



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents

Last Friday we watched a fascinating assembly by the talented children in Venus Class all about London. They performed a very catchy 'London Rap' and impressed their audience with their clear and confident narration about the history of London. Special thanks to Mrs Lawrence for writing and producing this splendid assembly and to all the children in Venus for their excellent performances.

We were so lucky to have another inspirational sports personality in School on Monday. Mrs Laura Mongan is the first female trainer to win the famous St Leger horse race in 240 years! Being situated in a town world famous for horse racing, it was fascinating to hear about how a trainer approaches racing and to see the light weight jockey colours which Daisy modelled for us. We then passed round horse shoes and compared the traditional and heavy horseshoes with the light-weight aluminium racing shoes before watching a film of Harbour Law's race and joining in with the crowd celebrating this famous win. The children admired the golden trophy and asked some well-considered questions and we thank Mrs M sincerely for coming to share her success with us.

When we consider religions from around the world we always appreciate a personal testimony and we were delighted to welcome Dr and Mrs O into school on Thursday to give a beautifully illustrated talk about the religion of Islam and the important festival of Eid. By using props and pictures the children were able to understand the traditions associated with Eid and their impressive questions at the end of the presentation showed how engaged they had been by this carefully prepared talk. We would like to warmly thank our guests for their illuminating assembly.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Sophie M for always enjoying her lunch and greeting the Team with a warm smile every day. Well done Sophie!

Congratulations to **Dahl House** once again for retaining their lead at the top of the board with a very impressive total of **409 Housepoints**.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Arisa A, Luke M, Morgan W, Leo E, Elliot M, Sophie B, Freya M, Liberty R, Caiden G, Andy D, Lily C and Seth J.

Philosopher of the Week  
Liberty R

Thought for the Week  
Is it important to share?

Work of the Week

This week the work of the week comes from Venus Class. Our hard working Year 2 children have been describing settings and using adjectives to bring a story setting to life. Lauren H and Oliver M have written these two excellent examples.

Lauren H

In the jungle



The jungle was very noisy. I could smell bananas. I could hear <sup>the</sup> fast waterfall. I could feel the soft plants. I could see tall trees. I could taste the fresh air in <sup>my</sup> mouth.

Great work Lauren you have included lots of adjective and used your senses to describe the setting clearly.

Oliver

A castle



I can see a very funny bridge. I can hear the deep dark ghost dungeon. I can taste some of turkey. I can smell the salty sparkling sea water from the moat.

Well done you have thought of some interesting ways to describe the castle.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9.15 – 11am

**OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS.**  
**Please invite any family or friends to come and visit our school.**

**TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 8.35am PARENT FORUM  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL.**

**ADVANCED NOTICE – PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES ON  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.45 pm  
In the Outdoor Classroom**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 Harvest Festival

at St Martin's Church, Epsom

(no children under 3 will be admitted – crèche available at school – please see separate letter for details).

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Our Nursery Rhyme this week is Mary, Mary Quite Contrary. We have been making flowers using lolly sticks and collage materials. Mrs Taylor has already put them on the wall! We have been planting bulbs in the garden and can't wait to see what will grow in the spring. Miss Kate Rendall and the children have been making apple crumble and apple flapjacks in the kitchen because we were given a lovely supply of cooking apples. The woodwork bench has been busy with the children repairing Mary Mary's gate which Humpty fell on last week, much hammering and sawing was heard by all.

We started our Woodland Adventures this week, with 'What is in our pot?' The children looked in their pot to see what they could discover. They explored the garden and talked about what they found. Drinks and snacks were enjoyed outside and this was followed by an introduction to the Nursery Woodland Garden and what they would like to see there.



## Reception News

Reception were very lucky with the weather for our trip to Painshill Park. The children were happy and enthusiastic. We met some very funny witches who took us on a hunt to find the dragon's egg. We made pictures like unicorns and dragons with natural objects. After lunch we explored and climbed the adventure park - great balancing children! Then we went on an adventure looking for Winnie the Pooh - who we found up a tree. Some children were so tired that they had a nap on the coach home.

### The Foundation Team



## This week's Happiness Hamsters



This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and we have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils: Dylan F, Arabella B, Alex M, Henry M and Heidi P.



**Parking. Please read with care the email about thoughtful parking to ensure that we do not upset our local residents.**

*Mathletics: Congratulations to Jack D, Jago G, Freya M, Lambert S, Isla T, Nathaniel J, Kaila K, Eliza B, Henrietta L, Seth J, Daisy M and Frederick K for gaining their Bronze Awards.*

*Special congratulations to Freya M for also achieving her Gold Award.*



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