



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 9th October 2015

Dear Parents

On Friday the Hall was taken over by a hearty pirate crew who thoroughly entertained us with an assembly that featured a treasure hunt story acted out with sea, sand, grass and a dark, dark cave. Neptune children shone in their first Class Assembly and we all enjoyed watching the delight on their faces as they performed. Thank you to their pirate Captain, Miss Eames, and to all the courageous shipmates who spoke up with great confidence.

The rain did not spoil our walk down to the church this week as we celebrated a traditional Harvest Festival at St Martin's Church. Mr Macfarlane gave us a real treat as he played the church organ and set the scene for this annual event. The theme was food and Year 2 narrated with confidence providing us with an A to Z of vegetable facts. The youngest performers from just 3 years old stepped up with gusto having watched the older children model the behaviour required and everyone made us very proud as they recited their poems and performed their songs with ease. Every class joyfully participated and we watched in awe at the young talent in front of us singing solos, dancing with enthusiasm and giving their very best at this first whole school event of the year. Special thanks to all the teachers and in particular to Mrs Pryor for the dance and to Mrs Mulhern for the songs. Thank you all for your generosity. We raised a magnificent £377.10 for Macmillan Nurses and the charity team at Lunch Box are delighted with the significant contributions to their Food Bank. Thank you all.

On Thursday in our assembly we compared the tradition of Harvest with the religious festival of Sukkot and our own expert Mrs Gordon presented an illustrated talk about this Jewish celebration. The children in Year 2 were already experts having studied this custom last week and we are so grateful to Mrs Gordon for bringing this happy festival to life.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is John D for always eating his food up enthusiastically and ending with a clean plate. Well done John.

*Well done to all the children in **Ahlberg** House. You earned a splendid total of **572** housepoints and are now in first place!*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Lauren H, Elliot M, Rafferty O, Sienna S, Abigail M, Louisa R, Daisy G, Naomi B, Milo B, Leo R, Kieren A and Freya P.

Philosopher of the Week

Daisy G

Thought for the Week

Does it matter if you win or lose?



Children from Year 2 narrated the entire Festival brilliantly.

Event of the Week Harvest Festival

Some children performed a wonderful Harvest Dance.



Every child performed a poem. Here is Neptune, complete with actions.



Nursery behaved so sensibly and joined in with the Harvest Prayer.



The whole school joined together to sing 'For the Harvest' on this wonderful occasion.

Foundation Stage News

We were very proud of all the children walking to the church and joining in with the Harvest Festival. We love the rhyme 'Five Little Peas' so much that we made our own peas to go into a pea pod. This required super fine motor dexterity and accurate counting to make a lovely display, well done children!

Continuing the topic of 'People I know, places I go' some children have made their own houses from boxes and paper patiently making sure they have got the right number of doors and windows. The houses have been put on display along a road designed and painted by the children.

When we talk about who lives in our homes, lots of the children have talked about their pets. Some children knew that if their animal is ill they need to see a very important person, the vet. We all love the book by Judith Kerr 'Mog and the V-E-T' we talked about how a vet is like a doctor for animals.



The Reception children have been thinking about more sequences. They can act out the routines of the day from getting up in the morning (remembering to brush their teeth), through dressing, mealtimes and the school day to going to

bed at night. They love the song 'Days of the week' sung to the Adam's family tune, can your child sing it to you?

The children have loved sharing their favourite books, they are very proud when it is the turn of their own book to be shared with the class.

After having so much fun studying and learning about natural objects last week the children have continued to explore, testing whether the objects would float or sink. Our scientists made predictions first and explained their thinking about why they thought things float and sink. There is lots of fun and learning to be had with water, whether it is toys in the bath or spoons in the washing up, maybe your child can continue their experiments at home!

Children are very resilient and can put up with a sniffle or cold at school but if your child has a temperature or requires 'pink medicine' in the morning they are not really well enough for school. The medicine only lasts a couple of hours and masks the symptoms and we then have a very poorly child who may also be contagious. Please help us by being thoughtful.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 14th October at 7pm in the Hall

PARENT FORUM

In response to your request for an evening meeting, we look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the next Forum at 7pm on 14th October, to be chaired by Governor

Mr Nigel Field.

Among the areas of discussion on the previously submitted issues will be:

OWLS; Year 2 Challenges; Attendance Certificates

Friday 16th October at 9am

MARS Class Assembly

All parents and carers welcome to attend. Coffee will be served under the porch from 8.30am

Friday 16th October

PTA Treat Day – please send your child in to school with 20p to buy a cake.

PTA School Discos – Nursery and Reception from 3.30pm to 4.15pm

Years 1 and 2 from 4.30pm to 5.45 pm.

Tickets will be distributed next week.

TEA TOWELS

Please see the recent letter with details of how to order these ever-popular tea towels with a self-portrait of your child's face. Orders to be returned to the PTA box under the back porch by **Monday 12th October** please.



Mathletics

Congratulations for Bronze Awards to: Naomi Barnor, Freya M, Sophie B, Jago G, Ziyah O, Eden H and James H.

Also well done to Caiden C, Oscar R and Toby H for earning their Silver Awards.

Mathletics Certificates

Please be patient with us. When your child proudly brings in their certificate (only one of each colour please), we need to laminate and prepare it for the wonderful assembly presentation and this does not always happen immediately.