



Weekly News

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents,

What an incredibly busy start to the year!

Reception had a wonderful trip to Painshill Park yesterday. The weather was perfect to see the park in all its glory, where the children spent the day exploring the park, looking for a mysterious dinosaur egg, building dinosaur islands in the middle of the forest, noticing the beautiful plants and animals that inhabit the park and then visiting the stunning grotto. A fabulous day was had by all!

Year One have been innovating in their story writing this week. They took on the challenge of changing the context of the legendary Three Little Pigs and changed the characters and setting to create captivating stories. It has been truly entertaining to hear these wonderful stories.

These past few weeks have seen Year Two totally immersed in the world of Paddington Bear and they have spent this week finishing off their clay post-boxes which will also be used as pencil pots!

Year Two have also been exploring the question, “what is fairness” and the meaning of the phrase “actions speak louder than words” in Citizenship this week.

Well done to Remy K for being named our lunchtime superstar this week, the kitchen staff enjoy how polite you always are and how much you enjoy their delicious lunches.

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **770** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

On a personal note, I am amazed at how quickly this first half term has flown by, and I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome these past few weeks. I wish everyone a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2 weeks.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards

All of Mars Class (for their impeccable behaviour and amazing interest and intrigue at Painshill Park), Arya K, Aidan G, Roberta P d M, Olivia B P, Anna M, Micah R-K, Evie W, Ariana A, Faith H and Ivan C.

Nursery and Pre - Reception News



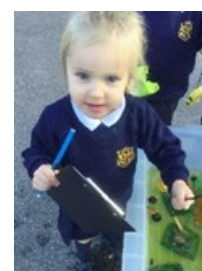
We have had a wonderful week in Nursery this week; we have been busy building on our learning about autumn. The children have been amazing detectives; they have been using their binoculars to hunt for signs of autumn in the Nursery Garden. They were able to record what they had found on their checklists. In blue room we have been learning about hibernation; we focused on a hedgehogs and talked about where they might hibernate. We then worked with our friends to weigh and mix the ingredients for salt dough; we then used the



dough to create our very own hedgehogs, they look fantastic. In the yellow room this week the children have been creating observational drawings of different fruits and vegetables. They have been describing what the vegetables look and feel like and choosing the correct colours to draw them. The children used a range of different textured materials to create a nest from some of the other animals that will hibernate, we decided that stones and wood might not make a comfy nest,



but feathers and fur would. In the kitchen the children have been making some delicious hedgehog bread rolls, they were a huge hit on the snack table too. This week we have been learning about Diwali celebrations; the children enjoyed learning about the festival of lights and have been creating their own day lamps out of playdoh. They were using their super fine motor skills to draw around their hands and create henna patterns. We have had a fabulous half term.



Reception



Reception have finished their first half term with a bang! We have been excited to learn about halving objects and making number lines. We have enjoyed making dinosaur swamp dip to taste and best of all our first school trip in Reception to Painshill Park. What a busy week! In maths we have continued our Harvest theme and used potatoes to



create our own number lines. We used potato prints and then wrote our number underneath. We had to cut the potatoes ourselves too, making sure it was half. There was lots of talk about how half meant it was the same on both sides and equal too. What top mathematicians we have in Reception! In the nursery cooking area we worked in pairs to make our own dinosaur swamp dip. We grated cucumber and added it to natural yoghurt and once mixed, we named it 'Dinosaur Swamp Dip!' We tasted it with bread sticks and crackers and it was a big hit. Yum! The highlight of the term so far was our trip to Painshill Park. The excitement had been building over the week and we were not disappointed! We had fun discovering all the areas that the park has to offer as well as hunt for a 'REAL LIFE DINOSAUR EGG!' Some of us could even hear the dinosaurs roar! We



found a giant tree and even the ruined house where the giant had sneezed, destroying it by accident! We had tired but very happy children on the coach drive home. All staff were so proud of our reception classes. They were impeccably behaved and a real credit to St Christopher's! Well done Reception, have a well deserved half term rest and be ready for more fun learning next half term!

The Foundation Team

17th October - 28th October - Half term

4th November - St Christopher's Open Morning

For prospective parents

Royal British Poppy Appeal - We will be welcoming donations and poppies will be taken around to each class on the week after half term.



Sibling Registration

Prior to Open Morning on the 4th November we wanted to give our existing parents a polite recommendation to register any younger siblings as soon as possible to reserve their place.

Please follow this link to register your child : [Register Your Child | St Christopher's School Epsom \(st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk\)](https://st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk)



Mathletics: Congratulations to Jason E, Rebecca G, Olivia B P, Max P, Benjamin W, Hadi L and Joshua M for their Bronze Certificate.

Congratulations to Sukie R, Leila K, Zachary R, Julianna M R, Olivia B P, Evie W, Arya K, Phoebe B, Maryam O, Holly S, Bella I, Tate T, Daisy D, and Margot P for their Silver Certificate.



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

Jason E : Piano solo for a concert at the Royal Academy of Music.

Ivan C : STANley 5 Award in swimming

Tadeo W : Learn to Swim Level 4

Barnaby B : Learn to Swim Level 5

Ethan W : Startastic Gymnastics Trampolining Copper 1 Certificate

Ethan R : Startastic Gymnastics Star of the Week

Estrella W : Learn to Swim Level 1

Luca G : Stage Coach Star of the Week

Chloe B : Gymnastics certificate for floor and vault

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