



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## Principal's eNews

Term 1 Issue 1 | 27th August 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been an upbeat first week with the revival of friendships and routines after the long summer break. Watching the children coming into school eager to learn, engaging and active in their classrooms and then at break times, all out playing around the school with their friends, is truly a joy as it brings the school alive.

There is much to look forward to this year, and we will inform you of all class and school events. You will have received the first **Friday Update** from your class teacher, which started in the last term in a few classes, but we have now rolled it out across the school, as we received positive feedback through the parent survey about how useful these emails were.

In addition, to these emails, as mentioned in my Welcome letter, we use our School App, Skoolbag, as the primary mode of communication between the school and home. Please ensure that you download the app and sign up to your child's year group and whole school announcement. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact the ICT Manager Kenneth - [kenneth.aeria@scips.org.my](mailto:kenneth.aeria@scips.org.my)

### Home / School Agreement.

The Home / School Agreement is a partnership between the school and parents. The statements explain the school's purpose and values and outline the expectations of us all in working together to provide the best education for every child at St Christopher's.

Thank you for the 300+ responses we have received so far, as it is a clear step in reconnecting the home and school, enabling the rebuilding of solid relationships.

### School Shop,

The School Shop, has been relocated next to the coffee shop; thank you to everyone for their patience as we set it up and restocked the various uniform items. Please note that the shop entrance is from the Parent Waiting Area.

### Uniform/Lost Property

Please, can I remind you to place your child's name on school uniform items, including hats, water bottles and bags. Each year we end up with mountains of Lost Property, which will help make returning items easier. FYI - There will be a new Lost Property Shelf outside the school shop in the Parent Waiting Area.

### After-School Activities

The ASA Parent Portal is now open, so please log in and sign up as ASAs start on [Monday 5th September](#).

### Class Parents

If anyone is interested in being a class parent this year, teachers are looking for volunteers. Your support is always highly valued and helps with communication and class activities. Contact your class teacher, if available.



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## Parent Welcome Evening

On Monday 29th August, we will be holding our Parent Welcome Evening. Year groups will run two sessions from 5.30-6:00 pm and 6:00-6:30 pm. You do not need to sign up; you can choose which session suits you best. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet the teachers, introduce themselves, find out essential information and ask any questions.

## Message from the Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC)

On Wednesday 1st September at 8.30 am in the Coffee Shop, the PTC will be meeting to discuss the organisation and preparation for events this term, including the return of a Halloween Disco on Friday 4th November at 5.30 pm - 8.00 pm. If any parent would like to help with any events, please come along or contact Nadia (nadiaibis@hotmail.com)

## Parent Workshops

We are pleased to be able to bring back our Parent Workshops this year. These workshops will enable parents to learn and understand key aspects of their child's education as well as the school operations. These will be advertised in advance and held in the Hall at 8.15 am.

This term, we will run workshops on Reception and Infant Phonics, Understanding the Early Years - Play-based learning, Maths at SCIPS, Safety and Wellbeing, Supporting Reading at Home, Learning at Home, Prep School at SCIPS, Changing Bodies and Relationships and Bullying.

We are always willing to run Parent Workshops, so please let your class teacher or Head of School know if there is a topic you would like us to cover.

## Key Dates

To help you know when key events happen at school, you will receive class-specific information through your Teacher's Friday Update as well well through Skoolbag. We have also created [Key Dates T1 2022/23](#), which state when important events will occur during the term. In addition, you can also visit the website and link your calendars to our [Parent Calendar](#).

## Key Dates for August/September

25th - 30th August	Parents Portal for ASA Open	
29th August	Y4 - Y7 Curriculum Swimming Begins	
	Parent Welcome & Information Evening	5.30 pm
31st August	PH   Merdeka	(School Closed)
5th September	T1 ASA Start	
7th September	Parent Workshop - Reception Phonics	8.15 am
13th September	Parent Workshop - Infant Phonics	8.15 am
14th September	Parent Workshop - Understanding the EY - Play-based learning	8.15 am
21st September	Parent Workshop - Maths@SCIPS	8.15 am
28th September	Parent Workshop - Safety and Wellbeing	8.15 am
16th September	PH   Malaysia Day	(School Closed)

Enjoy the Weekend,  
Martin Towse