



Weekly News

Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents,

Music Festival



On Wednesday, Year 2 along with a small group of Year 1 pupils attended a music festival held at St Teresa's school in Effingham. The children were outstanding in their performance, and I was bursting with pride when our wonderful pupils sang their two songs. Thank you to Mrs Mulhern for, yet again, guiding and leading our children to great heights in their singing and performance.

Coronation Celebrations



The school was adorned with flags and awash with red, white, and blue today as we started our celebrations in honour of the King's Coronation this weekend. The children had a wonderful workshop, based on the book "The King's Runaway Crown" led by the fabulous "Happily Ever After Team". A huge thank you to the PTA for arranging this workshop and for the lovely coronation stickers. The PTA have also arranged for each child to receive a commemorative coin which should be arriving next week. Thank



you also to our amazing catering team for providing a lovely Coronation inspired picnic lunch, which the children all enjoyed wearing their wonderful crowns.

Year One News



Year One have been fascinated with their science topic this week which has been all about comparing reptiles and birds and investigating the similarities and differences. As part of our Art theme this term, "We Can", the children have been moulding clay into a self-image, only using their sense of touch. Year One have been immersed in lots of drama this week as well! In English, they have read "Handa's Surprise" and acted out the story and in honour of the King's Coronation, engaged in a hot-seating activity where the children asked The King a range of questions such as "What food do you feed your corgis? Do you like fudge cake? And How many rooms has your palace got?"

Year Two News

Year 2 are thoroughly enjoying focusing on Dahl's wonderful vocabulary to be found in "James and The Giant Peach". They have been using online dictionaries and flicking through the thesaurus to find meanings to words and have used this new vocabulary in their written work. Equipped with rulers, they have been measuring in centimetres and meters as part of their mathematical studies.

Rehearsals have begun for Wind in The Willows, and the children are learning a great poem that they will perform together for Grandparents next week!

Grandparents Morning

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents to St Christopher's next week! These are being held on Tuesday 9th May and Wednesday 10th May, please can grandparents arrive at the front of the school 8.50-8.55am

PTA Events

You are all warmly invited to the PTA Royal Tea Party on Saturday 13th May. Bring your picnic blankets and a picnic lunch for a fun-filled afternoon. Please keep the 24th June free in your diaries for the Annual PTA Ball. The evening promises to be a fabulous event with live music, food, and entertainment. The PTA do an amazing job arranging sparkly events and experiences for our children so do come along and support them!

International Food Event

As promised, a few more details regarding our International Food Event on Thursday 18th May. If you are kindly bringing along food on the day, please bring all dishes from 2.30pm. We are an allergy aware school so we would ask that nuts are not included in any of the dishes. We will be using colour coding to indicate whether a dish contains dairy, eggs, or gluten. Containers will be provided on the day and parents will have the choice to either fill up their container with food before collecting your children or with your child after school. Our clubs will still be running on this day, hence the arrangement to fill your containers with delicious food, before they start.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Hadi L for always being willing to try new foods. Well done Hadi!

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **462** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

However you are spending this Coronation Bank Holiday, we hope you all have a lovely time with family and friends.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Williams C, Amelia H, Harper d B, Olivia H, Lia M-L, Aidan G, Rebecca G, Henry D, Ethan D, Luke B, Farzan M-H and Thomas B.

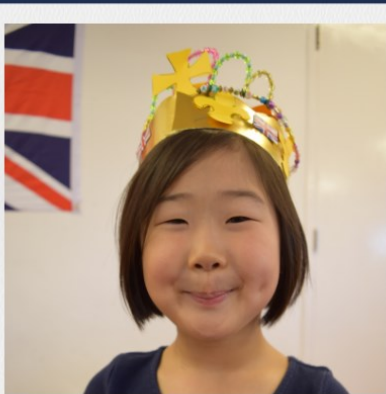


Mathletics: Congratulations to Arya K for your Gold Certificate

Spotty Box

Due to our Coronation Celebrations, all spotty box achievements will be celebrated next week and included in next week's newsletter.





