



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents

On Friday we were overjoyed to celebrate the return of the Class Assemblies! As I have previously stated, we cannot make your child the star of the stage this term because we are not permitted to invite our lovely parents in to school to watch these weekly events. Being St Christopher's, we are not giving up and our wonderful teachers have pressed ahead preparing some delightful class assemblies to be performed each week and our brilliant IT expert Miss Kate Rendall is filming them all and editing them together complete with House Captains and the weekly Housepoint total. They are truly stars of the screen.

This week it was the turn of Venus Class to impress. They may have only been back for a few weeks but they showed off their acting and public speaking skills superbly in their entertaining production about collaboration reinforcing the message that we are all as important as each other. What a powerful message! Well done to Venus for such accomplished acting, singing and even dancing. Special thanks to Mrs Russell for this brilliant assembly.

On Wednesday we welcomed the school photographers in to the Party Tent. We enjoyed our socially distant photography session and I hope that you will be pleased with the results.

We also had a delivery of live worms on Wednesday and Reception have set about filling their glass worm tanks with huge enthusiasm layering up the compost and leaves for the worms to enjoy. Plastic (and very life like!) worms were also in evidence all over the tables as the children enjoyed 'worm maths' investigating the 'part, part whole' method of addition ably assisted by large quantities of worms. The laughter could be heard all around the school.

Wednesday was also the day for our first meeting of the School Council chaired by our two stars Felicity V and Ella D. They welcomed the newly voted members from each class and we say congratulations to Lily W, Holly D, Elena G and Liam S. Felicity and Ella then wrote two beautiful letters of appreciation and welcome to our two new members of staff; Mrs Sarah Lovatt, assistant cook and Mrs Danielle Henry our new Admin Assistant. Well done girls.

On Thursday we held this week's Library Raffle with books all about the sea. Thank you to the Librarians; Ariana A, Scarlett C, Lawrence H, Nancy H-P, Zachery R and Sophie G who drew the raffle most professionally supported by our Librarian Mrs Thum.

Congratulations to Eloise B-S for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar, for eating lots of fruit so that you can grow as tall as Mrs Lovatt. Well done Eloise.

Congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning this week's Housepoint challenge. The total Housepoints this Week are **846** Which is splendid. Bravo **Dahl** House.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Zachary R, Conor L, Tadeo W, Zachary V, Annabel N, Cillian R,
Grace H, Liam S, Beatrix B, Harrison G, Maximo Y and Elise D

Philosopher of the week

Maximo Y

Thought for the Week

Is it ever ok to trick people?

Work of the Week

Elise D in Venus class did some super research to create this excellent fact file on Henry VIII. Well done Elise for this excellent independent work.

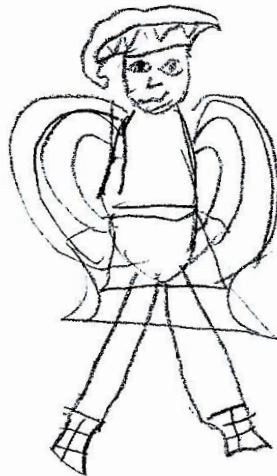
Henry VIII

What was he like?

Henry was very ~~fat~~ fat and in the ~~begining~~ beginning he was a very kind king but when he had six wives he started to be mean.

What did he wear?

He wear a feathery hat and big costumes and big shoes.



What did he do?

He loved sports and like hunting tennis and archery and jousting.

Who were his wives?

Henry had six wives and his first wife was Catherine of Aragon. ~~His~~ Their marriage was the longest.

Where did he live?

Henry lived in Hampton court ~~for~~ Palace. When ~~was~~ one Palace is dirty he will take other peoples castle.

Super research Elise!

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



In Nursery this week, we have been busy learning all about our bodies. The children have been helping us to identify and label body parts. They knew so many and were able to think of some themselves. The children were very knowledgeable and shared some of their own wonderful facts; Henry (age 3) from Sun Group told us “your leg attaches to your knee”. The children made pictures of their bodies using a range of shapes, labelling each of the body parts provided and extended their own learning by adding



many different features including hearts, bones and teeth. In the kitchen this week, we have been learning how to make breakfast! We made toast and crumpets, continuing with our spreading skills and enjoying a range of toppings including marmalade just like Paddington. The children were able to talk about how to stay safe near the toaster and why we must not touch it when it is on. They were able to load their crumpet or bread into the toaster independently and



step back to wait for the POP! The weather has not stopped us from keeping fit in the garden area this week, the children have risen to our “mini HIIT session” challenges. They have been learning how to do burpees, planks, ladder runs and jogging between cones, they were super stars! We had a visitor in the Nursery garden this week too, a snail came to look at our number display. The children were very interested in how the snail moved and went on a snail hunt to find him some friends. Do have a look at Nursery News on our school website. Wow what a busy week!

Reception News



What a squirmy week we have had in Reception. Our story this week was ‘Superworm’ by Julia Donaldson, so we decided to not only have some fake squidgy worms in our classrooms, but real ones too! What an exciting treat! The children thoroughly enjoyed observing them in our wormery and watching them wriggle around. Superworm turns into many different things in the story like a swing, a skipping rope a lasso and even a



belt. The children were busy writing some wonderful and very creative sentences about what their worms turn into. We had some very creative ideas. The children are also beginning to use capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces too. In maths, we have been learning how to use the part, part whole model where we were finding different ways to make a whole amount like $3 + 2 = 5$, $4 + 1 = 5$. We also practised writing the number sentences. We then moved onto using part, part whole to find different ways to make 10. How many ways can you find? In art, we explored a different painting technique this week using string to mix colours and create a painting of different colour worms. They look beautiful. For PSHE we talked about feelings again and we discussed a time where we felt an emotion and thought about what made us feel this way and what happened next. Autumn poem practice is in full swing this week. The children are doing a wonderful job. Keep practising at home!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Parent Forum Wednesday 7th October 9am via Zoom

For a zoom invitation to be sent please contact the school office

Parents Evening 7th & 8th October via 'School Cloud'

Stars Parents Afternoon Tuesday 13th October via 'School Cloud'

Appointments to be made from 1st October at 8.00pm - 6th October at 12.00pm

Please visit <https://stchristopherstrustepsom.schoolcloud.co.uk>



PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale in the Hall

Friday 9th October 5-7pm - pre booked via the PTA



Friday 16th October

Morning collection of donations for our Harvest Festival



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Aaron S, Eloise B-S, Annabel H, Nikhil K, Juliet F, Zachery R, Thomas M, Gabriella L-T and Lawrence H for their bronze certificates.

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