



St Christopher's School

**Weekly News**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013

*Dear Parents*

*A huge thank you to Venus Class for their highly entertaining class assembly last Friday featuring some very funny sketches and poems about school. We were all in awe of the clever Venus children who had learnt their complex poems and lines and delivered them with such style and confidence. Well done Venus and thank you to Mrs Russell for giving us all such a treat with this splendid assembly.*

*The school is full of beautiful art inspired by Orla Kiely. Year 2 have already progressed from their preparatory designs and have now printed upon and produced canvas bags that certainly have a professional touch. Nursery have also produced some stunning designs and the joyful concentration that has been put into each piece of work is a wonder to observe.*

*Last Wednesday our Reception children set off on a coach for their first school trip this year. They went to Gatton Park and enjoyed a raft of activities using senses and team building skills all based on the Gruffalo theme. Our children enjoyed every challenge and we were so proud of the maturity that they showed and their very sensible behaviour during this exciting activity.*

*This week each class in KS1 voted for their representative to serve on the School Council. Congratulations to Olivia M, Ellie B, Lola F and Zach C who will represent their classes at each meeting. Reception will join in with this exciting initiative next term. This term the children on the council will be putting together a view of the school capturing the essence of St Christopher's. This will then be prepared and scripted by the children before being professionally filmed and available on our website.*

*Our Lunchtime Superstar this term is Harry M for a big improvement in his eating and remembering to use his lovely manners. Well done Harry!*

*Well done to all the children in **Ahlberg House** for accruing **302 housepoints**.*

*They are on top of the leader board for the second week in a row. Bravo!*

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher.*

**This week's Merit Awards**

Yasmin V, Raadhika W, Oliver H, Michael S, Sara D, Alexander B, Abigail M, Sophia D

**Philosopher of the Week**

Stan W

**Thought for the Week**

Should people take risks and do something they haven't tried before?

**Event of the Week – Pirates Day**



All aboard! The hearty crew of our galleon all ready to set sail for a day of fun and adventure.



Miles had to walk the plank before receiving his Merit award in assembly. He then had his photo taken with Captain Thackray and made a rather handsome Mr Smee.

## Foundation Stage News

This week the Nursery children have had great fun finding, making and playing with patterns and shapes. Learning to look closely to match shapes and talk about differences. We looked at the wallpaper, bags and cups designed by Orla Kiely and have been learning to make our own patterns by printing.



We love to climb and clamber on the trim trail to help strengthen our bodies and arms ready for school work and writing. The children have been having great fun practising rolling and catching balls too. In preparation for reading and writing the children are learning 'good listening' with fun activities in our phonics groups.

In preparation for our first performance of the year we have started to learn our songs and poem for our Harvest Festival. The Reception children have had many discussions about healthy eating using the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They have also made books, talked about shapes and enjoyed counting and number work. They enjoyed making a GIANT caterpillar too!

All the Reception children feel very grown up taking their first reading books home. Please enjoy sharing the books with your children. They have settled into their new phonics groups learning new letter sounds. The children are also enjoying their handwriting lessons especially working on their Gross Motor skills using ribbons and waving their arms to make them strong.

### Birthdays in Nursery

We love to celebrate our birthdays at school. In Nursery we cook a birthday cake (with the birthday child) to share with all the children, we ensure the ingredients can be eaten by everyone including those with allergies and restricted diets. To avoid children being upset by not being allowed to share in treats please do not send cakes or biscuits in to school, thank you.

### Birthdays in Reception

If your child is in Reception you may wish to send in something for the children to share, please ensure any food sent in is clearly labelled with the ingredients. We do have children with allergies please ask your child's teacher what ingredients can be shared by the class. Please note we cannot have any nuts or nut products in school. Thank You.

The Foundation Team

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY** **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am** **HARVEST FESTIVAL** **St Martin's Church, Epsom**

Please see letter for full details

*Permission slips & crèche bookings to be returned by 1<sup>st</sup> October please.*

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm**  
**Talk by Mr Mark Beach, Head of Junior School, City of London**  
**Freemen's School for Year 1 and Year 2 parents**  
*Please return attendance slips as soon as possible, thank you.*

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am – 10.30am**

**OPEN MORNING**

**For Prospective Parents**

**Please let your friends and neighbours know**

## **OWLS**

Please see letter of 25<sup>th</sup> September regarding the revised charging structure for the Autumn Term.



Would all parents using Breakfast Club (LARKS) please remember to arrive before 8.10am to enable all children to enjoy their breakfast without rushing. Thank you.



St Christopher's Poetry Book – We have some new School Poetry Books available. If anyone would like a further copy of the 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration edition they are available in exchange for a donation to the library. Please put your request in a named envelope and hand it in at the school office.