our book this week was 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' We naturally had to have a large black tent in the Nursery complete with torches to create a bear cave. We have been making twinkling stars to light up the night sky using shiny paper and glitter. We used our cutting skills to carefully cut around them too. Even though Goldilocks has gone from the Nursery we found that she had



trapped many of our small animals in ice! The children decided they needed to melt the ice by spraying water on the ice blocks. Luckily all the animals have now been rescued. We have been looking at day and night and thinking about what activities we do during the day and what activities would be better done at night; some excellent sorting was done. The bikes have been fitted with torches and a camouflage canopy erected for the children to drive through. We have also been using colourful ribbons to

weave with and wear as a hat!

## Reception News

In Reception we are continuing to learn through our story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. There was a lot of excitement this week when a very upset 'Goldilocks' phoned to speak to the teacher. She was crying because her mummy had told her that she needed to write a sorry letter to 'The Three Bears' but she didn't know any of her sounds or even how to hold a pencil! Could we help? Of course we could! The children helped 'Goldilocks' by writing the sorry letter for her. What helpful and kind children we have at St Christopher's. Goldilocks was very grateful and so were 'The Bears'!

Reception had a difficult task this week of deciding which topping was the most popular for porridge. They made the porridge and used honey, chocolate chips, blueberries, bananas and even salt as a topping. The children helped to make it, tasted it and then voted. We then converted these votes into a pictogram. Can you guess which was the most and least popular? Following on from our porridge making we learnt about recipes, their format and their purpose. We spoke about the 'bossy' verb and placed the instructions in order independently. We have also been mastering the concept of addition and have been writing number sentences independently, using the small compare bears and number lines to count on from a given number. What a busy week we have had. Lots of learning fun!

**The Foundation Stage Team**



## DIARY DATES

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Year 1 visit to Elizabeth Welcham Garden**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am – NEPTUNE Class Assembly – All Neptune parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – PTA Quiz Evening**

**Considerate Cats this week are: Elodie B, Morgan W, Christopher D, Mrs Bolton, Nathan H, Zoe M, Theo R, Lily C, Kai K, Daisy M, Artie B, Lambert S, Paul H, James H and Matilda**



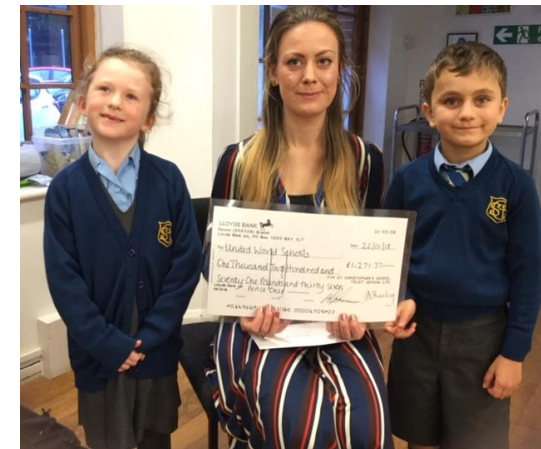
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**Mathletics: Congratulations to Isaac Filler for achieving his Gold Award.**

Mathletics Certificates:

Please be patient with us. When your child proudly brings in their certificate (only one of each colour please), We need to laminate and prepare it for the wonderful assembly presentation and this does not always happen immediately.



*Imogen and Baylen presenting the cheque on Friday*

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

