

Newsletter

Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you are well and rejuvenated after the half-term break. As we enter the final stretch of the academic year, it always seems to be the busiest, and in the blink of an eye it will be done.

Therefore, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates, important reminders, and upcoming events. Get ready for an action-packed half-term!

Upcoming events

New Parents' BBQ for parents joining us in Pre-school, Reception, and in any other year group (Thursday 29th June) - we started this last year, and it was a great success, so much so that we struggled to get some parents to leave! This event is an opportunity for parents who are new to the School, or will be part of the Reception year group next year to meet each other, their child's new class teacher and listen to an address from the Heads of Preschool and Pre-Prep.

School 130th Anniversary and our Summer Fair (Tuesday 4th July) - you may have noticed our new 130th logo on our website, email correspondence, social media and newsletter. This event is shaping up to be an exciting event with celebrations during the day, including the Bromley Mayor coming to open our Legacy Garden for pupils, as well as our Summer Fair starting at 15:00.

Year 5 and 6 Production (Wednesday 5th July at 18:00) - we are looking forward to 'A Suitably Happy Ending' which Year 5 and 6 will be performing for their parents. It is a modern fairy tale containing the familiar ingredients - with a twist! Jack fails his SATs and his family disowns him. Banished to the Large and Spooky Forest, our hero finds support from unlikely sources!

Sports Day (Thursday 6th July from 9:00) - Mark your calendars and get ready to cheer on your children as they showcase their athletic prowess and team spirit. We encourage parents to join in the fun and create a supportive and enthusiastic atmosphere for all participants.

Full reports. These will be sent by email to parents on the (Friday 7th July) and we know you will be proud to read about all the progress your

child has made, and the achievements he/she has managed over the course of the academic year: 2022-2023.

Year 6 Celebration (Tuesday 11th July) - as we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to acknowledge the remarkable progress and achievements of our pupils. We are incredibly proud of their dedication, hard work, and resilience. We will be celebrating each and every one of them at St George's Church, with an event we started last year. This event is open to all of our community.

Key Reminders

Uniform Policy: Please ensure that your child adheres to the School's uniform policy. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a neat and professional appearance - and do make sure that all uniform is named. We are making a concerted effort of keeping the piles in the lost property box down!

Attendance Matters: Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends school promptly and regularly. If your child is unwell, please notify the School as soon as possible.

Finally, we greatly value your partnership in your child's education. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or would like to contribute in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. On this note, in the new academic year, we will be driving forward our St Christopher's in the

Community initiative, which will launch on our 130th birthday. With this in mind, I would love any parent, who undertakes any charity work, to come in and talk to the School about the work they do and why they do it. I want our children to have strong role models for doing good without the need for incentives. Do get in touch if this is something anyone would be interested in doing; I am keen to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in our school community. Let's make this final half-term before the summer holidays an unforgettable one, as we look forward to celebrating the events together.

Mr Carter

Head Teacher



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Story ECHO Club (Pre-Prep)

In Story Club, we have been looking at traditional stories from around the world. We did an African story - How the zebra got his stripes and painted a zebra mask. We did several other stories, one was about a magic paintbrush and another one explained why the sun and the moon live in the sky. We decorated a bag only using stripes to put all our art work in.



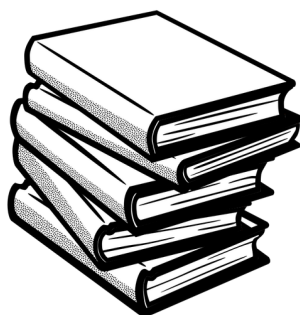
English and Reading

We held our English Curriculum Evening on Wednesday to give parents an understanding of how we teach. We loved sharing hints and tips, and again, our key message was, if you do one thing, it is to read with your child.

Do remember our school library has an extensive collection of books suitable for all ages and interests. It is open to parents and children to come in, after school, every Wednesday.

We have also put together a Summer reading list for Prep-Prep, Year 3 & 4, and Year 5 & 6, and these will feature on our website in due course, alongside questions that you can use when reading with your child.

Let's foster a love for reading together!



Social Media

If you are not following us on social media, you are only getting half the story! You can follow us at [@stchristhehall](#) on insta as well at [stchristhehallsport](#) to get all the inside info from school life!



Year 5

Before half term, Year 5 went on their residential trip to Bowles. The children had a wonderful time taking part in a range of activities and challenges, whilst learning the importance of teamwork and resilience. Each group participated in: High ropes, Rockclimbing, Team Challenges, Kayaking, Archery and Skiing. They also had the pleasure of roasting marshmallows on a camp fire whilst listening to funny stories. Throughout this trip, we were so impressed with their behaviour and support towards one another. To see what we got up to, please click on the link below

<https://youtu.be/VEIvLh8DVVw>

Micah 5R - *"My favourite activity was kayaking because we got to learn how to capsize safely which was challenging but hilarious!"*

Felix 5L - *"I really enjoyed the rock climbing and high ropes because we got to climb different, challenging routes and tackle a range of tricky obstacles."*

Elah Chan 5L: *"During the trip, I overcame my fear of heights and went on the High Rope challenge course. I was extremely proud of myself."*



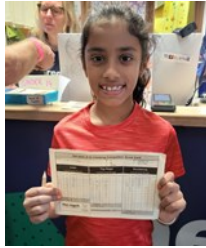
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Pupil Achievement

Miraya (Year 4) took part at the Annual London wide climbing competition at her climbing centre - The Reach Climbing Wall. She came 1st in all girls in Lead climbing (where climbers are not attached to a rope and have to clip their own rope as they climb) and 4th in Top rope climbing (attached to the rope at the top). This is even more impressive as she was competing against children much older than her! Well done. Miraya.



Erik (Year 1) had his investiture into the 7th West Wickham Beavers before half-term. We hope he enjoys starting his Scouting journey.



E-safety tip

In this week's E-Safety segment, we are re-visiting a resource used by Reception during Safer Internet Day. This story, called [Hanni and the Magic Window](#), is an excellent resource for children of Key Stage One and Two. For children, the story tackles how to react when things go wrong online, what that might feel like and how a trusted adult can help. For parents and carers, it will cover how to open up a conversation with a child when you notice their behaviour has changed or they have seen something that is bothering them but don't know how to open up. Our reception classes drew amazing pictures of what they would like to see out of the window.



The Great Exhibition Road Festival - 18th and 19th June

St Christopher's are very pleased to share with you a fantastic event being held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June, on Exhibition Road, South Kensington. It will be a celebration of all things STEM.

The event is free and open to all ages, and will be "a celebration of how awe and wonder can inspire science and the arts".

Please click on this link for further details and to register for their many fun free activities being held over the two days.



<https://www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk/>

Path to Play

We were delighted to see our Path to Play installed over half-term. The personalised bricks are now in situ with pupils', family, and teachers' names, both past and present, and they now mark a little place in the fabric of our school.

The path can also be extended should we wish to in the future. This was a super SCA initiative, and we thank them for their hard work to get this project realised.



What's Happening Next Week

- Monday 12th June**
 - Women in World War 2 Workshop (Rec-Year 6)
 - ISA National Athletics finals (all day)
- Tuesday 13th June**
 - Year 3 Cricket v Colfes (all children to play 15:15-16:30)
- Wednesday 14th June**
 - U11 6-a-side Cricket v Tonbridge
- Thursday 15th June**
 - Year 5 Cricket v Colfes (selected children to play 15:15-16:30)

Reviews

We love hearing your feedback, so if you have a Google account, and feel inclined, please leave a reviews for us by using the link or the QR code:

<https://q.page/r/Cd0V7pg2h8TCEAq/review>

