



ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

There was no stopping the learning this week, after the well needed mid-term break. The children were straight back to work with Year 2 becoming Toymakers, Nursery acting out the well-know story, 'Room on The Broom' by Julia Donaldson and Year 5 starting a Music unit on Bucket Drumming. Year 3 were investigating shadows, Reception children dressing up as their favourite character in their Entry Point for their topic, 'Let's Pretend'. Year 4 began their IPC topic 'Footprints from the Past' which included assuming the role of palaeontologists and excavating their dinosaur eggs. They even had a visit from a 7-foot dinosaur!

As I write this newsletter, I have received the news that we will all be under CMCO as of Monday 9th November until Sunday 6th December. It is incredibly disheartening news, but not unexpected considering the rise in cases in Penang and across Malaysia.

As a school, we are ready to implement our Home Learning @ SCIPS, and information packs, including timetables and how-to videos, will be sent out tomorrow through Skoolbag and via email.

Response Guide

On Thursday, I sent out the COVID-19 Response Guide For Parents. The feedback provided by parents and the time and effort given by the Parent Class Reps was positive and useful in clarifying certain grey areas. The information provided enabled the school to create a Response Guide that is simple and clear.

Four Essentials

Four essential points came out of the meeting and needed to be recognised when using the guide. These are;

1. The school's priority is the wellbeing of all children in the community.
2. If your child is unable to attend school, work will be posted in Google Classroom.
3. The School will not share any details of cases or personal information of families.
4. The Ministry of Health (MOH) will determine all requirements for quarantine and testing.

Although now redundant due to the CMCO, this guide will still be relevant when we can return to school.

Deepavali Celebration

We will be celebrating Deepavali on Thursday 12th November, and although we will not be in school, all children are encouraged to dress in traditional Indian clothing. Please do note that Friday 13th November will still be a school holiday and so teachers will not post online learning for that day.

Odd Socks Day

Once again, SCIPS will be celebrating Anti Bullying Week with an Odd Socks Day. Similarly, although we will not be in school, we encourage all children to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November. It is an excellent way for everyone to express their uniqueness and individuality.

Staff Appreciation

Thank you very much to the Parent-Teacher Committee who last week sent notes to all staff along with a small gift, as a token of appreciation for their continued efforts in these challenging times. On behalf of all the team, thank you very much, it is a lovely gesture and appreciated by us all at school.

Stay Safe, Positive and Informed during these challenging times

Martin Towse