



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 29th March 2019

Dear Parents

Thank you all for attending our Saturday Morning Showcase event which gave everyone a chance to come and look at astonishing work and stunning displays in every room in the school. Special thanks to the PTA for their welcome café and to Year 2 for their terrific performances in Orchestra, Choir and Gymnastics. On Friday we also held an Open Morning and it reminded us once again of just what a colourful and vibrant school we all belong to. Praise came thick and fast and we were especially proud of Myles H and Artie B, Jessica H and James B, our Head Boy and Girl team who wrote and delivered their speeches brilliantly.

On Tuesday Year 2 set off to Ewell Castle for an away sporting fixture. This is the match report from Isaac F and Elodie B, our Sports Captains who also delivered the vote of thanks at the end of the occasion: "We went to Ewell Castle and we split in to 3 teams. We did tag rugby, netball and ball skills. We learnt lots! It was extra enjoyable because we were in teams with our pen-pals. We loved the snack at the end". Well done Isaac and Elodie.

During Thursday's Assembly the Librarians Ebba R, Max T and Lambert S picked their winners for this week's Library Raffle and rewarded them with books with the common theme of 'animals associated with Easter'.

Congratulations to our Times Tables badge winners this week. Jessica H gained her Silver Star Award and Caitriona O for achieving her Bronze Star Award.

This week it has been all about cards and gifts for mothers as well as hearing all about the things that make each mother special. This culminated in our special Mother's Day 'stay and play' in Nursery and special tea in the remainder of the school. The children's hand decorated cakes looked delicious and the singing and thoughtful serving was a joy to see.

Congratulations to Megan R for being nominated as this week's Lunchtime Superstar for being such a pleasure to serve! What a super accolade Megan!

Congratulations to Donaldson House for jumping in to the lead in the penultimate week of the Housepoint challenge. The total Housepoints for Donaldson this week are 2758.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Philosophers of the Week

Fraser W, Jessica H, Lambert S and Arisa A

Thought for the Week

Do things always have to make sense?

This Week's Merit Awards

Arisa A, Fraser W, Jessica H, Myles H, Artie B, James B, Sophia A, Matilda G, Edison O, Dylan C, Holly D, Harrison G, Paul H and Ella D.

Work of the Week - Neptune Class

This week we celebrate Rumi W's wonderful work in Reception.

W E L C

Tuesday 12th March 2019

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LI: I can write a speech bubble.

Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelled correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

Totally Independent
Fantastic writing Rumi you
have used lots of tricky
words 😊

so this is
better then the
moon beecos their
are lots of flowers.

Maybe you
didn't know
thaght their
were flowers
here.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

How lovely to see you all at our Mother's Day stay and play sessions today, the children loved showing you around the Nursery at all the things they can do and discover. Our nursery rhyme this week is 'Five Little Speckled Frogs'. We have painted giant lily pads outside and made it into an assault course for the children to jump around using frog masks to really get into character and the children have had great fun. In the kitchen we have been making lily pad biscuits and fondant icing frogs which looked amazing, well done



children! With Mother's Day fast approaching the children have been putting together a breakfast tray of goodies so you can enjoy a lie-in on Sunday. Croissants, juice and cereal have all been stuck nicely on to a tray for you to enjoy! A sound hunt in the woodland garden has encouraged the children to have a go at writing their sounds as well as whole words. What a grown up activity! The Nursery children have been focussing on their fine motor skills this week by threading and cutting. Using their fingers to manipulate small things is a great building block

to writing as it builds up the strength and control in our arms and fingers. We have been looking at rhyming pairs this week and the children are really becoming very good at hearing those rhyming sounds. Have a lovely weekend enjoying this clement weather.

RECEPTION It has been another busy week in Reception! We have been using our maths skills and investigating doubles. We used Numicon, small objects, playdough and even our fingers to help us solve many double sums independently! We have also been looking closely at the 100 square noting patterns and finding different numbers using the interactive 100 square on our SMART board. In literacy we have been developing our knowledge of dinosaurs and learning many facts ready to write a dinosaur fact sheet next week. On Wednesday our teachers set up a 'writing challenge' where we wrote anything we wanted without any help! Our teachers are so impressed with

our phonics and key words as well as our ideas for sentences. The end of the week saw us making secret cards and decorating cakes for *someone special* on Sunday!

Sssshhh! From this it inspired some of us to make their own flowers using various materials in our creative area. I wonder what picture will be on your card? We continue to practise our handwriting and hope that you are practising at home whenever you can. **The Foundation Team**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1st April 2 – 3pm – Spring Music Concert – All Year 2 parents and invited guests welcome to attend.

Monday 1st April – Last Ballet.

Wednesday 3rd April – Year 1 Trip to Leeds Castle.

Thursday 4th April 9am – Good Digital Citizen Assembly – All Year 2 parents welcome to attend.

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL – TERM ENDS

11.30AM FOR NURSERY AND PRE-RECEPTION, AND

12.15PM FOR RECEPTION, YEARS 1 AND 2.

Please could Nursery and Pre-Reception parents move their cars as soon as possible to allow other parents to park nearby. Thank you.

PTA EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA – FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

9 – 10.30am: Easter Egg Hunt

11.15 – 11.30am: Easter Hat Parade for Nursery and Pre-Reception

12.00 – 12.15pm: Easter Hat Parade for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.



Mathletics: Congratulations to Scarlett S for achieving her Gold Award.



We continue to be so pleased to see the positive response to our Kind Koala initiative. Well done to Fraser W for demonstrating acts of particular kindness this week.

PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers are Megan R, Holly D, Nathan H, James C, Harry L, Joshua C, Ella D and Zoe M.



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

