



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work of the Ancillary staff at the school, who have over the past few weeks ensured the school has been operational and fit for purpose, despite the adverse weather conditions. Even last night, a number of rooms were flooded, but by the time the children arrived, classrooms were dry and clean. These hardworking individuals are often overlooked, yet are extremely important in the successful running of the school.

### Pick Up Arrangements

I would like to remind all parents of the paragraph in the [Parent Handbook](#) related to the departure arrangements at the end of the day, particularly if you allow your child to go home with another adult.

*At home time, the teachers escort their children to their cars and ensure that every single child is met by a recognised adult or guardian. Any changes to normal home time arrangements must be communicated to the teacher or via a phone call to the school office.*

### Parking Outside School

It is understandable that there are times when you do not want to drive through the school or parking in the car park. However I have received a few complaints from our neighbours about cars parking across their entrances, resulting in them being unable to get in or out of their driveway. Please can I ask that we are all mindful of where and how we park. Thank you.

### ASA Pause

As this is a long term and Parent Teacher Conferences will take place the week before Half Term, the After School Activities programme with stop next [Friday 6th October](#). It will resume again on [Monday 23rd October](#).

### Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up

I am aware that over the past few years, some parents have experienced problems signing up for the Parent Teacher Conferences using the Parent Portal. To resolve this issue, we will be running a new simpler booking system this term.

You will be sent an email that will explain the new system and enable you to input your own details and select the time of your meeting. Once completed you will be sent a confirmation email detailing your conference time.

The system will be open for Bookings on [Saturday 30th September at 8:00am](#) and close on [Thursday 5th October at 12:00pm](#).

### Deepavali Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Deepavali on [Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October](#) and all students are encouraged to dress in traditional Indian clothing. As has become a tradition at the school, watch as the Ancillary staff create a colourful and intricate rice pattern in the foyer, in the week leading up to our celebration.

### Message from the Parent Teacher Committee (PTC)

'**Monster Mash**' Disco to be held on [Friday 27th October 6.00pm - 8.00pm](#). If any parent would like to help with this event, please contact Nadia ([nadiaibis@hotmail.com](mailto:nadiaibis@hotmail.com))

### New Arrival

It is wonderful to inform the school community that Dave Evans and Sarah Doran, became parents for a first time with the birth of her son, John Cernyw Evans born 11th September 2017.

Have a relaxing weekend

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