



Weekly News

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see the sunshine this week, peaking through the clouds and bringing some much welcome relief from the rain!

Our brilliant School Council were very keen that they welcomed all children back to school and brighten everyone's Tuesday morning with a cup of delicious hot chocolate. Thank you, School Council, for thinking of us all and welcoming us back so thoughtfully!

We were very excited to win another National Art Award last term and we continue to immerse ourselves in creativity with our award winning, Mrs Degg. This term, the whole school will be immersing themselves in contemporary and traditional African art through the work of specific artists and the history of the craft itself. The children will be exploring pottery, bead work, scrap sculpture and Kente cloth and textiles. This exciting subject has already begun with the Nursery children starting to design their very own Kente cloth.

Year 2 have been exploring their teeth, their functions, what they are called and how to look after them! I am sure we have a few future dentists in the making.



As we are at the beginning of a new term, I have reminded our children of one of my most important roles at school is that of a Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSL). We talked to the children with St Christopher's very own child friendly interpretations; "Do Share, I'll Listen" because it is vitally important that the 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.

Well done to Sooha P for being named our lunchtime superstar this week for being helpful by tidying up and stacking her chair away when finished Well done Sooha !

Top of the leader board for the start of the Spring term is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **179** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

And finally, I would draw parents' attention to the letter about lateness that was sent this week. I am sure we all agree that being on time for school is imperative and that lateness has a significant impact on learning. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards

Fazan C, Tadeo W, Lia M-L, Max M, Bella I, Maryam O, Juliana R-M, Hadi L, Max P, Henry D, Thomas M, Jamie BR, Edward F and Teddy S.

Work of the week

Year 2 started their topic, Real Life Heroes by learning about the amazing Katherine Johnson. They used a diamond nine to debate which events in her life were most important. Tadeo reasoned that without getting a job at NACA, Katherine wouldn't have made the calculations that sent the first people to the moon or saved lives on the Apollo 13 mission.

Tadeo Mon 9th Jan. 2023

Katherine Johnson Diamond Nine Activity



In 1952, she got a job working for NACA.



Her calculations helped to rescue people on the Apollo 13 mission.

In 1961, her calculation helped send the first people to the Moon.

She graduated college at the top of her class.

She showed a great talent for maths at school.

A film and book were made about her life.

She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

In 2016, NASA named one of their buildings after her.

She was born on 26th August 1918.

Explain at least 3 of your choices.

You ordered these facts from most important to least important very carefully and provided some good reasons for your choices well done

I put when she was born on the least important because it was not saving anyone. I put she showed a great talent for maths at school in the middle because she did very well in maths and if she did not she would not of saved anyone.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Welcome to the Spring term!

All the children have come back from the Christmas holidays so well and have settled back into the Nursery routines brilliantly. We would like to give a warm welcome to all our new starters (Sparkles) who have settled in wonderfully and are really enjoying exploring all the different activities we have set up around the Nursery. Our Pre Reception children and Nursery children who have been here from before Christmas, have done a great job at helping all our new children to get to know the Nursery. It has been so lovely to observe all the new friendships

blossom!



This term our topic is 'Who Lives Here?'. We have loved hearing all about where the children live and seeing their beautiful pictures and drawings of their homes. This week in Nursery we have been looking at the story of The Three Billy Goats



Gruff. On Monday we read the story and the children have had the opportunity in the green room to retell the story in a range of different ways, from using small world goats to acting the story out with our Three Billy Goat masks. In our yellow and blue rooms, the children have been getting busy constructing their very own bridges using different types of materials and techniques. They had to test them too to see if their bridges were strong enough to hold the goats. Great job everybody they all stood the weight test! In our Red room we have



been baking cheese straws (bridges), they have loved eating them during snack time. The children in Pre Reception have blown us away with their enthusiasm for reading, we are very excited that they are coming home with book bags today! We hope you enjoy sharing the books with them all as much as we do.

Reception News



Reception children are racing and rocketing ahead with their wonderful learning this week.

Mars and Neptune have been immersed into their story of the week, 'The Naughty Bus' and have created and written their own storyboard, with lots of new naughty ideas for the bus to do next. We have had buses zooming downstairs for midnight feasts, crashing into walls and even buses tumbling down chimneys to deliver their passengers... it seems we have quite the cheeky, mischievous bunch here in Reception.



In Maths Reception have thoroughly enjoyed working in pairs to play the bus stop game, rolling their dice to add and take away passengers on the bus. They have really impressed us especially with their adding skills, well done everybody.

As part of their introduction to their new topic, Ready, Steady, Go, the children have told us what they would like to find out about different modes of transport and have all asked a super question in which we have the term to find the answer to...some of their questions include: When was the first bike made? What is the speed of the fastest vehicle in the world? Who is the best racing driver in the world? How do engines work in different vehicles? Why do we call 999 for emergency vehicles?



Reception have ended the week proving to be quite the artists, painting marvellous pictures of their favourite vehicles which have all been used to decorate our classroom walls. We have robust rockets zooming into space with fire shooting out from their base, terrific trains with four carriages and some colourful cars racing to the finish line! What a

fantastic start to 2023.

The Foundation Team

Monday 16th January - Clubs commence

Tuesday 17th January - Year 2 trip G-Live Music Event

Children will NOT be required to bring a water bottle or book bag.

Please wear full uniform including raincoat.

Wednesday 18th January - Year 1 trip to Chertsey Museum

Children will be required to bring a named water bottle and wear full uniform including raincoat. Book bags will NOT be required.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember that children are not permitted to play on the playground or use any of the equipment at morning drop off. This is vital for your child's safety as playground checks have not been done at this time.

Mathletics: Congratulations to Ethan R for your Bronze Certificate.



Congratulations to Joshua M, Kitty T, James C, Benjamin W and Rebecca G for your Silver Certificates.

Congratulations to Arya K, Bella I, Peter G and Parva A for your Gold Certificates.

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:



Sam B - Mega Kickers Certificate of Achievement for Attacking

James M - 2 Swimming Awards – Levels 1 and 2

Hugo T - for achieving first place and a gold medal in skiing and for also receiving a certificate for swimming 50 metres

Meili L - for receiving a certificate for being able to swim 25 metres

Jack W - for passing his 1-star skiing badge and can now ski with poles

Kit W - for passing his Piou Piou badges so can now move into Oursons in skiing

