



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

Everyone is very excited to be coming back to school on Monday 22nd November. Thank you all for your patience and support as we navigate the complexities of returning to face to face learning under the necessary restrictions and SOPs.

Sadly, last week, I received the news that our long-serving Chair to the Board of Governors, Dato Danny Goon, had made the difficult decision to retire after 32 years of the dedicated leadership of the school. He was invited to join the Board in 1989 and stepped up to become the Chair two years later, in 1991. He will be greatly missed, and the current Board of Governors and I are identifying a fitting way to thank him and mark such loyal service to the school and its community.

Fortunately, the school is blessed with extremely loyal and committed Governors, and the new chair is Mrs Kathie Yeoh, who, like Dato Danny Goon, has served as a governor for the past 30 years. During that time, her three children have benefitted from SCIPS's safe, caring and nurturing environment, and she has been chair of the PTC and the Governor's Staffing Committee.

I look forward to working closely with Mrs Yeoh and the Board of Governors in the coming months to rebuild the school and its community now that we are transitioning out of the pandemic.

### Reporting and Conferencing

The teachers are busy writing the children's term one report. These will be sent out on Monday 6th December. Also, during the same week, on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th December, you will be able to discuss your child's progress during the Parent-Teacher Conferences. Sign up detail will be sent out in the coming weeks.

### Anti Bullying Week - ONE KIND WORD

This week, children celebrated anti-bullying week, focusing on this year's theme 'One Kind Word.' This theme is particularly apt as we look towards all children returning to school and seeing friends after such a long time. We kicked off the week with 'Odd Socks Day' to celebrate our differences and what makes us unique, and many children designed their odd socks.

All children have had the opportunity to read and submit messages on our [SCIPS Virtual Kindness Wall](#). We received over 250 messages filled with positivity, a wonderful reminder of the kind and thoughtful students we have at SCIPS.

Throughout the week, children have participated in discussions and activities about bullying and ways of dealing with it to help keep our school community a happy and safe place. Our fantastic prefects are running a sticker design competition on the theme 'One Kind Word.' The winning design will be made into stickers which can be given to children when they are observed carrying out acts of kindness and using kind words.

### Times Table Rockstars - Rock On SCIPS!!!!

Last week, the children in Juniors enjoyed their first-ever Times Tables Rockstar Inter School Battle. Whilst this is something we have regularly done over the past few years as an inter-class event, the children could compete with Shrewsbury International School in Bangkok, Thailand, making this a truly international affair.

The platform is a wonderful way to engage the children in building up their times tables knowledge, and SCIPS showed that this is something they have built up well as they ran out comfortable winners over the week.

The prefects have made a video to celebrate the success [CLICK HERE](#), and we look forward to battles with other schools in the future.

Enjoy your weekend and bring on Monday!!!! Hooray!!

Martin Towse