



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents

We have all enjoyed a busy week this week with fascinating guests joining us for some very interesting assemblies.

On Tuesday Mr Matt Robinson, Head of the Junior School at Freeman's delivered an interactive assembly all about sign language. Mr Robinson explained to the children about his experiences communicating with his deaf sister and we quickly learnt about the importance of learning this skill. Whilst he was teaching us all how to sign he read an entertaining story and held every child's attention as he shared some captivating explanations about the history behind some of the signed words. Investigate the sign language for the word 'bus' for example! We thank Mr Robinson as we all enjoyed the assembly and learnt about the importance of ensuring communication for all.

On Wednesday we welcomed two families: The Oozeerallys and the Ahmeds to deliver a colourful assembly about the Muslim religion. The children were enchanted to hear about the special festival of Eid and asked some very interesting questions about the traditions and celebrations associated with Eid and Ramadan. We were shown prayer mats and beautiful traditional clothes and both families kindly gave the children and staff some special sweet treats. Thank you very much for this engaging assembly.

On Thursday Year 1 headed off to Wisley for their termly school trip as part of their topic 'From Farm to Fork'. Wisley has significantly improved its Education Centre and the children enjoyed every moment of this packed day and had a marvellous time exploring the gardens and the Glasshouse. They learned about the different edible plants that are grown around the world and planted a chard seed to grow and nurture at home.

On Thursday we were also delighted to be able to welcome back last year's Year 2 for their annual Reunion Tea. It is always a joy to see our former pupils and, as well as admiring their colourful range of new uniforms and new height (!) we all relived some very happy memories in between some entertaining games. Thank you Year 2 2021- It was lovely to see you.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Edward P d M for eating all the lovely food at St Christopher's and for complimenting the kitchen staff about their delicious fruit cake.

Congratulations to our Times Tables Champions who have returned fresh and keen from the Easter break with outstanding multiplication knowledge. This week's Bronze Star winners are: Emily S, Charles A, Austin B, Eloise B-S, Harriet R and Mia G. We also say special congratulations to the first of our Silver Star winners: Daniel B-P and Izzy J.

Congratulations to **Kemp House** who ended last term with a win and began this term by winning the weekly challenge with **152** splendid Housepoints. Well done **Kemp House**.

As you will be aware we have termly Parent Forums to give parents a chance to raise any issues that they would like to be addressed. Our Governor responsible for Parent Liaison is Mrs Elizabeth Hibbert and she has informed the school that there have been no submissions for the summer term Forum due to be held on the 4th May. Accordingly I am delighted to inform you that, in light of parental satisfaction, this Forum has been cancelled.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Year 2 Reunion Picnic

We were delighted to welcome last year's Year 2 back for special celebrations on Thursday



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What a fabulous first full week back we have had in Nursery. This term our topic is 'I wonder who can help us?' This week we have a garage in Nursery and the children have been learning how to fix cars. In Blue Room the children have been using the hot glue gun to make a moving car with wheels and an axle; each car has its very own design and are displayed in the Blue Room for everyone to admire. In the Yellow Room the children have been designing and drawing cars and once they have



designed their cars, they used the different construction resources to make their amazing cars. The children have been learning that every car has its very own number plate; we have created our own number plates using number cards to decide on our own special sequence of numbers. The children used their excellent fine motor skills and pencil control to form the numbers on the number plates. In the Nursery Garden we had our garage, the children independently dressed up in their mechanics overalls and then carried out the repairs on a variety of cars, even a car up on the garage ramps. Once the cars and bikes had been in the garage they were looking a little bit dirty so the children ventured down to the



bike area that has been transformed into the St Christopher's Car Wash. They were busy buying car wash tickets and then using the sponges and buckets to wash their vehicles, which are now super shiny! Being a mechanic, washing cars and making number plates has been hard work and made us very hungry so in the kitchen the children have been busy making their very own scone-based pizzas to enjoy on the snack table. What an exciting week in Nursery!



Reception News



Ahoy my hearties! Can you believe we are already sailing into our final term in Reception? As you might have guessed our topic this term is Pirates! To launch into this exciting topic, the children have eagerly set to work ensuring they have everything a Pirate needs. The classrooms have been decorated with some stunning pirate portraits and we have created some telescopes to keep a look out for anyone that might be after the Reception treasure, designed and made pirate hats and even some pirate



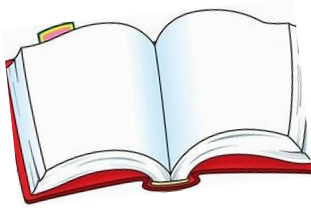
friends in the form of some parrots. There has been some inspirational maths as we have counted the treasure and practically created number bonds to ten. Also, with links to our chosen story this week 'Pirates love Underpants', we have created pants patterns and ordered pants by size. We have learnt some new pirate vocabulary and in particular have been talking about parts of a pirate ship such as the mast, deck, plank and portholes. We imagined what we might see when we look through the porthole



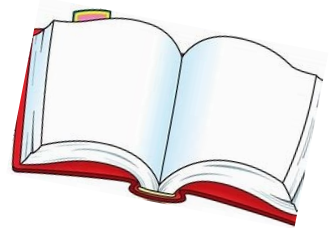
windows. We had some lovely descriptive language as the children extended their ideas into detailed and descriptive sentences. We have had so much fun in our new pirate role play areas, a Pirate Ship and a Desert Island. It was great to see some young Scallywags working together to build their own pirate ship outside. Pirates are great at team work! We look forward to seeing what other Pirate adventures we have in store this term.



2nd May - Bank holiday



**5th May - The Great Read
with visiting author Anna Kemp**



6th May - PTA Comedy Night 7.30pm



PayPal link for booking is <https://www.paypal.me/StChrisPTA>

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