### **Principal's eNews**

#### Term 1 Issue 4 | 9th December 2023

### Dear Parents,

It has been a non-stop whirlwind of energy and activity in the last few weeks of this term, with children and parents from across the school involved in the numerous and varied learning, performing, sporting, and fun activities.

These include The Colourful and Cool Disco, Soloist Concerts, Swim and Athletic Meets, the EY Christmas Concert, the Sports Weekend, Year 4 Residential including their parent assembly, Years 6, 7 and 8 Passion Projects, and important Evacuation Drill, along with many Exit Points and not to forget the Parent Workshops including our first Parent OPAL Play Day.

Next week, we will not see a change of pace as the older children have their swim galas, and there will be the Y3-8 House Football competition. More year groups will finish their IPC learning with engaging Exit Points that demonstrate the children's knowledge and understanding, and we all look forward to Friday when Santa will come to the school.

Thank you all for your support throughout the term, and I, along with the staff, look forward to January, when we can continue to develop your child's love of learning.

## **Parent Community Group (PCG)**

Next Term will be the first of several activities/events the new Parent Community Group (PCG) will organise. Following the recent Parent Community Survey, I met with this group of parents, and they have decided to hold the following trial events.

# Pre-School Stay and Play - Friday 12th January

An opportunity for parents to stay at school with pre-school-aged children. Parents connect with other parents whilst their children play. It is hoped that this will become a regular event.

### Outdoor Movie Night - Friday 26th January

Come with the family along with your favourite snacks and drinks to watch a movie under the stars.

#### Quiz Night - Friday 1st March

Create your teams and test your knowledge against the rest.

The PCG looks forward to your support and will organise other varied activities to bring our community together in the coming months.

### Santa's Visit

On the last day of term, Friday 15th December, we will welcome Santa to the school, and the children will spend time with their Buddy Class. Once Santa has arrived at <u>8.45 am</u>, he will remain in the school entrance foyer, and the children will come down to greet him. Parents are welcome to participate in this event and photograph their child meeting Santa. Here is the schedule for the classes.

0915 - NCD/3JS	0925 - NJM/3RA	0935 - NEL/3GR	0945 - RLD/4NT	0955 - RJG/4JB	1005 - RSG/4CW
1045 - 1PH/5CR	1055 - 1JD/5ML	1105 - 1SU/5CH	1115 - 2JS/6CW	1125 - 2SK/6HM	1135 - 2AK/6MT

Parents are also welcome to go to the classes at <u>11.45 am</u> when the children are holding a party. If parents want a family or sibling picture with Santa, you can collect your children at 11.45 am and take them to the entrance. At the end of the day, younger siblings will be collected by their older siblings as they leave.

1230 - EY Pick Up

1240 - Y1 & 2 Pick Up

1250 - Y3 & 4 Pick Up

1300 - Y5/6/7 Pick up



Please note that it will be a non-uniform day, and we ask that the children wear red, green and/or white clothing.

## 2024/25 Academic Term Dates and Calendar

Next year's term dates and calendar are on our website: St. Christopher's International School | Academic Year Dates

TERM 1 Monday 26th August 2024 to Wednesday 18th December 2024

TERM 2 Thursday 9th January 2025 to Friday 28th March 2025

TERM 3 Tuesday 15th April 2025 to Friday 4th July 2025

## **T2** Key Dates

To help you know when key events happen at school, we have created <u>Key Dates T2 2023/24</u>, which state when important events will occur during the term. You can also visit the website for our <u>Parent Calendar</u>.

## **Key Dates Coming Up;**

11th DecemberY7 + Y8 Swim Gala8.30 am PSC12th DecemberY5 & Y6 Swim Gala8.30 am PSC13th DecemberY3 - Y8 House Football8.30 am PSC15th DecemberSanta's Visit & Christmas Activities8.30 am

Term 1 Ends 1.00 pm

9th January Term 2 Starts

Enjoy the Weekend,
Martin Towse