



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 4th April 2014

Dear Parents

Our Spring Term Music Assembly was a huge success with some accomplished performances by Recorder Club, Violin Club, individual piano solos, a Year 1 percussion composition and our very own school orchestra. The standard was once again very high and the delighted audience commented upon the astonishing progress made since November. Well done to all the talented children who took part. We couldn't be prouder of you.

Our Fathers' Fortnight has been declared a great success with contributions this week from Nell's father Mr Everett, Rafael's father Mr Ispani, and Caiden's father Mr Chellun. Thank you very much for giving up your time.

This week concludes our International Cooking term focus and we have all enjoyed the experience enormously. Please remember to continue the good work in the kitchen- there are some very promising chefs in the school!

Next term our focus will be on outstanding behaviour in a term entitled TARGET Term. We will be looking at Thoughtfulness, Awareness of others, Respect, Good manners, Empathy and Truthfulness with awards and stickers to recognise and celebrate these important qualities.

On Wednesday Year 2 visited the Look Out Centre in Bracknell for some practical science fun. In addition to a talk on sound and light and a range of practical experiments, the children were introduced to the construction industry using diggers, building walls and, if in doubt, reporting to Stan and Oliver who, wearing high vis jackets and a badge saying Boss, were firmly in charge!

Well done to all the children who were honoured in this year's Cup Assembly held on Thursday. Children were rewarded for effort and achievement in addition to awards for progress, selflessness, and other tremendous qualities. Please see the website Event of the Week for further details.

Congratulations to the first 2014 Silver Star winners this week; Natasha C and Alexander W. Bronze Star Times Tables champions this week are Michael S, Megan G, Amelie P, Alice C, Kaelan L, Evie S, Millie M and Olivia M.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Joshua I from Reception for dazzling the Team with his polite and wonderful lunchtime behaviour.

*The winners of the cup for the highest number of housepoints earned this term **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **1531** housepoints. Congratulations to all the children in **Ahlberg** House.*

Happy Easter to you all. On behalf of all the staff may I wish you a safe and restful break.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Philosopher of the Week

Nell E

Thought for the Week

Are you more important than the earth?

Work of the Week

The work of the week this week is by Nursery. The Nursery children are learning to use a computer keyboard. They decided that it would be fun to write their own Easter message. Some of the children copied the words, carefully looking at the keyboard to match the letters. Some children had a go at using their phonic knowledge to type the words.

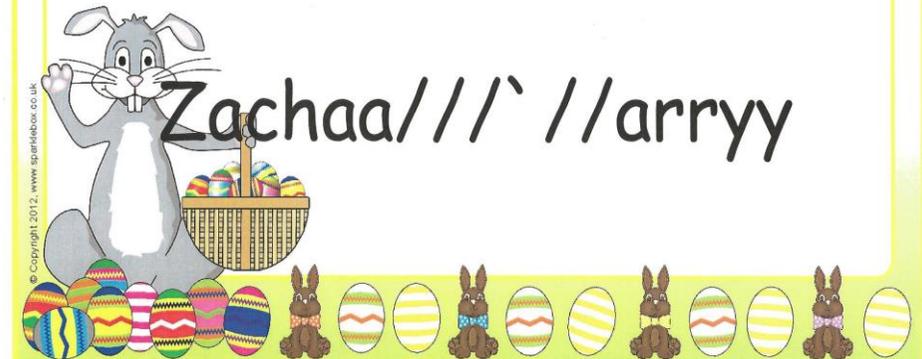
Zachary C enjoyed experimenting with the computer to write this delightful message. Happy Easter from us all!

Week Commencing 1st April 2014.

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Foundation Stage News

Once Upon a Time all of the children in the Foundation Stage were having a story in Purple Room when, suddenly, someone saw some big ears. 'Whose ears are they?' the children asked. The children guessed that the ears belonged to the Easter Bunny so they all crept quietly outside. They could not find the Easter Bunny but luckily he had left some Easter eggs in the garden. The children looked for the eggs and then went into classes and groups to count them. Star Group found the most eggs but happily the eggs were all shared out so everyone could take some home.



Lots of children have been making their own Easter cards, cutting, sticking and drawing pictures and writing their own message inside.

In Nursery the children have loved mixing the gooey chocolate with crispies to make Easter nests. The Reception children know how to make them too, they have been writing instructions for each stage of the making process checking the sequence using photographs.

The Reception Maths this week has been to look, experiment and learn about symmetry by making butterfly paintings utilising a variety of other resources. They have also been fascinated to observe cress and tadpoles in the class rooms. Why has the cress grown very quickly over the last week but the tadpoles haven't?

In Nursery the children have loved making Easter Bunny masks and pretending to be rabbits in their burrows (tunnels and block obstacle course). Lots of children have been matching patterns and putting numbered eggs in order.

Please can you return any underwear that your child may have borrowed. We sometimes have emergencies and don't want to be caught short!

This has been a busy term in the kitchen! Thank you to all our international chefs and dads coming to cook with the children. The children have loved all the new experiences, smells and tastes. Keep up the cooking over the holidays! Next term our topic is 'The World and Me'. We are planning lots of fun filled summer days.

Happy Easter from all of the Foundation Team.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 15th May 2014 at 7.30pm: Year2 Parents' Meeting re visit to Juniper Hall.

Details will follow early next term.

SOCK SURVEY



Thank you to those who have completed the survey. It's not too late to participate; please go to the parents' area of the website to give your views on a proposed change to the boys' uniform.

SPORT RELIEF SPONSORSHIP

A huge thank you for your fantastic support. You have raised over £3,000, surpassing last year's total!



Tuesday 6th May at 4.15pm

Freemen's Fun for current Year 1 Pupils

Flyers have been distributed to all Y1 Pupils; please be aware that Striking & Fielding Club finishes at 4pm and Football and Tennis at 4.15pm. To avoid too much disruption, can you please avoid collecting your child before 4pm.

Thank you.

SUMMER TERM STARTS WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL AT 8.30am

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