



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents

We all ended the half term on a colourful high thanks to our lovely Jubilee Day. Special thanks are due to our wonderful Jubilee Choir who headed to Epsom Downs during the half term holidays to sing our original Jubilee Anthem on 2nd June. The auspicious occasion marked the change of name at the Derby Racecourse from the Queen's Stand to specifically Queen Elizabeth II stand in honour of the amazing achievement of a Platinum Jubilee. We were very proud of every child who sung with confidence and beautiful pitch and I was showered with compliments about our young team from many members of the public and dignitaries including the Mayor.

We were all glad to be back to work on Monday for we still have plenty of work to be completed before the end of this very fast moving term. As part of our Personal, Social, Health and Emotional studies, we once again supported the magnificent work of the charity Child Bereavement UK on Tuesday, using their suggestion of An Elephant's Tea Party as the perfect vehicle to discuss loss and how to deal with it. Mrs Rendall produced an excellent assembly to introduce the Charity Day and, inspired by a patron of the charity Mary Berry, Mrs Rendall and Mrs Ansell organised a House Bake Off. All Houses were given a multi coloured sponge base and decoration took place against the clock. Our own Paul and Pru aka Mrs Waite and Mrs Lovatt judged the competition and although there were Housepoints for everyone, Ahlberg House won.

Congratulations to Henry D for winning the Elephant Cake Raffle and thank you so much for supporting the raffle. The children who brought in photos and drawings of loved ones that are no longer with us and these were shared in circle time. It was so lovely to hear the stories and testimonies of these wonderful people and a lovely opportunity to keep their memory alive. The children then chose a place on the apple tree to hang their special memory and these are now dancing in the sunshine for you to see on Saturday at our School Fair. As well as having a meaningful day we also raised £278.00 for Child Bereavement UK who were deeply impressed by our approach to such a difficult subject.

There have been some very deep and challenging maths lessons this week as the children have been showing us what has been achieved in nearly a year of study. Year 2 earned a handful of Multiplication Awards for excellence including the first Gold Stars for children who have passed their Silver and Bronze Awards and gone on to show a high level of competence in both multiplication and division. Huge congratulations to Daniel B P and Callan M for being the first two Golden Star award winners of the year. Warm congratulations are also due to Ilyas A and Edward P d M for Bronze Star success and to Emily S, Annabel H and Olivia C for achieving terrific Silver Star success.

Congratulations to our Lunchtime Superstar this week who is Ethan R, you have continually impressed the kitchen team with your polite manners when receiving your lunch. Well done Ethan!

The House Captains gathered the Housepoints early this week and we say many congratulations to [Donaldson](#) House for jumping to the top of the Leader Board with [802](#) Housepoints.

The reason for the early collection is the Year 2 residential which I am currently enjoying. Nestled in the heart of the Surrey countryside, we are enjoying every moment of our educational trip and have found every minibeast imaginable. Look out on Twitter or indeed next week's newsletter for tales of our exciting adventures.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday for our annual PTA Summer Fair and thank everyone who has worked so hard to put it all together.

Annie Thackray    Headteacher

### Merit Awards

Estrella W, Edward F, Maria P and William C.





Elephant's Tea Party 🐘



# Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What a wonderful first week back we have had in Nursery. Our theme this week has been 'Doctors'. We have been sharing our own medical experiences with our friends and finding out about all of the wonderful things that medical professionals can do to make us feel better. In Green room, we have had our very own doctors looking after their friends in our hospital role-play area, the children have been wrapping their arms in bandages, checking temperatures and showing love to all their patients. In the Blue room, the children have been creating their very own doctors stethoscopes using their amazing cutting and decorating skills to make them look unique! In Yellow room, we have been measuring our patients using a range of standard and non-standard methods. The children have impressed us by recording their measurements on their special doctor's clipboards. Outside we have had an ambulance station, where the children have been receiving calls from the hospital about patients they must go



and rescue in their ambulances. We have also had some amazing climbing and balancing happening in the garden as the children have been building their very own obstacle courses. The children have been particularly excited about skeletons and x-rays this week so we have been looking at some model skeletons and having a try at drawing our own using black paper and white oil pastels. Wow what a busy first week back!



## Reception News



It is Reception's last half term before they become big Year 1 children! Time has just flown by with the help of fun learning, exciting activities and fabulous trips. This week we have been continuing our pirate theme by sending messages in bottles. We all pretended to be pirates and used our telescopes to see what was around us on our make believe Treasure Island. We then described our island on special pirate paper, so that hopefully we would be



rescued. We also thought about the ten objects we would take on a pirate ship with us; we have had some interesting ideas from sleeping bags to sweets and lunch of course. We have also looked at pirate ships and their features like mast, rigging and sails and cleverly labelled our own ships. In maths, we have been looking at odd and even numbers and how to tell which is which. Did you know that an even number always has a friend but an odd number always has one left over? We have had our scientific brains active this week as we tested whether an object could float or sink; we made predictions then tested them out. We were quite surprised with some of the results too. In art with Mrs Degg, we looked at the artist Vincent Van Gogh in particular, his painting called 'Two Crabs'. We were inspired to create our own 3D crabs



using the same bright colours of reds and oranges out of pipe cleaners and egg boxes. They look very 'crabby'. Next week we are going to make pirate boats, so please remember to bring in your margarine tubs if you haven't already done so – thank you.





**Saturday 11th Jun-PTA Summer Fair 2-6pm**



**Tuesday 14th June-Year 2 trip to GoApe**

*Please wear PE Kit and trainers (not plimsoles) school fleece, raincoat & water bottles*

**Wednesday 15th June-Pre Reception trip to Little Street**

*Usual uniform to be worn*

**Friday 17th June Father Day Challenge**

*Refreshments served under the porch from 8.30am*



**Mathletics:**

**Congratulations to Tate T for his Gold award.**

**Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :**



**Zara L-Swimming Red Award from Better Swim School**

**Rory F-Completing the Ewell Village Platinum Jubilee Celebration**

**Anna M-Medal for Rugby from Chipstead RFC**

**Phoebe B-Top Gym Level 6 badge from Leatherhead & Dorking Gym Club and Bronze medal for sparring in the European championships in the martial art Kuk Sool Won**

**Chloe B-Gold medal for sparring and Copper Medal for technique in the European championships in the martial art Kuk Sool Won**

**Laura L-Completed an 8 mile cycle ride around London, riding tandem with her mother**

**Oliver P-Completed Water Skills 1 with Swim England**

**Olivia H-Completed Stage 3 Swimming with Swim England and Star of the week from Stagecoach**

**Luca G-Star of the week from Stagecoach**

**Rory L-Star of the week from Stagecoach**

**Faith H-Completed Stage 1 Swimming with Swim England**

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