



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents

Hooray! We have finally finished the 2020/21 school year, and I want to congratulate children, parents and staff on reaching the end of this extremely challenging time.

I am incredibly proud of how the children have coped with the different ways we have had to teach in the classrooms and online due to the numerous SOPs or MCOs. They have demonstrated adaptability and resilience and needed to acquire new skills, which has resulted in them becoming more capable and independent learners. Well done to you all.

I would also like to thank all parents and school staff who have supported the school, our community and each other in numerous ways to ensure we all cross the finish line together.

There will be many challenges ahead of us all. However, before we tackle them, I encourage everyone to take time to close the laptops, come offline and do other activities that reconnect families and friends through spending time together. This will give us the time to reflect, be present and in the moment to give our mind, body and soul the time it needs to recuperate.

### SCIPS Got Talent

What a fantastic day we had on Wednesday 30th June, celebrating the finals of SCIPS Got Talent 2021. Our celebrity judges (a famous actress and a magician who was a BGT finalist) took time out from their schedules to watch and feedback on the talents on display, and they decided on our 2021 winners!

All the children who entered should be congratulated for their amazing videos this year. The acts that reached the final were really at the top of a fantastic talent pool! If you want to see the acts and the comments the judges made or your children missed the meet yesterday, then they can view it on the link here: [SCIPS Got Talent 2021](#)

### Class Parents

I want to acknowledge the fantastic work of the class parents, who support our teachers in so many ways, especially with communication and reminders. We thank them for the time and effort they give in this voluntary role. It is very much appreciated by us all.

### Online platforms

We know that many of you are eager to know what will happen with our online learning platforms over the holidays. The school constantly monitors communication on our Google platform during school time, and unfortunately, we cannot do this during the holiday period. At the forefront of our mind is keeping students safe and allowing them access to any of the learning we have previously posted if there are tasks the students have not yet had an opportunity to do. Below is a list of the changes we will be making. These changes will take place after school has finished on the last day of term.



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- Google Classroom will remain open during the holidays, but the facility to 'chat' or 'comment' will be turned off. This is to enable you to access all items already posted there. The children should not submit any tasks during this time as teachers will not access these during the school holidays and will not be marking them.
- Google Meet functionality for this will be turned off for students. We encourage them to now meet face to face.
- Gmail addresses will remain so you can log on to Google Classroom, but all abilities to send emails from these accounts will be turned off.
- Year 6 accounts will follow all the above regulations, and their Google accounts and Google Classrooms will be deleted on the final day of the holidays.
- MyMaths and Time Table Rock Stars will remain open throughout the holidays.

## School Fees

I am pleased to announce that for the fifth year running, St Christopher's will not be increasing school fees next year. This decision made by the Board of Governors acknowledges the continued financial pressures many of our parents face.

## Academic Calendar

The [2021/22 Academic Calendar and Term Dates](#) can be found on the school website. The new school year will commence on Wednesday, 1st September.

## Home Learning Survey

As always, we are keen to hear from our parent body. So we encourage you to complete this survey [Home Learning Survey 2021](#), about how you feel regarding this recent period of Home Learning. This will help us identify if any changes are necessary and areas for development. So please let us know how you feel; whether your feedback is positive or negative, your views will help guide us.

## Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

We are excited about the changes to our MFL programme, and specific details will be shared during the holidays, along with the language choices for children in the Juniors.

Finally, farewell to all those leaving the school and our community over the summer break. To those returning, I look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

Stay Safe, Stay Positive and Stay Connected  
Martin Towse