



ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

Hooray! We have all survived a very intense nine weeks of school and what better way to finish this half term, than with 'The Colour of Our Emotions' Day. It was beautiful to see the children bouncing into school, displaying the different colours that represent the emotions they are feeling. The children spent the rest of the day engaged in various activities that focused on emotions and feelings.

Today, as I led Junior assemblies and asked the children to reflect and express the emotion they were currently feeling, I did the same. The feeling I identified was Pride. Pride for all the children, the staff and our school community, as we have adapted well to the unusual and uncertain situation, whilst being able to focus on children's learning and wellbeing. I believe it is a notable achievement for us all.

Home Learning

This week we ran several workshops to help prepare parents to access and learn our online platforms: Google Classroom and Google Meet, in the advent of a school closure. Here is a video of the session for those of you who couldn't attend. [Online Parent Workshop - Oct 2020](#)

Although we do not anticipate the school closing and having to go back to online learning, we have been busy amending the different year group programmes in response to parent feedback. We will send out this information next week.

We have also been creating physical resource packs for our younger children, so they have the things they need, should the school close. We have also been training staff so that more activities/support is available online.

Timetable Change

After nine weeks in school, we have made some amendments to our timetable for next half term. These adjustments may mean that the day your child does PE could change, and the class teacher will inform you. Also, we will be bringing MFL lessons back into the school day and not running them online for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Birthday Food

Please remember to be considerate when planning food that is bought into school to celebrate your child's birthday. It must take in all dietary requirements and allergies. Do check with the class parent or teacher if unsure. Due to the current restrictions, it can only be individually wrapped cupcakes bought from a store.

After School Activities

Under the current MOE Standard Operating Practices, we have been unable to run an ASA programme. However, to enable the children to access enrichment activities after school. We will soon be offering weekly online live and video activities through google classroom. All children will have access to these, and we will add to them each week. Mr Able, our ASA Coordinator, will send further information next week.

Decorate a Face Mask

The Prefect Team have been advertising their 'Decorate a Face Mask' activity in school, and your child has taken home a disposable mask for them to use. Every child will receive a house point for their decorated face mask, and we will feature the most creative masks in a Collage. Please note that children should not wear the decorated mask, as a face covering. Entries in by Friday 6th November.

After such a positive start to this academic year, it was evident that both children and teachers were happy and tired to have reached this point. Satisfied, calm, mellow and at ease were words the children used from the [Mood Meter](#) to express their feelings. Why not have a go at the mood meter yourself!

Enjoy the mid-term break, and I am hopeful that I can welcome you all back to school on [Monday 2nd November](#).

Martin Towse