



# St Christopher's School

## Weekly News

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

### Dear Parents

We were all so excited to return to school last week and see a field full of animals! It was a splendid way to herald the start of a new term and introduce the new topics across the school, which all have a specific theme connected to all creatures great and small! Do see the website or Twitter for some charming photos. We were also delighted to welcome some domestic pets into school including Terence the Tortoise, Henrietta the Hen and Georgia's Gerbils with the promise of more to follow. What fun!

On Tuesday Reception went to visit Bockett's Farm. They have been studying farm animals with care and enjoyed asking questions about the animals from Miller's Ark last week. The children enjoyed feeding and handling all the animals and loved their tractor ride too. Visits like this always encourage lots of work recounting their special day.

Last Friday we fielded an under 7 team to take part in the ISA regional London South Football Festival held at Lingfield College. Huge congratulations to our squad captained by Isaac F: Theo R, James H, James W, Lambert S, Fenton F, Nathan H, Thomas P and Maxwell D. They dazzled by coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group with an impressive 8 goals! Do see the website for photos.

Congratulations to our magical mathematicians who earned their Times Tables badges this week. Ebba R, Freya C, Theo R and Maxwell D really impressed as they won their Bronze Star Awards.

Congratulations to James H for being nominated as this week's Lunchtime Superstar for his impeccable manners every day. Well done James!

We are very excited by our new behaviour initiative outlined on page 4. Do watch out for your child coming home with a Leading Llama! Please celebrate together at home and continue to help us remind the children to let adults through doorways first.

Special thanks to all who baked for the PTA coffee morning on Friday. It is lovely to get together and give some new families the chance to meet new friends.

Congratulations to **Donaldson House** being the first House to win at the start of the summer term. The total Housepoints for **Donaldson** this week are **361**. Bravo! Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### This Week's Merit Awards

Lucy A, Matilda G, Lily W, Will S, Arisa A, James W, George S, Joseph G, Fenton F, Theo R, Harrison G and Holly D.

### Philosopher of the Week

Arabella B

### Thought for the Week

Does there always have to be a winner?

## Work of the Week

Saraya J in Year 2 Mercury Class, along with the rest of Year 2 has had lots of practise at adding number using different methods. This week she was ready for column addition and she has thrived - even completing a super extension with missing numbers. Well done Saraya!

April 30th

T U	HTU	HHTU
space for carrying figures	3 1	1
3 1	3 2 3	6 6 0 7
+ 4 3	+ 5 1 8	+ 2 2 8
7 4 ✓	6 8 4 1 ✓	8 3 5 ✓

great work 1+HP

HTU	HTU	HTU
for carrying figures	1	1
5 0 7	3 1 9	2 2 5 7
+ 4 6 3	+ 1 4 2	+ 7 0 6
9 7 0 ✓	4 6 1 ✓	9 6 3 ✓

HTU	3 7 9 + 6 4 8	super extension missing numbers
1	↓ extension	
5 0 5	HTU	3 4 8
+ 1 0 9	1 1	+ 1 3 9 ✓
6 1 4 ✓	3 7 9	4 8 7
	+ 6 4 8	1 1
	1 0 2 7 ✓	well done 😊

Lovely neat work Saraya

6 4 1	
+ 5 7 3	
1 2 1 4 ✓	

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Mr Wolf and his pancakes have been taking over the Nursery this week. The first step involved the children writing a shopping list of all the ingredients that Mr Wolf would need to make his pancakes. Second step was to

go to the garden shop and buy the right food. Next they had to follow the recipe from Mr Wolf's recipe book to make delicious blueberry pancakes, and finally it was time to eat them all up, yummy! We have read this book many times this week and the children have helped to act out the story and join in with the repeated phrases. We have also read Rosie's Walk this week, all about Rosie's stroll around her farm, where unbeknown to her, a hungry fox is following her. The book uses lots of positional language and we have used the vocabulary on the trim trail, where we went around, through and over all the different apparatus. Our sound of the week is 'g', we can really see the improvement the children have made when hearing the different initial sounds in words. We undertook a big Numicon investigation this week. Numicon is a resource which the children can use to help them learn about quantities of number. They went on a Numicon hunt around the garden and bought some pets from the pet shop by working out how much Numicon they cost. We enjoyed play dough fun, printing, pattern making, sorting using tweezers as well as extra large Numicon to explore outside in the garden.

**RECEPTION** Wow! What an amazing week in Reception. On Tuesday we had a wonderful visit to Bockett's Farm; the children met a range of animals and learnt many new facts. We particularly enjoyed watching Greta the goat being milked! The children were very brave; they had an opportunity to stroke a rabbit called Smudge, two guinea pigs and a mouse in the small animal petting area. On our very bumpy tractor ride we saw many lambs, alpacas, horses and some huge pigs. The children had an action-packed day at the farm including spending time in the soft play area and outside play area! Back in school the children have been writing about their favourite parts of the day. They were able to remember many of the interesting facts including why the sheep have different colour marks on their wool and the real names of a mummy, daddy and baby goat. As part of our maths learning we have been creating bar charts of the different information collected from our farm visit, some children decided to find out which was the most popular animal, others wanted to find out the most popular part of the day. Such an exciting week!

**The Foundation Team**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY – SCHOOL CLOSED.**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 Visit to British Wildlife Centre, Lingfield.**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Pre-Nursery starts (to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June).**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 5 – 7pm – The Great Read  
(Year 2 inter-school competition).**



### **PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

**This week's playground panthers are Harry S, Millar W, Remy O, Leo E, Nathan H, Ava C, Thomas M, Myles H and James B.**

We are delighted to introduce this term's special behaviour initiative which is to be a 'Leading Llama'. There are various ways to earn this special award by being a leading example in behaviour, effort and achievement. These super stars earned a Llama this week. Ask your child to tell you why they earned their Leading Llama Award: Saraya J, Beatrix B, Nancy H, Matilda G, Felicity V, Gabriella L, Holly D, Scarlett C, Remy O, James B, Erin O and Theo R.



**Mathletics: Congratulations go to Annie R, Carlos D and Christopher B for achieving Gold Awards.**

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