

Weekly News Friday 29th April 2016

Dear Parents

What a delight to read about all the good deeds that our knights, damsels and dragons performed during the weekend. The Hall looked beautiful on Monday filled with staff in patriotic red and white and the wonderful costumes that you had provided for your children. The children enjoyed hearing about St George and even the tiniest children in Nursery joined in with the role play as we recreated the story. On Tuesday Year 2 sent 14 representatives to Virgo Fidelis School in London to take part in the annual ISA Football Festival. Team B captained by Rocco S shone, united as a team and won their last game 3-0. The A squad captained by Teddy C also enjoyed terrific success winning all of their matches and scoring 26 goals between them! Mrs Pryor was delighted with their performance. The boys won much praise from other admiring schools and a visiting talent scout from a top Premier club. Well done to both teams for representing the school with such brilliance. We are proud of you.

Special thanks to Mrs Kirsty P for providing such a wonderful talk about the Police for Year 1 last week. The children felt awe and respect for this important profession who are there to help us and we thank Mrs P for putting so much time into this. On Wednesday the children learnt about the Passover Festival. Mrs Gordon came into assembly to share this important Jewish celebration and talked to the children about the traditions associated with the Festival. She brought some Matzah flat bread traditionally associated Passover and explained the choice of grains for this bread as mentioned in the Torah. Special thanks to Mrs Gordon for such an illuminating assembly.

On Wednesday the whole of Pre-Reception set off to Dapdune Wharf in Guildford as part of their topic Water, water everywhere'. We all enjoyed a ride on a boat, a craft experience making a small sail boat and a porthole and a tour of the beautiful National Trust site. The children were very well behaved and they enjoyed every part of the exciting day.

Congratulations to Lenny S and Caiden G our two Lunchtime Superstars this week who were nominated by Mrs Culligan for their superb manners at Break Time. Well done Donaldson House. You have leapt to the top with 238 housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards Lily C, Noah B, Oscar R, Max G, Freya M, Sienna A, Jack D, Yin-Lily T, Andy D, Toby H and Noah T.

Work of the Week

This week Venus Class in Year 2 have been choosing which method to select when subtracting. Some chose to use a number line, some counted back in their heads. Teddy C chose a very clever method and laid his work out beautifully. Well done Teddy!



Foundation Stage News

We had a great day being damsels, dragons, and knights. The Reception children learnt so much about why we remember St. George's Day. They enjoyed retelling the story of George and the dragon and made their own flags too!

In Maths this week Mars and Neptune have been learning subtraction sums. Keeping with the space theme, they used Martian Mallow Mountains. The children love the space topic and are fascinated by the solar system. We are learning to label the parts of space rockets and space shuttles too.

The highlight of the week for the Pre-Reception children was the trip to Dapdune Wharf. We were very lucky with the weather and had a wonderful day. The children were very proud of the little boats and portholes they made in the craft shed. We had a look inside an old barge and pretended to make dinner on the stove taking care to mind grown up heads on the low barge beams! We took a look at how river locks work, tied ourselves up in knots and worked our muscles trying ropes and pulleys. We even looked at a capstan! Can you remember what it was used for? The highlight was when we climbed aboard the narrow boat, and floated gently downstream looking at wooden sculptures, boats, and ducks. Some children had fun looking out for all the lifebelts they could see.

We are very proud of the children. They stayed with their grown-ups sensibly and listened to our instructions making this a highly enjoyable outing.

The Foundation Team









DIARY DATES MONDAY 2ND MAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 4th May: PTA visit for lunch with the children Thursday 5th May: Year 2 visit to British Wildlife Centre, Lingfield

Friday 6th May 9.15 – 11am OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS Tours of the school from 9.15am, followed by a presentation by Mrs Thackray Please let your friends and neighbours know.

PTA SUMMER BALL

Raffle tickets now available. There are lots of prizes, please support PTA fundraising by buying/selling tickets!

PLEASE NOTE - Sharing Our Learning

We will be welcoming parents into school once a term to look through their child's



work and assessing how well individual targets are being met. The first one will be held on Monday 23rd May between 8.30am and 8.55am when you may accompany your child to their classroom where their work will be laid out.

We are delighted to announce the final sum raised by our wonderful families for Sports Relief 2016. The grand total raised for charity was £2256.50. Special thanks to Elodie B from Pre Reception who raised £487 alone!



Well done and thank you to all St Christopher's families.



Huge congratulations to our ISA Festival Football Teams Team A: Teddy C (Captain), Milo H, Ned S, Arlo R, George F, Toby H and Stanley G.

Team B: Rocco S (Captain), Caiden C, Naomi B, Rowan W, Joshua I, Arthur L and Sachin W



Mathletics: Many congratulations to Issy S and Sophia D for achieving their Gold Awards.