Weekly News



Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy second week at St Christopher's!

Firstly, it is with great excitement that we announce that St Christopher's has been announced as a <u>finalist</u> in the Independent Pre-Prep School of the Year Award for 2022. Winners are announced in October, but we are absolutely delighted that our school has been chosen.

One of my most important roles at school is that of a Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSL). On Wednesday, we talked to the children with St Christopher's very own child friendly interpretations; "Do Share I'll Listen" because it is mandatory that children know who the DSL is. Mrs Fisher is our Deputy DSL (DDSL) and we 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 Thursday, Year 2 discovered which special role they had been awarded in the Year 2 Honours Assembly. The whole school was there to celebrate. The cheering and encouragement the children had for each other as they were presented their honours was truly uplifting. The children take this responsibility very seriously and have already started to talk to me about their ideas.

On Friday, it was time for our first House Assembly of the year. The children were delighted to meet their new House Captains and see other members of their House. After a rousing flag waving song, the children headed off to their own room to hear a story from their House author. There was a great feeling of teamwork and camaraderie.

Year 2 have been having a great discussion this week about whether they would like to be Prime Minister. Many children thought it sounded too much like hard work as the decisions were so big and held so much responsibility. Well done to Rory though, as he felt he did want to be Prime Minister, so he could make decisions "that would make more people happy."

This week and last week's Lunchtime Superstars are Barnaby for having such wonderful manners and engaging with the catering team so well and Luca for showing such confidence when asking for his lunch.

As we are still in a period of National Mourning, we have been asked not to post celebratory photos during this time, therefore, photos of our celebrations will be posted after this period has finished.

It has been lovely to meet so many parents these past 2 weeks, a point that has been raised is the issue of parking. Please do see the important letter about parking.

As promised last week, we have included our refreshed aims and values for St Christopher's, which are included in this letter. And finally, as Monday is a Bank Holiday, we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 20th September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Year 2 Honours for 2022 - 2023



Tadeo Head Boy Head Girl Maryam Deputy Head Boy Aidan Deputy Head Girl Phoebe Lunch Captains Elena and Darcy Lunch Monitors Mikayeel, Fazan and Ariana Librarians Clara, Margot, and Harper Chair of School Council Arya and Tate Eco Captains Zachary R and Laura Music Captains Sooha and Hugo Sports Captains Barnaby and Annabelle Computer Monitors Zachary V and Rory House Captains Kemp Lia and Thomas House Captains Ahlberg **Evie and Quinn** House Captains Donaldson Conor and Kitty House Captains Dahl Peter and Sukie Blue Bench Monitors Olivia and Max Play Champions Parva, Bella, Imogen, and Blake



Our aim is for our children to leave St Christopher's as independent, highly motivated and engaged learners.

Our approach is driven by our values of excellence, empathy, and endeavour.

Our values are supported by the pillars of respect, kindness, integrity, creativity, courage, and resilience.

We do this by:

- By providing a happy, safe, and stimulating environment where our diverse community thrives
- By carefully planning each stage in our young children's development
- By building effective partnerships with parents and guardians, visitors, and outside agencies through clear and careful communication
- By providing an ambitious, creative, and inspirational curriculum and cocurriculum which enable our children to become successful lifelong learners
- By ensuring equality and equity of opportunity inform our decision making so that all the needs of our young children are met.

Spotty Box Awards for Success Outside School:

- Tate for successfully competing in the Inflatable 5k obstacle course and receiving a certificate and medal
- Estrella and Tadeo for showing great maturity and kindness in giving up their spaces at a party so that others could be invited instead
- Annabelle for gaining her Stage 5 Swimming Badge
- Zachary for gaining his 25m Swimming Certificate and for received a Little Legends Medal for Soccer School over the summer
- Barnaby for receiving a Level 1 Beavers Badge
- Faith for gaining her level 2 Swimming Certificate