



Weekly News

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents,



On Monday, Year 2 discovered which special role they had been awarded in the Year 2 Honours Assembly. The whole school was there to celebrate. The cheering and encouragement the children had for each other as they were presented their honours was truly uplifting. The children take this responsibility very seriously and have already started



to talk to me about their ideas. You will notice that we have a few new honours this year. We are delighted to have our first Art Captains and our first Prefects.

PTA Events – Silent Cinema and Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all the families who came along to Ashted Park last Saturday to our first event of the year, a Silent Cinema. It was a huge success and was held in conjunction with Freeman's FSA.

The PTA hosted the Macmillan Coffee morning today. It was lovely to see so many parents supporting this cause and thank you to you all for donating such delicious cakes, pastries, and biscuits! Mrs Dewar and her fabulous team have got a packed calendar of events for the year, do look out for updates and dates for your diary!

Year One News



Autumn has certainly arrived, and school trips have already begun. Year One had a wonderful time at Gatton Park on Wednesday where they had the opportunity to explore Cedar Wood where they hunted for bugs, made shelters, did some pond dipping, participated in many woodland crafts, and made a campfire. The afternoon was spent exploring the senses on a sensory walk through the spectacular grounds. In addition to this exciting trip, Year One have been learning about how to write a list and made their own list of things needed for survival in a cave. In Maths, they have also been counting on from a number and finding one more through a variety of activities.



Year Two News

Year Two have been working on conjunctions in sentences as well as creating descriptive writing by imagining a monster. The children were inspired by Roald Dahl's *The Minpins* and greatly enjoyed imagining that an eye-popping, neck-cracking, toe-chomping monster might be living over the fence! In Maths, the children have been using comparison language and symbols to compare objects and numbers. Year Two continue to be inspired by their trip last week and have created instructions for making a pizza in ICT and have developed their sketching skills by sketching bottles and grapes. In Science, the children have continued to discuss materials, their properties and their uses. They have explored the school, identified different materials and what they were used for. A busy week indeed!

Open Morning

The school will be holding our Open Morning on Friday 6th October from 9.15am for families who are interested in joining St Christopher's. Do feel free to share this date with friends and families who are looking for places!

Staffing News

We are delighted to be welcoming 2 new members of staff to our team in the next few weeks. Brooke Smith will be joining our Nursery Team as a Nursery Assistant, and Peter Waite will be joining our Premises Team whilst Hollie King is on maternity leave. I know you will all make them feel very welcome!

This weeks lunch time superstar is Julius S for being very thoughtful and holding the door open for his friends. Well done Julius!

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **559** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Remy K, Lucy S, Leon B, Jack W, Rebecca G, Jason E, Cora M, Laksh P, Ethan W, Kian Y, Tabitha B and JT C



Year 2 Honours for 2023-2024



Head Boy	James
Head Girl	Leila
Deputy Head Boy	Aarav
Deputy Head Girl	Sybil
Hall Prefects	Angelina, Henry, Joshua
Playground Prefects	Benjamin, Max, Olivia, and Bertie
Librarians	Anna, Hadi, Daisy D, Anthony
Chairs of School Council	Rebecca and Oliver K
Eco Captains	Ethan and Daisy G-D
Music Captains	Jason and Karen
Sports Captains	Oliver and Michaela
Art Captains	Meili and Luke
Computer Monitors	Jamie and Jack
House Captains for Kemp	Ophelia and Daniel
House Captains for Ahlberg	Leon and Zara
House Captains for Donaldson	Juliana and Micah
House Captains for Dahl	Logan and Roberta

Work of the Week

Writing inspired by Dahl's *The Minpins*. We used 'ing' to create verbs and an 'er' ending to create a name. Well done Karen you have even managed to use exclamation and question marks !

Tue 25th Sep
DANGER!

Don't go in the dark forest
or you'll be gobbed up! ✓

There is tongue-sucking,
throat-munching ~~monster!~~
and ear-crunching monster! ✓
grrrrh 😊

He is known as the X Veanus
Eater! ✓ Love this!!

That's Terrible!

Are you scared?

A super piece of work
haven. You listened
carefully and
created a wonderful
description 😊

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Nursery have had a wonderful week; we have been busy talking about our fabulous families and how they are all very different. We have been sharing some of the special times we spend with our families, birthdays being the most popular alongside visiting grandparents. The children were confident and excited when standing in front of their friends and teachers to talk about their Mummy's, Daddy's and siblings.

The children had a chance in Blue room to draw their very own family portrait showing who lived with them, we have some wonderful creations and representations of different family members. We have been continuing to think about ourselves, this week the children talked to the teachers about how they feel when they come to school. Many children talked about being happy as they are able to spend time with their friends and play with toys, we also discussed how sometimes we might feel sad as we miss our grownups at home but its ok because we know they are coming back at the end of the day. We have also been learning colours in Nursery, the children have enjoyed going on colours hunts around the nursery and in art they learnt that colours come in lots of different shades! And finally the children had a whale of a time in the garden this week enjoying bubbles!

The children all did a fantastic job of showing us their best smiles for school photo day, which we are sure you will all be very excited to see. What a great week everyone!



Reception News

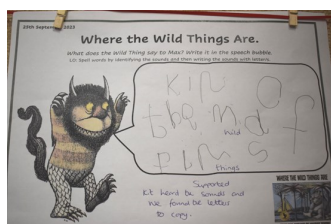
We have been thinking about all things 'WILD' this week after reading our focus book 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. Last week the children made their very own 'wild thing' out of clay and this week we have made a place for them to live. We looked at various habitats and thought about which ones would be best suited to our creature. Then we labelled our habitat with words to describe it e.g., cold, vines, mud etc. We cannot wait to take them home to show you.

Continuing with our 'wild' theme we learnt about speech bubbles and spotted them in the books we read. We discussed what they were used for and created our own speech bubbles for the Wild Things. We used our sounds and tried hard with our letter formation too. Our teachers were impressed.

In the story Max becomes king of the wild things, we thought we could be kings and queens too. We made crowns and wrote what we thought we were good at. Some suggestions included King of Lego and Queen of chocolate! Yum!

In Maths, we practiced our skills of matching and pattern. Many of us could pair up socks and buttons correctly.

Next week is our trip to Painshill Park and in preparation we looked outside to spot some signs of autumn. We discussed the woodland animals and what they would be doing at this time of year too. Another busy and fun filled week in Reception!



Dates For The Diary

Thursday 5th October - Reception class trip to Painshill Park

The children should wear their PE joggers and sweatshirts with trainers and their waterproofs. If the weather is very wet and wellies are required we will send an email requesting them to be bought in. Bookbags do not need to be sent in. A packed lunch will be provided.

Friday 6th October 9.15am - Prospective Open Morning



Mathletics: Congratulations to

Farzan M-H, Oliver K, Lucy S, Daisy G D, Zara L, Amelia H, William C, Grace C, Alisa S, Bertie G, Thomas B, Estrella W, Luca G, Florence P, Edward F, Vihaan P, Jack W, Logan H, Ethan R, Faith H and Thomas M for your Bronze Certificates.



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Benjamin W – will be going on his first ‘Beavers Go Wild’ camping trip and has been made Assistant Lodge Leader at Beavers. Selected to play for U7 team, Mini John Fisher’s at Guildford Rugby Festival.

Faith H – Gymnastics bronze certificate.

Beatrix S – completed the Summer Reading Challenge

James C – completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Completed a bike ability course at Pedal Project and completed the first 16km of the Tour du Mont Blanc in France

Leo S-M – Passed his first taekwondo exam and moved up to ‘white belt yellow tag’