Work of the Week

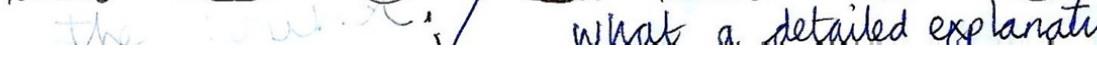
Michaela in Year One has written an explanation about how seeds grow. At the end, she went back and proof read her work. Well done Michaela!

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L.O. To write an explanation about how seeds grow



How do seeds grow?
Plants are living things and they help us survive. First the seed cracks open. Next the roots begin to grow and the stem appears. After a few days the stem grows taller and a bud or spear appears. Later the leaves pop up and the flower opens. Eventually the flower will die and the seeds will fall off.



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Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Celebration time for the new King!

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about King Charles III and his coronation which will be happening over the weekend. We have been talking about how Kings and Queens travel around in a horse and carriage. Very fancy!

In Yellow room, we have been practising our counting to 5 using 5 frames as well as making Union Jack flags for us to wave for the coronation. In Blue room, the children have been making their very own Crowns! We were able to wear these for our Coronation picnic. In Green room, the children have been looking at photos of different types of Carriages and designing their own. In our Kitchen the children have been busy rustling up lots of sandwiches that can be enjoyed for the Kings Coronation tea party! This activity was very popular, who doesn't love a good sandwich! In the Nursery Garden we have been using large construction material to make thrones! As well as all of this, we got the chance to enjoy a whole school Coronation Day, where we enjoyed a show and picnic lunch.

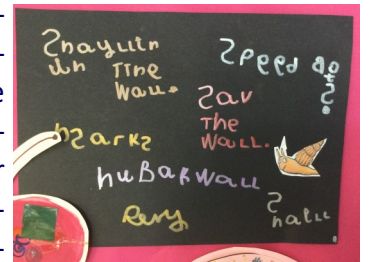
I wonder what we will be learning about next week? A little clue...they move on water!



Reception News



In Reception we have been busy with 'Dazzling Doubles'. We know that an effective way to check our doubles is with symmetry to check if the amount is the same. We have been predicting the double of a number between 1-5 and used the mirror to check if our predictions were correct. We have painted symmetrical butterflies and created our own doubles on lady-



bird wings. We have also focused on doubles up to 10 so we can use our hands to quickly recall and show our doubles.

Our story this week was 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson - the perfect story to practice your long 'a' sounds we have been learning in phonics!

We have been writing about where the snail and the whale went on their adventures. We talked about places such as the Jungle, the Arctic, the Desert and what we could see there.

We have been so impressed with how hard the children are trying with their use of descriptive language to make their writing more interesting and take the reader on a journey. We have some real budding authors who recalled some super story book language writing about the 'Snail with the itchy foot' who 'saw the snowy mountains'. It has also been fun to use the snail pens to write snail messages just like in the story.

In true St Christopher's style we have prepared for the coronation with a royal fanfare. We have made some stunning, patriotic crowns in red, white and blue with some very fancy crown jewels ready for our coronation picnic. It was interesting to find out more about King Charles III and all the hard work he did for the Prince's Trust before he was King and one of his core values is to love and respect everybody. To symbolise this some children chose to decorate their crowns with a heart.

Wishing you all a wonderful coronation weekend!

The Foundation Team

'St Christopher's Royal Tea Party 2pm-5pm on Saturday 13th May.

Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy fun activities for all the family and live music in the sunshine. Passports are on sale for £10 - please click on the link sent around by your class representatives.

Also, please do consider volunteering and signing up to help on one of the stalls. It is with the St Christopher's community that we are able to make our events so special!

The PTA are overwhelmed with your kind donations of soft toys & books for the Royal Tea Party next week. However, luxury bottles are still very much needed for the Bottle Tombola. Please could luxury bottle donations continue to be brought into school at drop off and pick and left under the porch. Many thanks!



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