



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents

We have all enjoyed the burst of warm summer sunshine this week and the field has been full of children delighted to have the chance to play outside in the sun. The fresh air and vitamin D has given the children a real boost of energy and they have all returned to school keen and enthusiastic to shine in their new year groups.

It was very nice to see you all during some very informative Parent Information Evenings this week. We are extremely lucky at St Christopher's to have such supportive parents and our successful home/school partnership is certainly a vital component in the children's impressive progress.

One of my most important roles at school is that of a Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSL). On Tuesday we introduced this idea to the children with our very own child friendly interpretation; 'Do Share I'll Listen' because it is mandatory that the children know who the DSL is. Mrs Meredith-Bennett and Mrs Fisher are also Deputy DSLs (DDSL) and Mrs Meredith-Bennett and I talked to the children about being able to come and see us at any time to talk about any worries that they may have.

On Tuesday evening we welcomed back Year 2 from 2020 for a wonderful garden party involving a picnic tea, games and ice lollies as well as a chance to reunite. It was great fun and very special to see our much missed Year 2 all back again wearing a wide array of colourful uniforms. Do see our Twitter page @StChrisEpsom.

On Friday it was time for our first House Assembly of the year. The children were delighted to see each other clearly identified in their brightly coloured House t-shirts alongside staff who are allocated to their House. After a rousing flag waving song the children headed off to their own room to hear a story from their House author with Year 2 holding hands with Nursery and Year 1 holding hands with Reception children. It was a wonderful day and you can enjoy a sense of the colour and energy on page 4.

Philosophy lessons started for Year 2 this week and I was deeply impressed with the higher level thinking skills on show. Well done to all the children for making such a fine start in this exciting subject and congratulations to Grace below for coming up with such an interesting question which sparked a fascinating debate.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Zachary R for amazing the Catering Team with his impeccable manners. Well done Zachery.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for winning the penultimate week of term with a splendid total of **76** housepoints.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Aarav P, Angelina Ö, Leila K, Logan H, James B-R, Zhibo X, Olivia C, Otis L, Maryam O, Barnaby B, Max M, Clara G, Grace H and Charles A.

Philosopher of the week

Grace H

Thought of the week

What is more important friends or money?



Nursery and Pre- Reception News



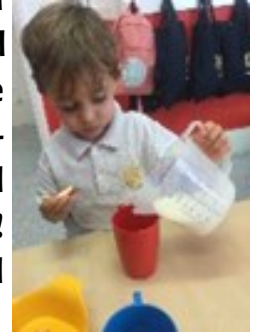
Nursery have had a wonderful full first week back! We have been making lots of new friends and have been exploring all the exciting Nursery activities. Our topic this term is 'I wonder what is special?' We have started our topic by thinking about ourselves because we are all special. The children have been looking carefully at their features in the mirror and drawing some amazing self-



portraits. Nursery have all experienced many 'firsts' this week including action packed PE lessons, French, Music and even specialise Art with Mrs Degg! Friday was very exciting as we all took part in the House Assembly. The Hall was full of colour and energy as we all



waved our coloured flags and sung our special song. Helped by the 'big' Year 2s, the Nursery children then adventured around school to listen to a special story with their House Group. Another highlight of our week was doing our birthday bake; the children with birthdays in September baked cupcakes for all their friends in Nursery, they were yummy! We are so proud of how all of the children have settled and cannot wait to see them all on next week for lots more fun!



Reception News



The children in Reception have started with a BANG! WOW! We are so impressed with how they are picking up the rules and routines of 'Big School'. Well done ALL of you! This week we have been exploring the learning environment both inside and outside and we were especially



lucky with the weather! We have started our topic 'Our Wonderful World and Beyond' by looking at Space. Our role plays are space themed and we seem to have had many children transformed into aliens and astronauts! We are looking at the book 'There is an Alien in my Book' by Tom Fletcher and the children have enjoyed making 'alien words' using the letter stones and cubes as well as creating their own aliens using paint and pipe cleaners! Once completed they used their sounds to add labels to them using words like eyes, lips, face and even antenna! We have been practising writing our numbers too. Lots of great pencil grips and number formations. We discovered that '8' is very tricky, please practise at home. This week the children had to change into their full kit for PE. They all



managed to complete this task in good time. They enjoyed the ball skills that Mrs Pryor taught them. Reception have truly 'got into the swing' of school life and are having the best time with their learning and are growing in every way. Well done Reception!



11th September - Bake off entries to be handed in

St Christopher's PTA Summer Fair

11th September 2-4pm

13th September - Clubs start

Reunion Tea

On Tuesday we welcomed back Year 2 of 2020 for a garden party. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Thea L for her Gold award.

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Annabelle L for passing Grade 2 Gymnastics

Annabel N for passing her Pre-Primary ballet exam



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