



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Gong Xi Fa Cai to you all, as we welcomed in the Year of the Rat on Wednesday with the children, staff and many parents dressing up in their Chinese outfits and enjoying a fun-filled morning. The children got together with their buddy class and spent time making various themed crafts as well as playing games.

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to the school and a special mention to the Parent volunteer group who helped organise the day, decorate the school and laid on refreshments by the school library. Like last year, parents were entertained with beautiful singing and music provided by the grandparents of a child in Reception.

The morning celebrations were finished off with the whole school assembling at the front of the school to watch our own students perform a Wushu Martial Arts Demonstration and the Penang Hong Guan Sports Gymnasium entertaining us with their marvellous Drumming, Lion and Dragon Dances.

Before the CNY holiday, there were plenty of other events happening, the biggest being two residentials. Year 5 headed to the Cameron Highlands and Year 4 heading down to KL. These trips are such an amazing learning opportunity for the children and I know they create long-lasting memories for all those that attend. Thank you to Y5 parents who came along and supported the children with their caving activity.

Please follow us on Facebook where all events are published

### Coronavirus

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for the supportive way they have responded to this unusual situation. A difficult time for many as uncertainty and misinformation circulate. An important step the school took last week was to identify why students were absent. We are most grateful to everyone for responding to our requests so promptly, and in particular those that were still away from Penang for informing us of where you had been and when you would be returning.

Please do follow the school updates on Flexibuzz as the situation can change daily,

### Parent Workshops

We will be holding a Phonics Workshop on Thursday 6th February at 8.15 am in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 57th AGM will be held on Friday 14th February at 6.00 pm in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Thaipusam

The school will be open as normal on Friday 7th February but there will be no ASAs on this day due to the Thaipusam celebrations which are held on Jalan Utama. It will be extremely busy and important that we clear the school and surrounding roads. We wish all Hindus in our community a Happy Thaipusam.

### Secondary School Information Evening

On Tuesday 4th February at 6.00 pm, Year 5 and Year 6 parents are welcome to come and meet representatives of the Secondary schools on the island, to find out about the educational options available to them and their child once they finish at SCIPS. All schools will give brief presentations and be available to answer your questions.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend,

Martin Towse