

# Weekly News Friday $28^{\rm th}$ June 2019

#### Dear Parents

On Saturday the sun shone brightly and our wonderful Summer Fair organised by the magnificent PTA was a great success. The stalls were all great fun and the country dancing was a pleasure to watch. Please see the photo on Page 4. The PTA raised an extraordinary £2000. Special thanks to you for your charity donation on the door. We raised £199 for St Christopher's Hospice.

Congratulations to you all for your participation in our Golden Boot Initiative. I'm delighted to report that St Christopher's is second in Surrey for our change to a greener form of transport and we were third in Surrey for our effort to car share too. Well done everyone!

This week has all been about The Wind in the Willows. Reception and Year 1 performed beautifully in our summer production and everyone said their lines and acted, sang and danced with delight. Special praise must be reserved however for Year 2 who were simply spectacular. The quality of acting, solos and dancing was exceptional and I cannot begin to describe how proud we are of each and every actor. Well done to all the children involved. Thank you to the wonderful audiences for your generous donations. These will be added to the final sum to be handed over on our House Day next week.

Special congratulations to our mathematical superstars this week. A Gold Star Award has been given to Saraya J and to James B, congratulations for your Silver Star.

May I remind you about our information evening next Wednesday at Epsom College featuring An Evening With Dr Aric Sigman. You will be greeted with wine and canapes on the lawn before this very interesting event so do come and join us. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Rafferty D for asking for your food choice with such maturity and confidence. Well done Rafferty!

Next week we have a packed set of events from our Summer Music Concert on Monday to Sports Days on Friday. May I warmly encourage you to come along on Tuesday afternoon to end our animal themed term with style as we enjoy our Fun Dog Show giving parents who have entered a chance to share their beautiful dogs with the School Community. Please reserve a seat via the Office. The fun starts at 1.45pm and as well as individual rosettes we will have a trophy for Best in Show! We will also have a representative from St Christopher's Hospice who will be collecting our final cheque.

Bravo to <u>Dahl House</u> for ending the week on the top of the leader board with <u>1653</u> Housepoints on this penultimate week of Housepoint collection.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

## Event of the Week

This week 108 of the finest actors that we could recruit took to the stage for our annual summer production. The musical version of 'Wind in the Willows' was a great success showcasing some very fine acting by all but special congratulations must go to Year 2.



### Foundation Stage News

NURSERYAND PRE-RECEPTION - The theme this week has been Billy's Bucket. Billy wants a bucket for his birthday and inside the bucket are sharks, divers, mermaids and submarines. Nobody must borrow Billy's bucket. Ask your child what happened when Billy's parents borrowed the



bucket! The cottage has been turned into a beautiful 'under the sea adventure zone' and we thought it would be lovely if you and your child



could please create an undersea creature to hang from the cottage ceiling, it can be 2D or 3D, big or small. Our sound of the week this week is 'e', a tricky one to write. We have been drawing and writing what things we would have in our own bucket. The children

thought they would have dinosaurs, flowers, gems, sharks and snails. Many of the children had a good go at writing the initial sound of their contents. Large construction in the garden took the form of an apple picker to scoop up our fallen apples, thank you boys! In the kitchen we have cooked fishy cheese things, I think they have a more complicated name but I do know they tasted delicious! The children have been using their steady hands to catch as many sea creatures as possible with our home made magnetic fishing game. We never forget our good manners in Nursery and it was lovely to see one of youngest members tearing a piece of pink card to share with a friend. Life is good!

RECEPTION- The children have been absolutely fantastic this week! They have completed



their part in our school play amazingly with clear voices, beautiful dancing and angelic singing. What stars we have in Reception! Alongside this major event we have been learning about 'measure'. These have included weight, capacity and length. With weight the children have estimated and then checked the weight of numerous objects using non-standard measures and the balance scales. In capacity the children have been placing various containers and their liquids in order from full to empty as well as making potions

using different coloured water.

When measuring length the children placed lots of different vegetables in size order using

direct comparison and then measured them using cubes and rulers. We have continued with our theme of water by looking at floating and sinking. Here the children have predicted which objects would float and sink then checked them. We had some surprising results! Phew! What a busy week and what fun we have had learning and performing!



The Foundation Team

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2 – 3pm – Summer Music Concert. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Charity House Day – *All children to wear house t-shirts.* Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Evening event with Dr Aric Sigman at Epsom College.

Friday 5th July 9am – Nursery & Pre-Reception Sport Day – All children to go home at 12 noon or 1.30pm because 1.30PM SCHOOL CLOSES – ALL CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED 4.30pm – Upper School Sports – Children to return at 4.15pm.

> Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - 7.15 pm - 1 am PTA Summer Party at Cuddington Golf Club



PLAYGROUND PANTHERS
This week's playground panthers:
Fenton F, Sophia A, Scarlett S
and Annabel V.

LEADING LAMAS: There are various ways to earn this special award by being a leading example in behaviour, effort and achievement. These super stars earnt a Llama this week. Ask your child to tell you why they earnt their Leading Llama Award:



Lucy A, Sophia A and Nadia A.



PLEASE TRY TO AVOID PARKING IN HIGHRIDGE CLOSE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

## **EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2020**

Owing to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day, the early May Bank Holiday will fall on <u>FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020.</u> School will be closed on this day rather than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

