



Weekly News

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Parent Information Evenings

It was lovely to see so many parents at the parent information evenings this week. These events are always great opportunities to meet our teachers, other parents, and members of our PTA.

Year One News

This week Year 1 have been sorting objects and counting reliably in lots of different ways this week. They have also been revising their phonic knowledge of 'or' and 'ar' and playing phonics games including Bingo and What's the word Mrs Wolf. In science, unusually, the children have been hoping for rain as they are investigating the weather using a rain gauge to monitor rain fall whilst in art, they have been creating fire pits. In English, the children have been enjoying reading the story "Cave Baby" and describing a mammoth which has been great fun.



Year Two News

Year 2 have started exploring that well known and much-loved story, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have been looking at character descriptions and how these can be developed through well-chosen adjectives. In maths, they have been learning all about place value, 2D shape and enjoyed a shape hunt around the classroom where the children used QR codes to mark their own work. Having explored the properties of materials in Science, Year 2 have concluded that making a floor out of cardboard would be a bad idea. In topic work, the children have begun to explore Italy, by looking at atlases and maps to familiarise themselves with Italy's position in the world, in Europe as well as its bordering countries and seas. A great reason to indulge in some delicious Italian food over the weekend we would suggest!

Do Share I'll Listen (DSL)

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 and Miss Drayton are 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.

Parking Consultation

Just a reminder regarding the Parking Review document that has been put on display in Chartwell Place. Parents are able to view the details of the proposed changes to Chartwell Place on www.surreycc.gov.uk/parking/epsomandewell

The proposal is as follows:

“As part of an ongoing problem, we have been asked by residents to visit this area again as parents are continuing to park on the pavement preventing access for both vehicles and pedestrians. We have therefore proposed double yellow lines on the eastern side of Chartwell Place to prevent this from happening.”

If anyone wishes to comment on or object to any of the proposals, this must be done by 5 October 2023, this can be done via an online form on the website.

PTA Events

Our amazing PTA have been very busy arranging an array of wonderful events for 2023-2024. The first event will be a Silent Cinema, which is being held in conjunction with City of London Freeman’s FSA. Please do have a look at the flyer for further information. We will also be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 29th September – we look forward to seeing you there.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Dawn F for enjoying her lunch and politely asking for seconds.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Aarav P, Karen L, Bertie G, Daniel P, Rory L, George T, Zhibo X, Luca G,

Arvid M, Yusuf R, Oscar M and Dawn F

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



We hope you all had a wonderful summer break, and we are so excited to be back. We have a jam-packed Autumn term ahead. We want to say a huge welcome to those children who have joined us this term. They are settling in well and are getting use to the new rhythms and routines of Nursery here at St Christopher's, helping our friends, tidying up and good manors have shone through, look how proud we all are!



This week has all been about focusing on settling and getting to know each other. The children have been able to freely explore the Nursery, play and get to know one other as well as the adults in the setting. It has been so hot! Luckily, we have the luxury of being able to enjoy the outdoor space in the morning while it's cool, and the afternoons have been a calmer time in the Green room away from the direct heat of the afternoon sun. Our activities have included lots of colouring, painting, water play, yoga and playdoh to help those fine motor skills develop! We have had the opportunity to pick some apples from our apple tree, and we have made delicious apple crumbles in the kitchen. We are looking forward to getting into the new term and all the learning we are going to be doing.



This terms topic is "I wonder what will happen"



Reception News

And just like that, Term 1 has begun; and what a fun-filled time we've had in Reception. We have been extremely busy getting to know our teachers, exploring our new classrooms, cloakrooms, trays, pegs and outside area. We have also had special playtimes for the first time, and we line up when the bell rings and come inside! We are now wearing our extremely smart St Christopher's uniform for the first time, and everyone keeps telling us how grown up we are now! We have been writing and mark-making about our holidays, and it seems lots of children have been to beaches, swimming pools and even skiing! We have also been talking about belonging in our new classes and have a 'Star of the Day' who does special jobs and leads the line wherever we go. We have also been talking about ourselves, how we are all different and using mirrors to look carefully at our faces and painting self-portraits. As well as all this, we have been counting frogs on lily-pads and matching them to numerals and reading lots of stories too.



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Monday 18th September– Autumn term clubs begin

Wednesday 20th September—Year 2 Topic Trip

Children to wear their school uniform including blazers, hats, caps & waterproof coat.

Saturday 23rd September—PTA Silent Cinema 5.30pm at CLFS



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Arthur SA, Leila K, Angelina O, James M, Juliana RM, Sebastian C, Samuel B, Daisy D, Teddy S, Ethan W, Caleb W, Rory L, Charlie L, Ivan C, Zhibo X and Chloe B for their Bronze Certificates



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Florence P: Completed the Library Summer Reading Challenge

Angelina O: Piano – LCM Piano Pre-Preparatory (Recorded) exam awarded Merit

Daisy GD: IDTA Ballet Pre-Juvenile Award received Highly Commended. IDTA Pre-Juvenile Group Award for Ballet. IDTA Theatre Tap awarded a salmon rosette

Georgina GD: IDTA Theatre Ballet awarded a turquoise rosette

Juliana RM: IDTA Theatre Tap awarded a salmon rosette. IDTA Theatre Ballet awarded a cream rosette. Competed in a US Open-themed tennis competition

Logan H: Awarded Octopus 1 for swimming

Henry D: goalkeeping for Walton Warriors, where they came second and first in recent competitions

