



## Weekly News

Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Parents,

### **Father's Day Challenge**

On Monday, the children thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful Father's Day Challenge morning. They had a fantastic time creating superhero cups, participating in races, and tackling the quiz with their dads. It was a fun-filled event, and we want to extend our thanks to all the fathers for coming and making it such a memorable day for the children. Please see our Instagram feed for the wonderful photos of the morning.

### **Key Stage One Performance of Peter Pan**

We were treated to an extraordinary performance of Peter Pan by our Key Stage 1 pupils this week. The singing, dancing, humour, and acting were out of this world. We are so very impressed and proud of our talented children. A huge thank you to all the staff involved in making this performance truly amazing. Congratulations and well done to all involved!



### **Moving Up Morning**

Our Moving Up Morning will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, where the children will meet their new class teachers for the next academic year.

### **Staffing 2024-2025**

With the departure of Miss Drayton, we have recruited a new Assistant Head to join St Christopher's. We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Nicola Gunn, an experienced Senior Leader and teacher, from Sutton High School GDST, to join our amazing team in January 2025. Mrs Gunn will take over from Mrs Russell as the class teacher for Venus Class, as Mrs Russell's role changes at St Christopher's to being our LAMDA teacher (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art).

In anticipation of joining St Christopher's, Mrs Gunn has written:

*"I am delighted to be joining the St. Christopher's family in January as the new Assistant Head. I have been teaching for over 25 years in the Independent sector with a particular passion for teaching in the Early Years and Key Stage 1, as well as several years' experience as a previous Assistant Head. Having admired St. Christopher's from the outside for many years, I was able to experience the warmth, kindness, and the purposeful buzz of activity within when I visited recently."*

## Headteacher for the Day

Well done to George for his professionalism on Tuesday when he took over the school as Headteacher for the day! He was brilliant at welcoming children at the door, giving out stickers for excellence, then chose a delicious lunch and shook hands with all the children at the end of the day! A busy day indeed.



## Year One News

Year One has been amazing supporting actors this week in our Key Stage One performance of Peter Pan. They were so professional in their acting, singing and dancing!

During the week, the children have been exploring place value in maths, enhancing their understanding of number and their positions. In PSHE, they have been learning about different body parts, fostering a sense of awareness and respect for their own bodies. In Literacy, the focus has been on key skills, including phonics, handwriting, and spelling, ensuring a strong foundation in these essential areas.

## Year Two News

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed starting the week with Father's Day fun on Monday and before we knew it, it was the end of the week and it was "showtime"! It has been lovely to see how supportive the children have been of each other, to see them applaud one another and help scrub off each other's face paint.

We are almost at the end of the wonderful story of James and the Giant Peach. It has been lovely to hear how the wonderful and enriching vocabulary is popping up in conversations and being recorded in other subjects as well.

Now that the children have recovered from Juniper Hall, the children are busy thinking about how to record their memories in their Juniper Hall booklet, which will be full of photos and details.

Times table badges are still being awarded, and the children continue working through their mental maths challenges in their workbooks.

## Sun Safety

As the weather gets warmer, just a gentle reminder that all children should be bringing in their sun hats, and water bottles and have sun cream applied before coming to school.

## Year 2 Mathematics Awards

Huge congratulations to Angelina for achieving her Gold star and to Juliana for achieving her Silver star.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Ophelia for always delighting the catering team with wonderful stories about your day. Well done Ophelia!

Top of the leader board this week is Dahl House with a superb total of 3445 House points. Congratulations to Dahl house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Nursery had a wonderful time on Monday morning for our 'Father's Day Challenge'. We had so many fathers join the Nursery to engage in some irresistible learning opportunities including making our daddy's faces and fishing in Yellow room, decorating biscuits in the kitchen, and making a lovely Father's Day trophy in Blue room. We were also very busy planting sunflower seeds in the garden, I wonder how big they will grow. Maybe they will grow as big as our daddy's!

As a special treat Nursery had the chance to preview the KS1 performance of Peter Pan! We loved every minute, and the children sat beautifully throughout the whole performance. Nursery activities this week have continued with our theme of summer! We have enjoyed sharing all the summer photos sent in from the children. We have been on our very own search for signs of summer in our nursery garden, it's been great fun as we finally saw some sunshine!



## Reception News

In Reception we have been enjoying the arrival of summer and making the most of the outside area to extend our inside learning.

This week we have been learning about the fraction – half. We have been looking at half in pictures, cutting our snacks in half and even finding half of numbers too. Part of this fun maths was making a pizza! We used a strip of pepper to divide half on our pizza, then made sure that the toppings were equal and the same on both sides. The children took their pizzas home and we hear that they were better than 'Pizza Express', praise indeed!

In Literacy we have been reading the story 'Oi Frog!'. We found it very funny and liked how the author used rhyming words though out the story. Being inspired, we then decided to write an extra page for the book. We had 'slugs sitting on rugs', 'mice in rice' and even 'Leonardo eating avocado'

In PSHE / Circle time we talked about being very grown up and being ready for Year 1. The children are looking forward to 'Moving up Morning' and are all very excited about 'going upstairs' to their new classes.



**The Foundation Team**

## Dates for the Diary



**Monday 24th June 9am-10.30 - Dr Janine King talk and coffee morning**

*Please enter via the School Hall*

**Tuesday 25th June 8.30am - 8.55am- Sharing our Learning**

*Accompany your child to their classroom after drop off*

**Thursday 27th June— Clubs Finish**



**Friday 28th - Sports Day**

***Nursery & Pre-Reception Sports Day 11am-12pm***

*Parents should arrive at the back gate at 10.50am for an 11am start.*

***Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day 2pm-5pm***

*Parents should arrive at the back gate at 1.50pm for a 2pm start*

In the afternoon, our wonderful PTA will have a drinks stand selling soft drinks for adults in the outside classroom, so please remember to bring some cash or your bank card to support this initiative.

