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Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

We hope this week has brought a sense of connection when you met your child's class teachers at our five-minute remote meetings. These brief interactions have proven invaluable in touching base and ensuring a smooth transition for

your child into the new academic year. As always, please remember that our doors are open, and we encourage you to reach out whenever you have questions or concerns.

Our school welcomed photographers for the annual year photo session on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to see all our students looking smart and posing with enthusiasm. These photos will be available for you to view shortly; perhaps these pictures will make the perfect Christmas presents for grandparents?

This term, we would like to extend a special acknowledgment to our Year 6 students. They have settled remarkably well and are diligently preparing for their upcoming 11+ exams at the end of the term. Their teachers and I are already so proud of their dedication and hard work. For

our Year 6 parents, we have begun discussions about the next steps in their child's education. It has been such a pleasure to collaborate closely with parents to enable them to apply to senior schools that align with their child's personality. We do not subscribe to the notion that one school is superior to another, and instead, we believe in finding the best fit for each individual child. I hope our meetings have been useful so far in assisting parents in making informed choices.

Next week, I will be attending the annual Head's conference from Monday to Wednesday in Liverpool. I am eager to gather innovative ideas and valuable insights that will contribute to our school's continued growth and success. In my absence, my trusty Senior Leadership Team will ensure the School continues to run smoothly. I will be back in school on Thursday.

As the weekend approaches, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable time with your families. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Mr Carter

Head Teacher

Year 1 Toy Workshop

This week, Year 1 had a workshop based around toys of the past. They explored different types of toys, what they were made from, and guessed what they might have been used for. They had lots of fun playing with the toys and even pretending to be their favourite toy! This all ties into their history topic about understanding how toys have changed over the years and gives some insight into timelines of the past 200 years. Well done, Year 1!



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ECHO

A new school year and a new Wednesday afternoon ECHO Club: STEM Challenge Club with Mr Chowdhury and Mr Myatt.

The children began this first session by discussing what STEM was and how it impacts and affects our day-to-day lives. They talked about careers which use STEM and we came to the conclusion that STEM is present in all our lives, whether it is as scientists, engineers, architects, doctors, nurses and even as TV entertainers. The children came up with a brilliant list of what skills we develop when we use STEM, including: accuracy, mathematics, measuring and communication. Then the first week's challenge began!

The children were tasked with creating a self-supporting dome using straws and sellotape. Many structures are built around frameworks made of straight, rigid pieces of wood or metal, called members, connected together. Forces generated in the members support the structure. They had only forty five minutes to work collaboratively to make their structures that would be marked according to their appearance, strength (which would be tested at the end) and how well they worked in their teams.

As time got away from us, we agreed to extend this week's activity to continue next week and we would find out who the next SETH Isambard Kingdom Brunel is. If you would like to have a go at this activity, the resources and instructions can

be found here:

<https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/resources/build-a-dome/>



Catering and Food at St Christopher's

We have received so many compliments for our relaunched lunch menus at the start of this term, and we are so happy the children are enjoying their food so much! We want to let you know about some of the upcoming food related events.

As you know we have our **French Day** on 3rd October with a special French menu, and we also have **Black History month** upcoming, again with a special menu.

In addition, there is a highlighted **seasonal fruit each day**, and if children try this fruit they are awarded with a special sticker.

Finally, we have a **Halloween themed menu** on 31st October which also has

a **pumpkin carving competition** which we are launching today where we are challenging children to use a paper template to create a design to be carved on a pumpkin. Templates will be given out today to any child who would like to enter. These need to be returned by Monday 9th October.



Winners from each year group will be announced on Friday 13th in assembly, and those winning entries will get to carve their pumpkin with Mr Waters after school on the 30th October after school (Pre Prep 3.15 – 4.00 and Prep 3.45 – 4.30) ready to be displayed during the 31st October's lunch service.

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Music

Our brass teacher, Mr. Rainsford, gave an entertaining and informative demonstration to Year 4 this week with the help of our Year 6 brass players, Emma and Daniel. We will be having some more demonstrations from our visiting Music Teachers in the coming weeks, please contact Mrs. Gay at musicadmin@stchristophersthehall.org.uk if your son or daughter has an interest in taking up an instrument. We would particularly love to encourage children to take up brass and woodwind players as they get to Year 3 and 4!



The St. Christopher's Association presents:



The SCA invite you to join us for an end of term treat at the Churchill Theatre on the last day of Winter term:

Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 1.30pm

SCA ticket price £27

410 discounted tickets from the front row of the stalls (Row B to N)

Order your tickets online from 10am on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at:

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

Tickets are popular and allocated on a first come first served basis, for St Christopher's families only. Please order promptly to avoid disappointment! Ticket sales must close at 5pm on Wednesday 29th September 2023.

Any queries contact Dawn Lindsey stchristophersshu@gmail.com.

