

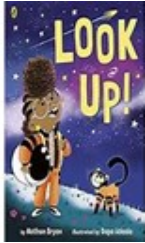


Weekly News

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents,

Black History Month



Black History Month, celebrated in October in the UK, is an important occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. This year, BHM has a particular focus on celebrating and highlighting the successes of Black women in society. We have linked this to our 85th Year Celebrations “Reach for the Stars” and have focused particularly on Black women who have been astronauts, mathematicians for NASA and the British space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock. Dr Maggie also presented the CBeebies programme, Stargazing, and has inspired us to “reach for the stars”. We have also been reading a fabulous book called “Look up” about a little girl who dreams of being an astronaut and who inspires us all to look up and see what is around.

Reception Trip to Painshill Park



Reception had a delightful day at Painshill Park searching for a mysterious dragon’s egg, building houses for fairies in the woods, and exploring the beautiful grounds of the park and visiting the stunning crystal grotto. A fabulous day was had by all!

Year One News



This week, Year One have been celebrating Black History Month and learning about Rosa Parks. They have read about Rosa Parks, discussed her life and have been inspired to write about her! In Maths, they have been using natural resources outside, they have explored numbers within 20 and were finding one more and one less than a given number. In art, the children have learnt about light and shade and used this knowledge to make the flames of the sun, a bonfire to decorate paper lanterns.

Year Two News

The children have looked at how to create suspense and tension in their creative writing. They continue to explore how to incorporate the conjunction ‘but’ into their sentences and are looking at how to use speech marks. In Maths, the tricky concept of subtraction has been taught with children recognising that the key to a successful answer, is in the method they choose. They have been introduced to both multiplication and division and have revisited how to tell the time. The children have also enjoyed using pastels for their Christmas card design in art and have also been involved in rehearsals for our wonderful Harvest Festival next week.

Open Morning

We held a very successful open morning today, welcoming prospective parents to St Christopher’s. The children were magnificent in showcasing all that is fabulous about our school and our Head Boy and Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Girl spoke beautifully at the beginning of the day. Year Two gave us a rendition of a song they have been rehearsing for Harvest and we were also treated to piano recitals from our 2 music captains, Jason, and Karen. A huge thank you to the parents who also came along to talk to the prospective parents about St Christopher’s.

Harvest Festival

We are delighted to be holding our Harvest Festival at St Martin's Church on Friday 13th October at 10.00am. Parents, relatives, and friends are very welcome to join us and celebrate as a school community. We would advise that parents use the public pay-and-display car parks near Church Street. Parking is not permitted in front of the church apart from drop-offs as this area will be very busy. We do look forward to welcoming you all to a memorable celebration.

Winter Uniform

All Reception, Year One and Year Two children are asked to wear their smart winter uniform on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th October next week. This means no summer dresses for girls and boys should wear their ties and long socks. The forecast shows that it might rain, so please do make sure that children have their raincoats in school. Winter uniform should continue to be worn after half term.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Ethan W for enjoying your fish lunch so much you even had seconds. Well done Ethan!

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

SPOOK-TACULAR MONSTER PARTY



PTA



The PTA would like to invite your child to attend the St Christopher's School disco where they can boogie and play games to mark the start of half term.

When: Friday 13th October 2023

3.30pm – 4.15pm (Nursery, Pre-Reception and Reception)

4.30pm – 5.15pm (Year 1 & Year 2)

Where: St Christopher's School Hall (Enter via Back Door)

Dress Code: Halloween Fancy Dress

How to book:

- 1) Please complete the form on Parentmail.
- 2) Please send payment via PayPal to @StChrisPTA (link in separate message). Please state child's name and class clearly when making payment.

Tickets are **£5.00** per child, which includes external entertainment and a snack. Please bring a water bottle. Places are limited and will be sold on a 'first come, first served' basis and will not be available on the door.

****Please RSVP by Friday 5th October****

Work of the Week

We have been celebrating black history month by learning about Rosa Parks. This is Sebastian's brilliant piece of writing.



W.C. 03.10.23

LO: To write about Rosa Park

Rosa Parks (I) ☆

grew up in

a place called Alabama

Black people were

treated very

badly one day

Rosa got on a bus

a bus driver said

to Rosa get up and not

the white person sit

down.

she said no ^{because} because

she wanted to change

the ^{rules} rules

after that she went

to prison and the ^{rules} rules

did change. she ^{died} died at the

the ^{age} age of 92. the end

Star
Writer



What a
fantastic
piece of

writing! You

enjoyed learning

about Rosa Parks..

(3HP)

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Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have had a wonderful week in Nursery this week; we have been busy beginning to learn about Autumn. The children have been amazing builders; they have been building scarecrows in the Nursery garden. They dressed them and filled the clothes with straw, then they made lovely scarecrow faces in Yellow room to complete our scarecrows, we watched to see if they scared the birds from the Nursery Garden, and they did! Great job everyone.

Alongside learning about Autumn, we have been learning about Harvest festival and some of the animals and changes we might see at this time of year. In the kitchen we worked with our friends to weigh and mix the ingredients to make hedgehog bread rolls; they look fantastic and tasted great too. In Green room the children have been making a shopping list to help them buy different fruit and vegetables they can get from the harvest farm shop. The children have been very busy practising their songs for Harvest festival next week, they are sounding amazing! I wonder what will happen next week.



Reception News

This week we had a wonderful adventure to Painshill Park in Cobham. All the children were bursting with excitement, and that was just because we were going on a coach! When we arrived the sun was shining, and a man called Adam met us; he was our forest guide. After a quick snack, we began to explore the park with Adam and one lucky person was crowned and given a magic wand that was expertly made from willow.

Next, we split into groups and used natural materials to build a house for the fairies that lived in the woods. Adam was impressed with our imagination and construction skills. Then we continued up a big hill and at the top played games with ribbons and Viking hats from Adam's sack of tricks. After that, we went inside a castle, played a game with bells, made ourselves nature wands and followed a special map to a gigantic tree and a special log like a sausage roll. Near there, we found a golden egg laid by a dragon! After a picnic lunch, we bounced across a wobbly bridge to a crystal grotto and found a ruined castle with no roof.

We all had a magical day, and the children are asking to go again!



Dates for the diary

Tuesday 10th October - Parent teacher evening

Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Wednesday 11th October - Parent teacher evening

Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2



Wednesday 11th October - Reminder to bring Harvest Festival donations in

Please bring to the back porch

Thursday 12th October - Rehearsal for Harvest Festival

Thank you to those parents that have agreed to help. Please arrive at school at 9am

Friday 13th October 10am - Harvest Festival. St Martin's Church, Epsom

Thank you to those parents that have agreed to help. Please arrive at school at 9.30am

