



ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who have continued to provide feedback as to ways in which home learning can be improved. I appreciate that many parents have been positive and understand the complexities of organising and running an online home learning programme. As I am sure you can understand, it is extremely difficult to tailor it so that it will fit with everyone's views on education as well as their own domestic circumstances.

Next week we will be introducing 3 new improvements that will provide further support for the children as well as enable them to connect with their classmates and teacher, so reinforcing the sense of community. All of this information will be sent out to the different year groups via Flexibuzz.

TA Support Sessions

Starting next week each day for Years 1-5 there will be a Teaching Assistant who will host a Google Meet for children to ask questions about the task(s) set for that day. The aim of this is to provide additional support if your child has a question about the learning of the day. The timings of these morning sessions will be posted into the Google Classrooms.

Year 1 and 2 Phonic Support Sessions

In the Infants, from **0930 - 1000** each day, we will schedule phonic support sessions for those children in Miss Sunita's Year 1 Group and Miss Lianne's Year 2 group. These will be posted in the classrooms.

Morning Wake Up

We are reintroducing a 'Morning Wake-up' Google Meet session which will be held every day from **0845 - 0900**. It will be a great opportunity for our Infant and Junior children to connect with their friends and for teachers to set the tone for the school day ahead. We hope this addition to the day is beneficial in helping you all start the day in the best possible way.

Storytime

Each day, the school librarian, Mr Jeffrey is going to be running some storytelling sessions for different age groups. These timings will be posted into the Classroom along with Google Meet codes.

Google Meet

With access to Google Classroom, students and parents are able to set up their own Google Meets and invite others to join them. This is to encourage social interaction which is so vital while isolated at home. However, we ask that you attempt to monitor these groups carefully and make sure your child is in a public space in your home during these Meets. Help us to help your child stay safe, by always monitoring these Meets and discussing with your child who they are talking to and what it was about. If any student is facing issues with this, encourage them to talk with their teacher.

ASA Programme

In the coming weeks, we hope to be able to introduce a small online ASA programme, which will enable the children to be involved in different enrichment activities. More information will be released soon.



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New Learning Videos

We have noticed that many children are starting daily tasks without watching the video provided by the teacher. Please encourage your child not to do this. As we have moved to 'new learning' the video contains the teaching and gives the children the ability to stop, rewind and go back on parts they need to - which is one of the reasons it is more beneficial than an online face to face class.

I hope you can see that we are being responsive to the needs of the school community and this has been demonstrated in the recent decision made by the Board of Governors related to the School Fees for Term 3 Fees and the next academic year.

Stay Safe - Stay Positive - Stay Connected

Enjoy your weekend

Martin Towse