



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 9th February 2018

Dear Parents

Neptune showed just how able our Reception Class can be when they performed their Class Assembly about 'Into the Woods' on Friday. They have learnt about bears who live in the woods this term and used an atlas to show us which countries the bears live in. The children performed a wonderful rap to narrate the well-known tale Goldilocks and the 3 Bears and the acting and chanting was superb. Their wonderful assembly included a song and a dance and we all say a huge thank you to Mrs Bolton, ably assisted by Mrs Burke and Mrs Giles and of course to the talented children in Neptune.

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day and Miss Kate Rendall produced a super assembly about the joys and the perils of the internet. She also conducted some valuable research with the children and this was fed back to our parents on Wednesday Evening at our Safer Surfing Information Evening. Thank you to the parents who attended this informative, interactive evening. We all need to take time to stop and think about our approach to living life safely online.

On Wednesday Year 2 had a special treat thanks to the PTA who kindly funded a 'careers trip' to Kidzania in London. We have been investigating our hopes and dreams for the future and the children impressed us with the breadth of knowledge about future careers. Every child enjoyed at least 4 career challenges at Kidzania and it was a joy to see their maturity and enthusiasm as they 'earned' and spent their kidzo currency enjoying every minute of the challenges that they encountered.

Year 1 took an opportunity to walk around Epsom on Wednesday looking at the different types of housing to complement their topic 'Home is where the Heart is'. They enjoyed identifying flats, bungalows, semi and detached houses and enjoyed noting and labelling the individual features.

This week's Library Raffle was run by Frederick K and Esme T with a poetry theme chosen by Mrs Serrano in preparation for our own Poetry Week which takes place straight after half term.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Lucy A for enjoying her lunches every day, delighting the Team with her lovely manners. Well done Lucy!

Congratulations to **Kemp House**. You are now at the top of the Leader Board with an impressive total of **940 Housepoints**.

I can't believe that it is half term already! Have a safe and restful break.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Maya L, Jessica H, Oliver N, Lucy A, Fenton F, Clara H, Artie B, Rafferty O, Sophie M, Lily C, Eliza B, Isabella G and Arabella M.

Work of the Week

As part of our Topic 'Home is where the Heart is' Year 1 have been looking at household objects from over 100 years ago and comparing them to what we use today. Caitriona O'C in Jupiter Class worked all by herself to compare the past and present independently building her words with excellent confidence and effort - Well done Caitriona!



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Another busy week in Nursery! A pirate treasure hunt in the garden has kept the children enthralled. They had to find the different tubs with treasure in them and, using their pencils and clipboards, have a go at recording the letter they found. It all started very well but the children soon decided that it was much better fun to find the treasure and then hide it again somewhere else! Honey sandwiches and lovely smelling apple crumble has been made in the kitchen. Matching rhyming pictures and making patterns with pentagons have inspired the children. We have been making treasure

maps and have practiced our cutting skills to cut out pirate booty. Our road area has been an obstacle course through the woods to find teddy bears. Building pirate ships with Harrison as the captain, drawing a chalk sea complete with sharks, whirlpools and bridges to cross has been the focus in the garden. Earth and Sun group visited the library this week and Moon and Sky had a P.E lesson with Mrs Pryor. Our sound of the week after half term will be 'I'. Don't forget to practise your poetry!

REMINDER - Please name all clothes and ensure a large loop is available on your child's coat to help with hanging them up. Thank you

Reception News



Reception have been continuing to focus on all things 'Bear' this week. The children have been busy looking at different types of bears and discovering lots of bear facts as well as making our own bears! The children were so inspired by their new bear knowledge that they decided to write a fact sheet about them. Just look at our amazing writing! Not only did the children need to remember the facts and hold their sentence in their heads, but they also were able to use their sounds, apply finger spaces, full stops and capital letters and all independently! Wow! Amazing work at only 4 and 5 years old!



The children also looked at a variety of books from our library. We noticed some differences between the books. Some were story books (fiction) and some were fact books (non-fiction). The children noted the differences and identified some of their features. They talked about their favourite books and could say whether the book was fiction or non-fiction and why. The children have shown some remarkable skills in addition over the past weeks so we thought we would 'challenge' them further by looking at number bonds to 10 using the Numicon. The children were able to identify the Numicon pieces and write the number sentence to match it! What Super stars we have in Reception! We can't wait until Poetry Week to celebrate this area of literacy.

The Foundation Stage Team

DIARY DATES

HALF TERM
MONDAY 12TH – FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY



POETRY WEEK
On the first day back after half term the children will all be involved in Class Poetry fun where we share and enjoy your child's poetry contribution. Don't forget to practise during half term!

Tuesday 20th February – Y1 Study session at St Martin's Church.
Thursday 22nd February – Poetry Competition Final.
Friday 23rd February 9am – VENUS Class Assembly – All Venus parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30pm.

Saturday 24th February – PTA Family Photography Day

**A date for your diary – 2nd Hand Uniform Sales
on Wednesday 28th February
at 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.45 pm.**

**Considerate Cats this week are: Amelia L,
Oliver N, Eliza B, Baylen B, Medina O, Emma S,
Rafferty O, Miss Rendall, Annabel V,
Mrs Self and Satvika R.**



Mathletics:
Congratulations to James Watkin for gaining his Bronze Award and Thomas and Luke M for achieving Silver. Gold Awards were gained by Eliza B, Maxwell D and Arisa A. Many congratulations to all the children.

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