

# Weekly News

# Friday 17th May 2023

### Dear Parents,

### Thank you to our PTA

An enormous thank you to our amazing PTA for organising our fantastic summer ball. The food was delicious, the raffle and auction prizes were spectacular, the music was phenomenal, and no one can compare to Mr Birchall, who compered the festivities brilliantly. Your hard work and dedication made the event an unforgettable success. Thank you all for your incredible effort and support!

#### Save the Date - St Christopher's Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is being held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please do save the date and come along and help us celebrate 85 years of St Christopher's School!

#### **Year One News**

This week has been filled with exciting and diverse learning experiences in Year One!

In English, the children have been busy planning and writing their own versions of the story "Lost and Found." Their creativity and imagination have been truly impressive as they crafted new adventures for the characters.

In maths, the focus has been on making groups, sharing, and doubling. The children have been engaged in hands-on activities to understand these concepts, laying a strong foundation for future learning. In Science, the exploration of the senses continued, with a particular emphasis on the sense of sight. The children learned about how our eyes work and why sight is so important in our daily lives.

And of course, there have been lots of sport! The children have been active and energetic, participating in various physical activities that promote health, teamwork, and fun.

Overall, it's been a fantastic week of learning and growth. Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm.

#### **Year Two News**

This week, Year 2 embarked on a fascinating journey into the world of food chains. With enthusiasm and curiosity, they delved into creating their very own food chains, exploring terms such as producer, prey, predator, and consumer. They pondered over whether the animals in their chains could play multiple roles simultaneously, leading to some insightful discussions. Armed with iPads, they conducted thorough research on various animals to determine whether they were carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores, adding a digital dimension to their learning experience.

In literacy, the children were captivated by the next installment of James and the Giant Peach. Inspired by this, they engaged with an exciting writing task: crafting their own news article about the giant peach rolling into the village. With creativity in full bloom, they crafted catchy headlines and incorporated gripping witness accounts, showcasing their blossoming writing skills.

Meanwhile, in maths, the spotlight was on mastering mass, with many children diligently working to enhance their times table knowledge in pursuit of earning a coveted badge.

As rehearsals for upcoming performances continue to progress smoothly, the excitement and energy within Year 2 remain palpable. Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!

### **Owls Parking**

Please could I remind parents that the busiest time for Owls is between 5-5.30pm and no one should be parking in the car park until after 5.30pm. We have had a few near-misses in recent week with parents driving very fast into the school car park, during times when parents have been asked not to use the car park.

Further to this, we have received another report of dangerous parking in Chartwell Place. A parent was parked on the double yellow lines and subsequently moved their car, causing another parent to quickly move their child out of the way to prevent injury. Please can I continue to urge all parents to be careful when parking near the school.

#### **Mathematics Awards**

Congratulations to Zara and Anthony for achieving their Bronze Stars in the Maths Challenge this week, with Sybli achieving her Silver Star and Oliver K, James, Aarav, Micah and Karen for achieving their GOLD star! What an amazing achievement!

This weeks lunch time superstar is Chloe in Pre-Reception for being kind and considerate by helping to cut up her friends lunch. Well done Chloe!

Top of the leader board this week is Donaldson House with a superb total of 2745 House points. Congratulations to Donaldson house.

Merit Awards:

Laksh P, Tristan T, JT, Henry W, Lyana L, Kian Y, Ryan P, Jack W, Angelina Ö, Leila K and Michaela S.

Best wishes Mrs Grehan

# Work of the Week

Year 1 have been writing their own version of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

This is Arthur's outstanding story.

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# **Nursery and Pre-Reception News**

"I'll huff and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house down!" Can you guess what story we have been reading this week in Nursery? ...That's right it's 'The Three Little Pigs.' In the kitchen we decorated some scrumptious rice cakes topped with pink cream cheese and cucumber to make the three little pigs, they looked fantastic and tasted even better. In Blue room we followed in the footsteps of the 'Three Little Pigs' and made three houses using different textured materials to create them, we then drew our own little pigs and had to number them 1,2 and 3. We are becoming very good at recognising and writing our numbers! In our Green room this week we have been retelling the story using a story map, providing excellent practise for our early writing and storytelling skills. Finally, it has been a busy week of rehearsals for the EYFS performance, we have been working incredibly hard and are very excited to showcase you all the wonderful songs and dances we have learnt.









# **Reception News**

Reception has been action packed with performing arts in preparation for our exciting show 'Hat's Off'! We have begun rehearsing on the stage using our loudest voices, speaking clearly and listening to others so we know when it's our turn. This has inspired lots of discussion about the four seasons and how they are different from each other. We have also been singing some lovely songs and doing accompanying actions with Mrs Mulhern, and Mrs Pryor has taught us some fantastic dances. Additionally we have been making farm crafts for our costumes and learning facts about different animals; we even watched a video of a chick hatching from its shell. Put our show in your diary for next week, as we can't wait to perform for a real audience!

In maths, we've been doubling numbers using printing techniques and learning about symmetry in relation to butterflies. Numbers from 11-20 are also a focus, and we have been learning how they are made up of ten plus another number. To improve our writing skills, we are practising using all the important things we need for a 'super sentence'. Those are, a capital letter at the start, finger spaces between words and a full stop at the end. Wow, we have come so far!







**The Foundation Team** 

# **Dates for the Diary**

### Tuesday 21st May - EYFS show

For Nursery, Pre-reception & Reception parents Coffee available under the porch from 8.30am

## Wednesday 22nd May - EYFS show

For Nursery, Pre-reception & Reception parents

Coffee available under the porch from 8.30am

There will be collection for Epsom Age Concern after the shows



27th May - 31st May - Half Term

#### **Future Dates**

Thursday 13th June - PTA second hand uniform sale 2.30pm-4pm Enter via the front door

Monday 17th June - Father's Day Challenge



**Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:** 

Alisa S—Completed Spartan Run

Florence P—Philomena Dance School—Star of the Week

**Karen L**—Sang at Reigate & Redhill Singing Festival

**Ophelia WP**—LAMDA distinction

**Henry D**—Won the League

Daniel G—Star of the Week in football



# St Christopher's 85<sup>th</sup> Year



# SUMMER

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Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 5pm What's On

Happy Birthday Singing and Cake Cutting

Art Workshop

Bubblemania

Martial Arts Display

Face painting, Nails & Tattoos

Tug of War

Games, Arts & Crafts

Pizza and Ice cream

PTA Café and Shop

Gymnastics Display

Singing Performance





Ages 3 - 11

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