



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014

#### Dear Parents

*On Friday we marvelled at the Class Assembly provided by Upper Nursery. It was all about books. We watched a film that the Nursery Team had created and we heard about the children's weekly visits to the library. The children all spoke clearly and sang with confidence. We did enjoy this performance! Well done Nursery and special thanks to Miss Kate Rendall for such a splendid and professional production.*

*Our exciting Sport Relief day made it into the BBC highlights on Friday night. We all enjoyed the day cleverly organised by the talented Mrs Jo Hawes and were very proud of every child all of whom completed the 1 mile course. Last year we raised nearly £3000 and we hope that you will once again support this worthwhile charity. Do please send in your sponsor money as soon as possible and thank you all for your generosity.*

*Special thanks to Mr Woods and Mr Coetzee who kicked off the culinary joy that is Father's Fortnight by enthusiastically cooking with our children and inspiring them to 'have a go' at home and excel in the kitchen.*

*On Wednesday Year 1 had a wonderful visit to Wisley Gardens participating in a fascinating workshop entitled 'How does your Garden Grow?' Their visit to the glass houses revealed an array of large and vibrant plants which astonished and delighted the children who behaved beautifully all day.*

*On Thursday we welcomed some special mummy guests into school. To celebrate the forthcoming Mother's Day, the children served afternoon tea and cake and a song and a poem finished off the visit with style.*

*Congratulations to this week's Times Tables champions. Bronze Stars were awarded to Natasha C, Megan J, Phoebe J, Alex S, Raadhika W, Finn T, Max O and Ellie B.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Adam A from Reception for sensible and polite lunchtime behaviour and remembering his manners.*

*Bravo to everyone in **Alhberg** House. You topped the board with a splendid total of **1356** housepoints.*

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

#### This Week's Merit Awards

Rocco S, Oliver Q, Caia H, Joshua I, Kaelan L, Georgina W, Alex S, Gracie N, Isla M, Lola F, Harriet G, Louisa R, Savannah W, Fergus L, and Raadhika W.

#### Philosopher of the Week

Megan G

#### Thought for the Week

How do you know what the truth is?

### Event of the Week The Sport Relief Mile



On Thursday we joined the rest of the country and supported the Sport Relief initiative. Each child ran 10 laps around our field which totalled 1 mile. We were so excited and set off at full speed to complete this worthwhile challenge.

At the Stamping Station each child submitted their card after each lap for a brightly coloured stamp. When the card contained 10 stamps the children headed off for a well-deserved milkshake and a flapjack.



The whole school ran together, the older children supporting the younger ones. We raised nearly £3000 last year and we are hoping to match that total for our grand charity effort.



This year we felt extra special because our event was filmed and shown as part of the Sport Relief highlights on BBC1. A special thanks to Stan and Louis' parents for making this possible.



## Foundation Stage News

The children in the Foundation Stage had a very special treat on Wednesday joining in with some wonderful tales presented by our visiting story teller, Vanessa. She told each group a variety of stories including the tale of the fisherman who caught a little bottle with a Genie, the Gingerbread Man and the man who found a fish in his cup. The stories certainly fired our imaginations for after the story session one Nursery child told the staff all about an enormous wolf she could see in the garden!



There has been lots of talk about stories and rhymes as the Nursery children have been playing 'I Spy' looking for characters from the book 'Each Peach Pear Plum' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The characters have also been hiding in the garden and the children have used their observational skills and geographical knowledge of the garden to look at picture clues to help them find the places in the garden where the characters are hiding.

Each child in the Foundation Stage has been taking special care using their fine motor skills and creativity to make some surprises for mothers on Sunday.

The rhyme that the Reception children have been thinking about has been Mary, Mary. Their activities have included labelling the parts of a plant and making daffodils linking their ideas to the Art Focus painting, 'Work' by Ford Madox Brown. The children have started a science experiment by placing trays of cress seeds in various parts of the classroom to discover which conditions will help the seeds grow best.

The children have written letters to Mary, Mary giving her advice about how to grow her plants tall and strong. The children hope Mary will write back soon. The maths activity this week has been to solve problems about lots of different rhymes that the children have learnt this term.

The Foundation Team

## DIARY DATES

FATHERS' FORTNIGHT continues to 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year Two visit to the Look-Out Centre, Bracknell.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9am: VENUS Class Assembly –  
*Parents welcome – coffee & biscuits will be served under the porch from 8.30am.*

## **CLUBS HAVE FINISHED EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**Ballet: last session Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

**Football and Tiny Tennis: last sessions Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

**Rugby: last session Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

## **TERM ENDS FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL AT MIDDAY**

## **SUMMER TERM CLUBS (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)**

Please return booking forms by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

## **SUMMER TERM LARKS & OWLS BOOKINGS**

Booking forms are now available from the Porch, Office & in the parents' section of our website.

## **PTA SUMMER BALL - SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY**

**Please return ticket requests by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**



## SOCK SURVEY

Please complete the short survey on the parents' area of the website to give your views on a proposed change to the boys' uniform.

## **SPORT RELIEF SPONSORSHIP**

Thank you for all the sponsorship raised so far. Please bring in any remaining money by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.



## SCHOOL GATE

Please note that the back gate will be closed and locked from 8:40am. This will reflect the time that the porch door is closed and unsupervised and when the nursery school door is locked. All latecomers should please enter via the front door and sign the log book which allows the staff to account safely for all children who have arrived after registration. Thank you for your understanding.