Please note:

1. Individual tickets will not be sold. If your child is coming with another family, please ensure that their ticket is part of that group's purchases.
2. You will be seated with your selected year group (where possible). Name the youngest school child in your family to benefit from seats closer to the stage.
3. Term ends at 12 noon so please make your own way to the theatre with your child/children. All children MUST be accompanied by a designated guardian.

Personal information will be used only for the administration of this event; no information will be transferred to third parties.

SCA Annual Christmas Panto Trip

Experience the brilliant festive atmosphere as St. Christopher's takes over the Churchill Theatre this Christmas!



The SCA warmly invite you and your family to come along and watch this year's pantomime, Cinderella, on the last day of term, Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 1.30pm. (Term ends at 12 noon so please make your own way to the theatre with your child/children.)

We have secured over 400 discounted tickets, at £27 each, from the front row of the stalls.

Don't miss out and buy yours now at <https://www.scasales.co.uk/> available until 5pm Wednesday 27th September.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S THE HALL IS LOOKING FOR BUDDING BAKERS TO ENTER OUR HOUSE COMPETITION!



TO ENTER, YOU WILL NEED TO BAKE A YUMMY TREAT WITH A FRENCH THEME. EVERY ENTRY WILL RECEIVE 3 CHARACTER COUNTERS AND THERE WILL BE FANTASTIC PRIZES FOR THE WINNING BAKES!



PLEASE BRING IN YOUR BAKED GOODS ON TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER FOR 'FRENCH DAY'. THEY WILL BE SOLD IN OUR FRENCH CAFÉ AT BREAKTIME. ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO OUR CHILDREN'S CHARITY.



REMEMBER TO BAKE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS AND INCLUDE A LABEL WITH YOUR NAME, HOUSE AND A FULL LIST OF INGREDIENTS.



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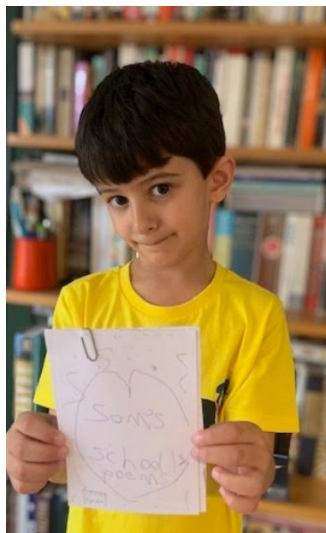


St Christopher's in the Community

As mentioned last week, we want to feature our 'St Christopher's in the Community' initiative regularly and showcase how our children/staff have given something back to our local community. We hope our pupils and their families will volunteer their time or expertise. Examples could include (this is obviously not an exhaustive list):

- Visiting elderly people in local care homes
- Bringing xmas joy to our community by singing Christmas carols in key locations
- Helping elderly neighbours with errands
- Hosting tea parties in the school for elderly people to come in
- Planting flowers/plants in local community gardens (support from council)

In this vein, we had some lovely news that Som in Year 2 took the initiative to create, photocopy, collate, and distribute a collection of poems that he had created all on his own. He has sold 12 copies already, which is quite an achievement, and I have no doubt that his efforts will go a long way in making a positive impact for the chosen charity. This chimes so well with our St Christopher's in the Community initiative, and we look forward to hearing more heartwarming stories like this.



Please let Mr Carter know of any charity work undertaken.

Emailing teachers

REMINDER: ALL emails to teachers should use the mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk

It is very likely that emails will not get to their destination if you email teachers directly.



Staff Vacancy

We are excited to announce a job opening for a **Midday Supervisor (12:00-14:00 Monday-Friday - although we are happy to consider those who can do some of these days)** which is initially for one term. We want you to spread the word to potential candidates! If you know anyone who may be interested in this role or have suitable recommendations, please don't hesitate to share this information with them. We appreciate your support in helping us find the perfect addition to our school community.

For more details or to apply, please visit our school website for the job description, person spec and application form by clicking [here](#), or contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support!

Pupil Success

We are so proud of Sienna in Reception who was presented with the award Hardest Working Girl this year at Beckenham Tennis Club. What a super achievement and a testament to her character.



If any pupils experience success outside of School, we'd love to hear about it, so do let Mr Carter know.

What's Happening Next Week

Monday 25th September

- Year 4 Netball V Royal Russell, all Year 4 girls to play. (15:30-17:00)
- Parent Education - Reception Parents Reading and Phonics (16:00-17:00)

Tuesday 26th September

- Bikeability - Year 6 selected children
- Year 5 Rugby/Netball V Colfes, all Year 5 children to play. (14:20-17:00)

Wednesday 27th September

- Bikeability - Year 6 selected children
- Year 4, 5 and 6 Cross-Country at Croydon High - selected children to take part (14:30-18:00)