



## Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. It has been a positive start to the term, with student enrolment continuing to grow; We currently have 556 students, and I am sure we will reach the pre-pandemic number of 580 by the end of the year.

### Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

We started the ambitious goal to have **Amazing Play, Every day, For every Child**, with the Founder/Director of the Award-winning Uk based company [Outdoor Play and Learning](#), Michael Follett, in school all week, training staff, helping us set up and prepare as well as educating the children.

In such a short period, I have been delighted with the dramatic way he has shown and supported us in transforming how the children play at SCIPS. We have a long way to go on the journey, but the initial start has been encouraging, and we can see the positive impact it will have on your children.

You will be kept informed every step of the way, and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to support us and come into school and learn what happens and the benefits it is having on us all.

Don't forget, along with direct communication with your child's class teacher, we use [Skoolbag](#) as our primary mode of communication, and all the exciting events and learning experiences are posted on our [Facebook](#) page.

### Chinese New Year - The Year of the Rabbit

With CNY fast approaching, the school will be closed from Monday, 23rd January - Wednesday, 25th January.

This year we look forward to celebrating the occasion without restrictions on Friday, 20th January. Children are asked to come in traditional Chinese dress, and they will be involved in Class Buddy activities. These activities include a whole school celebration in front of the school at 10.00 am, involving a drumming display and a Lion and Dragon Dance.

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The St Christopher's School Association will hold its **60th AGM** on Monday, 30th January 2023, at 6.00 pm. If you are attending, you must complete the google form below by Wednesday, 25th January 2023. When attending the AGM, you must show proof of identity (I/C or Passport). [St Christopher's School Association | 60th AGM](#)

### Academic Term Dates 2023/24

The 2023/24 Annual Calendar and details of the Term Dates for next year are now on the website. Here is the [link](#).

### Key Dates T2 2022/23

To help you know when key events happen at school, we have created [Key Dates T2 2022/23](#), which state when important events will occur during the term. You can also visit the website for our [Parent Calendar](#).

Thank you for taking the time to support the school; it is appreciated.

Martin Towse