



Weekly News

Friday 12th May 2023

Dear Parents,

Grandparents Day



On Tuesday and Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome our wonderful grandparents to St Christopher's. The children were beyond thrilled to be given the delightful task of welcoming their grandparents into school and looking after them for the morning. The grandparents enjoyed our weekly Merit Assembly and then enjoyed a special



classroom experience or stay and play session in Nursery before returning to the hall for refreshments and entertainment by our talented Year 1s and 2s.

Sports Afternoon

Year 2 welcomed children from Rowan Prep for an afternoon of sports on Wednesday. The sun shone and the children enjoyed a variety of different sports, skills and activities organised by our wonderful Mrs Pryor. Thank you to Mrs Pryor for organising another fabulous fixture!

Year One News



In Literacy the children have continued to look at the story of 'Handa's Surprise' and will be writing their own versions of the story next week. In preparation, the children have planned their stories using pictorial representations on a story mountain. In Maths the children have been learning about arrays and we now have a lot of items in the classroom arranged in columns and rows! Science was all about common British birds, with particular emphasis on labelling and finding out facts about robins. Did you know that it is nearly impossible to tell

the difference between a male and female robin by sight? Good news – the sunflower seeds have started to grow!

Year Two News

Rehearsals for the end of year production of Wind in the Willows are continuing and coming along nicely. Year Two really enjoyed challenging their grandparents with the game Square It to see who would make a square first on their iPads. The children tested their own maths knowledge by solving clues to work out different mysteries such as "Who stole the May Queen's Crown?" They have also continued to enjoy reading James and the Giant Peach and imagined how they would feel if they were climbing into the peach tunnel. The children focused on using their senses to add description and detail to their writing and even enjoyed a slice of peach to help get the creative juices flowing!



Royal Tea Party

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 13th May from 2pm for the PTA Royal Tea Party on the lawn. The weather looks hopeful, so do bring along your picnic blankets, food, and drink for an afternoon of entertainment and fun.

International Food Week

We have an exciting week planned for our International Week next week. Do look out for a form regarding our International Food afternoon so that we can prepare accordingly. A huge thanks in advance to all the parents who are getting involved in helping this event be a wonderful celebration of our cultures and diversity.

Congratulations Year 2 Mathematicians



Well done to the following pupils for achieving their Bronze Award for Timestable Rockstars – Clara G, Immy C, Arianna A, Evie W and to Peter G, Tate T and Sooha P for achieving their Silver Award. But a particularly huge congratulations to Lia M-L and Hugo T for achieving their GOLD stars this week!



This weeks lunch time superstar is Faith H for cheering the catering team up each day with your infectious smile. Well done Faith!

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **613** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Imogen C, Clara G, Mikayeel A, Evie W, Ethan W, Sam B, Thomas B, Grace C, Daisy D, Daisy G D, Daniel P, Julianna R-M, Lucy S, Jamie B-R, Caleb W, James M, Darcey S, Aiden G, Thomas B, Rory F, Jamie S, Holly S, Olivia B P and Angelina Ö

Work of the Week

A fantastic re-telling of James Dropping The Magic Crystals. Thomas in Venus has tried to use powerful verbs and the power of 3 to create energy and speed writing. What a great job.

...O - consider how to create pace in writing - description for suspense and verbs for speed.

Thurs 4th May

'Take a look my dear' he said, opening the bag and tilting it towards James..... 'The old man said but what ever you do don't drop the magic crystals.'

'Are they really magic?' asked James.

'Yes well of course' answered the old man.

'Okay then' said James. James turned around looked in the bag and wow...

⊕ Inside the bag there were green crystals and they were tiny as a needle point. Luminous crystals shone up with ^{which was} a beautiful sight.

When James turned back around, the old man had vanished! James knew he needed fresh water so he ran up, he sneaked past the ghostly ~~ants~~ then tripped over a log. ^{He} glen

through the air, closed his eyes and THUMP! When he opened his eyes

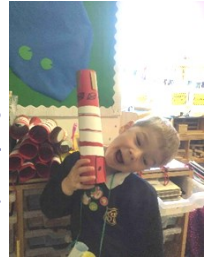
he saw all the magic crystals sinking into the soil... he dug and scumbled got the ^{precious} crystals

Wow! What an excellent re-telling of this event. Super use of speech, adjectives and verbs. (3/4) Very well done Thomas

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



This week in Nursery we were thrilled to have so many grandparents joining us. While they visited, we made cardboard binoculars to do a nature hunt in the garden, painted real-life bouquets in glass vases and cut out photos of ourselves and stuck them on flowers for our guests to take home. We were so proud of how the children welcomed their visitors and coped with their feelings when it was time



for them to go; well done to all the children and thank you to the grandparents for coming along.

