



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support with online learning. Although I am not in direct contact with many of the children, I, along with the Heads of School continue to receive daily feedback from the class teachers with regards to all the fantastic efforts from the children.

It is understandable that with more freedoms being introduced with the CMCO, many of you will want to go outside more and more. Please continue to see all online learning as optional and if one or two elements are missed because of a 'great morning in the park' we all understand. The teachers will continue to engage the children with creative tasks and activities and will fully appreciate the situation we are all facing.

### Latest from the Ministry of Education

Last week, the Ministry of Education issued guidelines to all schools regarding the management and measures to take within schools, to control the spread of the infectious disease, COVID 19. We will now use these guidelines to prepare the school, in the hope that we are able to return.

It is important to note, that we have still not been informed when we would open, or which year groups can return, but SCIPS will be ready. We are still working under the previous circular, which said we would be given two weeks notice prior to opening.

I will communicate with the school community as soon as we have further news.

### SCIPS Got Talent

We had over 75 entries for the first-ever Online SCIPS Got Talent and all of these were fantastic to watch. All the children who entered a video should be congratulated for their wonderful effort and courage to showcase their talents.

The children in Year 1 - 6 have voted through their favourite acts in respective year groups and we now have 18 acts (3 from each year) that are in the final. This will hopefully take place during the week of 15th June and, whilst it will be down to a panel of carefully selected judges to decide the winners, we will be sharing a youtube video of all the entries with the parents so you can see the amazing talents we have at SCIPS!

### After School Activities

Since the start of the term, we have been running various activities for the children on Google Meets at the end of each day. These have included quizzes, origami, word games, workouts, lego amongst other things. Until now these have been published in the Classroom for the children to choose to join. However, we will now also be posting these on Flexibuzz at the beginning of each week in order to hopefully help you plan out your week with your children.

### Video Etiquette

During the online conferences, we have noticed a rise in children turning off their video cameras during the Meets. Whilst we understand that there may be valid reasons for this to happen, it also makes the student-teacher relationship more difficult to manage. The teachers are unable to get facial cues as to the students understanding or emotional temperature. It also makes it very difficult to see if the student is concentrating on the task in hand.

As a matter of etiquette, we ask that students keep their cameras on during the Meets, however, if they feel a valid reason to turn it off, we ask that they start the Meet with their camera on and then inform the teacher of the reason



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for turning it off. We would remind students to turn up to their Meets the same as they would do to a classroom, being ready to learn.

## Key Dates

Here are some key dates to be mindful of as we approach the end of the academic year.

Mon	15th June	Parent Portal open for Online Conference sign up
Fri	19th June	Reports to Parents
Mon	22nd June	Parent-Teacher Conference
Tues	23rd June	Parent-Teacher Conference
Wed	24th June	Parent-Teacher Conference
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3rd July</b>	<b>Term 3 Ends - 2019/2020 Academic Year</b>

**Mon 24th August Term 1 Starts - 2020/2021 Academic Year**

## Parent-Teacher Conference

We are planning to hold this term's Parent-Teacher Conferences online. The parent portal will be open for you to sign up on Monday 15th June. The dates have changed slightly and this is reflected on the parent calendar on the school website.

As can be seen from the Key Dates above, we will be holding these meetings over 3 sessions. Specific information about signing up will be emailed to all parents next week.

## New Public Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday 8th June, to mark the King's birthday.

There will be no school conferences on this day. This mainly affects the cancellation of specialist conferences, circle times and morning meets that will all be cancelled on this day or your children. Teachers will send out the usual activities which will be focused on a consolidation of learning.

Stay Safe - Stay Positive - Stay Connected

Enjoy your long weekend  
Martin Towse