



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 4 on their Kuala Lumpur residential and at the same time Year 5 headed off to the Cameron Highlands. These trips are an integral part of the children's learning and along with being a lot of fun, they support their social, physical, emotional and academic development. In particular, the planned and unplanned activities provide challenge and stretch as well as opportunities for them to use the personal goals. The whole experience definitely creates positive memories that last a long time.

I was in the UK last week, conducting final interviews for the new teachers who will be joining us in August. Whilst in the UK, I visited schools observing the new teachers in their classrooms as well as speaking directly to their current headteachers. This is a valuable experience as I am able to assess their suitability to work at our school. Also I am able to keep up to date with the latest developments in the UK education system and find out how schools respond to these challenges.

Back in Penang the school remained as busy as ever with KTJ Games, Secondary Curriculum Evening, AIMS Mathematics Challenge and our Chinese New Year celebrations. Please view our Twitter and Facebook pages for full accounts of all these events and more.

### School Caps

Due to a long standing issue with our school cap provider, the school has had to change manufacture and also the design. The result has been a lighter more durable cap that can now be bought in the school shop.

### Secondary Curriculum Presentations

On Monday and Tuesday evening this week, Year 5 and 6 parents were invited to the Secondary Curriculum Presentations. They learnt about the different educational options that are available to them once their children leave SCIPS. It was extremely well received by the parents and I would like to thank the Principals of the visiting schools for their support.

### Annual Report 2016/2017 and the Annual General Meeting

Today your child will bring home The St Christopher's School Association annual Reports and Accounts for the financial year end 31 August 2017 (1 copy per family) . This report is distributed before the school holds its 55th AGM on Thursday 28th February at 6.00pm in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Student Withdrawal

It is common in International schools, for students to leave before the end of the year, and SCIPS is no exception. The School Policy requires six weeks withdrawal notice, otherwise your deposit is forfeited.

Happy Chinese New Year and enjoy the break

**Martin Towse**