Our topic this week has been boats linked to the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. In Blue room, we have been investigating what floats or sinks in the water tray and creating our own boats using tin foil. In Green room, we have been learning about healthy foods and what makes a great packed lunch. We have been choosing from an array of foods, sticking them on to a lunch box, and discussing which is our least and most favourite. In Yellow room, we have been

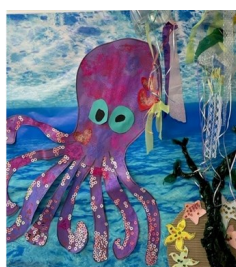


carefully cutting strips of white paper to make lighthouses from red card; they look very eye-catching. Our kitchen has been busy as usual, as the children have been whizzing foods in our blender to make delicious fruity smoothies and drinking them through straws. Outside, we have been doing practical experiments using the force of flowing water to move boats along the guttering from one lake to another!



Reception News

On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, it was wonderful to have some grandparents join us for our Merit assembly and in our classrooms. They enjoyed being shown around, looking at sticker charts and displays, having cards made with our school logo on and exploring our outdoor learning area. Some grandparents even completed a questionnaire on the iPads and posted it to Seesaw! This week, we are continuing to link our learning to the Julia Donaldson story 'The Snail and the Whale'. We have been learning facts about whales and even making thwhalesem using water bottles and craft materials. Our 'Under the Sea' display is becoming fuller each week and now includes an octopus we made together, some jellyfish and starfish on the rocks. We have also made play-doh sea creatures with real shells on their backs. In Maths, we are continuing to experiment with doubles, using different manipulatives, printing and mirrors. We are trying to learn these double facts so we know them confidently off by heart. We have also begun learning songs for our EYFS summer show and can't wait to start learning the script too! This is looking to be such an exciting term.



The Foundation Team

The PTA look forward to welcoming you to the Royal Tea Party on Saturday 2pm - 5pm.

Bring a picnic, sit on the lawn & enjoy live music and games in the sunshine. If you don't yet have a passport, please feel free to turn up on the day and buy one from the St. Christopher's PTA / Teacher's stall.'

** Please also note that due to a timeframe issue with the temporary events notice, the PTA will only be selling soft drinks and no alcohol on the day. Do feel free to bring alcoholic beverages with you however, as these are fine to be consumed on the premises**

PTA Family photo Day - 10th June

Booking details available from your class reps

Thursday 15th June - PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

2.30pm- 4.30pm in Mercury classroom, no booking necessary

Please enter via the front door to sign in

Please remember to bring raincoats in everyday

Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Sam B– Little Legends medal, platform player of the day medal, platform tournament winner team medal

Teddy S – played rugby for under 5s squad at Sutton and Epsom RFC

Barnaby B– played rugby for under 7s squad at Sutton and Epsom RFC

Daniel P– improving your confidence on the towers at Powerhouse Parkour

Chloe B – star of the term at Startastic Gymnastics

Ophelia W P– certificate of achievement for beautiful dancing

Ethan R – 5 metres certificate

Arya K– bronze 1 star-tastic gymnastics

Annabelle L – alpine skiing abilities badge

Arthur S A – for receiving a certificate at Stagecoach for being the Student of the Week for wonderful drama, singing and behaviour.

Benjamin W- for receiving a medal for his end of season rugby at Purley Mini John Fisher Under 6's

Charlie L – for receiving a certificate at Stagecoach for being the Student of the Week for his amazing character and remembering all his lines.

Florence P – for being awarded her Learn to Swim Stage 4

Noah W – for playing his first football tournament for North Park Ranger and winning a medal.

Joshua M – for receiving a certificate at Stagecoach for being the Student of the Week for being happy and positive.

Logan H – for receiving a Level 2 certificate of completion from the Horton Park Gold School Academy.

Rory F or L– for receiving 2 medals for his rugby and a certificate to recognise his participation in playing rugby for the Under 7's Squad during the 2022/23 season.

Roberta PdM – for receiving a certificate to recognise her participation in playing rugby for the Under 6's Squad during the 2022/23 season.

