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The mean first exit time, escape probability and transitional probability density are utilized to quantify dynamical behaviors of stochastic differential equations with non-Gaussian  $\alpha$ -stable type Lévy motions. Taking advantage of the Toeplitz matrix structure of the time-space discretization, a fast and accurate numerical algorithm is proposed to simulate the nonlocal Fokker-Planck equations on either a bounded or infinite domain. Under a specified condition, the scheme is shown to satisfy a discrete maximum principle and to be convergent. The numerical results for two prototypical stochastic systems, the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck system and the double-well system are shown (Received August 11, 2015)