



ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

With the easing of restrictions, the school is definitely moving in the right direction, and it is brilliant to see children and parents together again around the school. Over the past two weeks, lots of year groups have held their Exit Points and I would like to thank all the parents for taking time out of their day to come and be a part of the children's learning. It really adds excitement to the experience when the children know that you are coming to see them!

Today we were extremely fortunate to welcome Mr Matthew Hellier to school, who shared with the children his experiences breaking four British/World records in his ocean rowing expedition from Australia to Mauritius. In the assemblies, he shared what it was like and encouraged the children to take risks and step out of their comfort zones, as these are the moments they will achieve greatness.

Please remember to sign up for [Skoolbag](#), as it is the simplest way for us to connect with you and our community. In addition, we are now posting a lot more on our [Facebook](#) page, so please do take a look.

In this edition of the eNews along with the usual announcements about upcoming events, I want to communicate with you some of the exciting plans to upgrade the facilities this summer and about the next academic year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 6 Exit Point - Migration

As part of Year 6's IPC unit on 'Migration,' the Year 6 students will be running fundraising stalls (such as a bake sale, games, and selling slime) raising money for 'Aspire Penang.' We will be inviting KS1 pupils to visit these stalls on Wednesday 15th June and KS2 to visit on Friday 17th June. On the relevant day, pupils are welcome to bring in money (no more than 30m) to spend at the fundraising stalls (small denominations are appreciated). We would also like to welcome all parents to visit on both days from 2.30pm in the pickup area. Thank you for your support.

School Photographs

I am delighted to announce that the school photographs are now ready and a link will be emailed out next week.

Junior Activities Week

The children in Juniors are very excited about the upcoming Activity Week beginning Monday 20th June. Please make sure you have read your emails as the children have a different set of clothing/equipment that they need each day, compared to what they usually have. If you have any questions about it please contact the Head of Junior School, Sarah Green.

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will take place on Tuesday, 28th and Wednesday, 29th June, from 03:30 - 18:00. Prior to this meeting you will receive your child's report along with the results from the GL Testing. The booking system will be open on Tuesday 21st June.



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End of Term

Wednesday 6th July will be the last day of term. Please note it will be a half day and the children will be able to wear their own clothes. Specific times for dismissal will be sent out closer to the end of term.

PLANS FOR THE SUMMER AND THE 2022/23 ACADEMIC YEAR

School Fees

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Governors has made no changes to the school fees for 2022/23. They have appreciated the support and loyalty shown by parents and have used the reserved funds to absorb the losses caused by the pandemic.

School Calendar 2022/23

Next year, I plan to reset the school by scheduling the school calendar to run as it did in 2018/19. This means a return to all the fantastic learning opportunities for the students including Residential, Trips, Sporting Events, Assemblies, Concerts, as well as the incredible Entry and Exit points. In addition, I will work with the Parent Committee to add in many community events, including the Food and Fun Fair.

School Facilities

I would also like to share some positive news from the recent Board of Governors planning meeting. The Governors have agreed to prioritise the upgrading of facilities over the summer and then pledged to look at ways to increase the facilities so that St Christopher's can offer an exceptional level of learning for the children. So when the school opens in August 2023, parents will notice the following:

- **Nursery Outdoor Learning Space** - Upgrading the area in front of the Nursery Classrooms to make a purpose-built outdoor learning space for our youngest children. This area will be called 'Ms Edith's Garden' in memory of our much-loved Nursery teacher, who passed away in October.
- **Year One and Two Outdoor Learning Space** - Create a sheltered outdoor learning space behind the Year One and Two Classrooms. This will include sliding double doors at the back for easy access to a resurfaced area.
- **Colourful Bike Track** - Transform the front of the school with a colourful bike track and learning space for the younger children. This space will also include a sheltered area for parents to relax and wait at the beginning and end of the day.
- **New School Shop and Larger Parent Waiting Area** - The school shop will move out of the cafe and into what is currently the Heads of School Office. The large white gates will move back so that the covered parent waiting area outside the coffee shop will become more substantial.
- **Year 7 and 8 Classrooms and Science Lab** - Two classrooms will be renovated along with a designated outdoor learning/socialising space for the older students.
- **All Weather Surface** - Convert the back of the school into one generous space with the removal of the tennis court and four square areas. This whole space will be covered with artificial grass enabling the children to use it throughout the year.

Message from the Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC)

Staff Appreciation Lunch

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the Staff Appreciation Lunch. We will be setting up in the Staffroom on Wednesday, 15th June and further details about timings to drop off food will be sent out shortly.



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School Community Disco

It has been far too long since we have been able to get the school community together, and so the Parent Committee is planning a School Community Disco on Friday, 1st June from 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm. There will be food and drink available and an opportunity to reconnect after such a long time.

To finish off this eNews, I would like to say that I feel optimistic about the school's future. With the Governor's renewed backing, staff commitment and parent's support, I believe a focus on resetting and reconnecting will enable everyone to start to enjoy more certainty and confidence in the school again.

Enjoy your weekend,
Martin Towse