



## St Christopher's School

Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Dear Parents

*What an exciting week! On Wednesday we presented this year's honours to our brand new Year 2 who have already impressed us in all areas of school life. Every member of Staff here at St Christopher's is invited to complete a nominations sheet for each role and these are counted impartially with care. We have a range of important roles in a variety of areas in the school but every honour comes with a sense of challenge and responsibility. Our Year 2s are the ambassadors of the school. Their sensible and kind approach to all areas of school life make them the perfect role models for the younger children and this year I was particularly pleased to see the warm applause and congratulations that they gave as their friend's name was called out and they celebrated each other's achievements with exceptional maturity. A list of all honours can be found on page 2.*

*From the oldest to the youngest, we have been very impressed with our children in Reception once again this week with some super effort applied with great results. The children all seem well-rested and eager to get going with the exciting challenges and topics presented. Reception children are studying 'Turrets and Tiaras' and are particularly delighted to hear the wonderful selection of stories featuring dragons, royalty, castles and knights. Year 1 are enjoying a study of toys across the years and it is fascinating to see just how much favourite toys have changed in just the last few decades. For Year 2 Paddington is the main star and his adventures in London form the perfect backdrop to an in depth study of our own capital city.*

*Year 2 made an excellent start to their Philosophy lessons this week and we enjoyed some very interesting debates. The question devised by Emily in Venus was 'Is it ever good to complain?' and the children showed extraordinary maturity as we discussed this. In Mercury the question concerned old versus young and I will leave you to consider George's excellent question featured below. Thank you for giving up your time to come to the September Curriculum Evenings for your year group. These provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and hear about the subjects taught together with top tips for the year.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Thomas M for his exceptional manners at Lunch time. Well done Thomas!*

*Congratulations to **Donaldson** House who have gained the most Housepoints during the first week of term with a total of **281** Housepoints.*

*Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

### This Week's Merit Awards

All of Year 2 for being so pleased for each other as the Honours were shared.

#### Philosopher of the Week

George S

#### Thought for the Week

Is it better to be old or young?

### Event of the Week

### This Year's Honours

**Head Boy** Joseph G

**Head Girl** Sophia A

**Deputy Head Boy** Oliver N

**Deputy Head Girl** Lucy A

**Lunch Captain** Mathias P

**Lunch Monitors** Isabella G, Elliza M, George S, James N, Nereya P,  
Edison O and James C

**Librarians** Matilda G, Christopher B, Charlie S, Amelia L, Dylan C  
and Samuel V

**Chair of School Council** Gabriel K and Emily L

**Music Captains** Erin O and Jisoo P

**Sports Captains** Sophie B and Logan R

**Computer Monitors** Nicholas Z and Baxter M

**House Captains** **Kemp** Ava C and Joshua C

**House Captains** **Ahlberg** Thomas S and S

**House Captains** **Donaldson** Sam S and Arabella M

**House Captains** **Dahl** Annie R and Alexander L

**Blue Bench Monitors** Medina O and Alistair H



### Tradition

*These are the Head Girl and Head Boy silver badges that are more than 80 years old. In common with past years the nominated children wear them for the first day before receiving a modern badge*

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Wow! What an amazing start to a new school year. The children have settled into school wonderfully and are engaging in many exciting learning opportunities! Our topic this term is 'Marvellous Me'; we will be learning about ourselves, our families and our friends. We have been busy this week drawing around our friends and labelling our body parts as well as painting self portraits which are on display in Blue room. The children have been embracing the topic by making playdough faces and visiting our role play areas which are a 'home



corner' and our very own doctors surgery. Our story of the week has been 'Owl Babies' so of course we have made our very own owls to sit in our reading tree. The children have had some fabulous ideas for our bike area and have decided to create a petrol station and a



car wash. The children have got off to a flying start already but they will be extra tired and possibly a little emotional. This is all normal and will settle down soon, be assured that there is plenty of tender loving care around the nursery and your children's welfare and happiness are at the heart of what we do. **We have two shoes that do not match - could you please check to make sure you have the correct ones.**



*Reminders: please remember to put any messages in your child communication book and place it in our basket in the mornings and check tapestry for messages.*

### Reception

*What a start Reception have made to their first full week at school. They have really impressed us with their sharing, listening skills and eagerness to learn and explore their new environment. This week we have been looking at the children's starting points in writing, phonic sounds, number recognition and counting as well as their pencil control and letter formation. This will provide us with all the information we need to proactively plan for every individual child's learning development. We have been thinking about our topic 'Turrets and Tiaras'. We have all made crowns fit for a king or queen and had a royal catwalk procession with our friends. The children commented on what they liked about their friends crowns. The children thought of some wonderful and insightful comments, for example 'beautiful shapes' and 'shining colours'.*

*We also looked at a castle scene titled 'Castle under siege' and commented on what we could see happening and why. We also learnt about key parts of a castle like the battlements and turrets too. In PSHE we talked about what our favourite things were and how good it is to work as a team with the phrase 'sharing is caring' being at the heart of our discussions.*

*What SUPERSTAR children we have in Reception!*

**The Foundation Team**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 7pm – Year 1 Parents' Information Evening in the school hall.**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Pre-Nursery starts (to 21<sup>st</sup> November)**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 7pm – Year 2 Parents' Information Evening in the school hall.**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 trip to Hampton Court**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 9.15 – 10.30AM**

**OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS – *Please invite any family or friends to join the informal tours of the school.***



### **PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

**This week's playground panthers: Felicity V, Daniel B and Amelia L.**

**Thank you to all the parents who attended our PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning .**

**Mathletics: Congratulations to Nicholas Z for gaining his Bronze Award and to Sam S for achieving Silver.**



### **Spotty Box Awards**

**In the Spotty Box this week we celebrate Erin O for winning a Space Chase summer reading challenge certificate and to Arabella M for competing in her first ever swimming gala and winning a certificate and rosette for coming 1<sup>st</sup> in her group for the 10m dash! Well done.**



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