

# Newsletter

## Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a rejuvenating half-term break and you and your son/daughter are ready for our next exciting half term before Easter.

As I have driven into school this week, it's evident that we're

stepping away from the winter months and embracing the brighter, lighter days ahead which makes everything feel a whole lot better in the mornings!

Following on from Mental Health Awareness Week last half-term, on Tuesday, we dedicated time to observe Internet Safety Day. In today's digital age, the use of technology, phones, and social media is an integral part of our children's lives. It's crucial for us to educate and empower them to navigate the online world safely and responsibly. By promoting awareness and providing guidance, we aim to ensure our children develop into well-rounded individuals who can harness the benefits of technology while mitigating its risks. A thank you to Mr Organ for organising this and leading our assembly on this topic.

You will have seen from my email earlier in the week, we are delighted to announce our partnership with Camp Elite to host their camp at St. Christopher's during the upcoming Easter half-term, from April 8th to April 12th. I know that many of you have enquired about the provision of activity camp during the holidays. This collaboration will provide our children with enriching opportunities to engage in a variety of activities, creating unforgettable memories and fostering personal growth. To ensure that the camp caters to your preferences and requirements, we kindly request that you complete a brief survey sent by Camp Elite. Your feedback will play a pivotal role in shaping the program for the April half-term. You can access the survey using the following link [here](#). We're incredibly excited about the possibilities this partnership holds and look forward to providing our students with an unforgettable holiday camp experience. See more about this and how to book your spot for the Easter week later in this newsletter.

If you haven't seen it already, we have new content on our school's YouTube channel! We

have just uploaded a brand new video featuring Mrs. Gay, who takes us on a journey through our vibrant music department and its many successes. It's a delightful and informative glimpse into one of the most thriving areas of our school community. We invite you to watch the video and learn more about the wonderful achievements happening within our music department. Click [here](#) to view the video and feel free to share it with friends and family.

Our Year 6 cohort are near the completion of their 11+ journey, and we're immensely proud of their accomplishments. The results came out just before half-term, and with an impressive array of offers and scholarships (10 academic, 7 Music, 4 Sport, 3 Arts/Drama), they have demonstrated their hard work, dedication, and potential. We firmly believe in finding the school which is the best fit for each child, and Year 6 has exemplified this with their outstanding achievements. As we celebrate their successes, we also look ahead now to our Year 5 cohort. The 11+ journey is just the beginning for these families and, as a school, we will be here to support, guide and encourage them the whole way. This will start with our first 11+ meetings, scheduled for March 18th. Miss Rule will be reaching out to Year 5 parents soon to provide further details and this will be part of a suite of talks to help parents navigate the upcoming process with our help.

Finally, we are overjoyed to share some delightful news with you all: Mrs. Dubeck, our Head of MfL is expecting a baby! We couldn't be happier for her and her growing family. The unexpected nature of this news has filled us with immense joy, and we wanted to extend our excitement to you. As we celebrate this special moment with Mrs. Dubeck, we also want to reassure our Year 6 parents regarding the upcoming Madrid trip. Rest assured, the trip will still proceed as planned! We have carefully crafted contingency plans to ensure everything runs smoothly, and we will go over this with you at the Information Meeting on Wednesday, 6th March at 4pm. During this session, we will outline our strategies and answer any questions you may have regarding the Madrid trip. Have a great weekend.

Mr Carter

**Head Teacher**

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### Camp Elite.

#### Easter activities at St Christopher's

Camp Elite, the award-winning camp for children aged 4-12, is thrilled to announce our upcoming holiday camp scheduled to take place from **April 8th to 12th, 2024** at St Christopher's The Hall School! □

Throughout this action-packed week, campers will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of engaging and enjoyable activities including Football, Multi-sports, Arts & Crafts, Music, Performing Arts, and Tennis, all led by our dedicated and enthusiastic instructors.

Our doors will be open from 08:00 to 15:00 each day, ensuring that every child has a fantastic time in a safe and nurturing environment.

Parents, mark your calendars for the Thursday of that week, as we invite you to join us for a special performance showcase where your children will demonstrate all they have learned and achieved during the week!

We happily accept childcare vouchers for your convenience. Plus, on Friday, we have an exciting Fun Friday trip planned for all campers as part of our package deal!

Secure your child's spot now for a week of fun, via the QR code below or email us [info@campelite.co.uk](mailto:info@campelite.co.uk).



### STEM ECHO

In STEM club, the children have been learning about extreme weather conditions and have loved conducting practical experiments. They have used many skills including: teamwork, negotiation, prediction, analysis, evaluation and problem solving.

*"I love the investigations, as they are all practical and I love experiments!" Sid (5R)*

*"My favourite was the earthquake experiment, we learnt what made structures strong. You need to have patience, work as a team and show resilience." Emily (4S)*

*"I enjoy working with different children in ECHO club and I learn from the younger children too." Adnan (6P)*



### Review

Please leave a reviews for us by using the link or QR code:

<https://g.page/r/Cd0V7pq2h8TCEAg/review>





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### Year 3

This week Year Three had a Viking workshop. We learnt all about Viking weapons and got to handle them, daily life as a Viking, the Jarl's court, Viking food and Viking burials which were very similar to the Egyptian one we saw at the Horniman Museum last term. We had a great day dressing up, creating the "shield wall" and we had lots of fun!



### Measles and the MMR vaccine

Measles cases are currently on the rise in the UK and the best way to protect your child from measles is to ensure that they have had two doses of the MMR vaccine.

The MMR vaccine provides protection against measles, mumps and rubella, in one combined vaccine. It is normally offered to children when they are one year old, and when they are three years and four months old. However, there are many children and young people in the UK who are missing one or both doses of the MMR vaccine.

For more information about the MMR vaccine, including the contents, you can head to the NHS website by scanning the QR code or following this [link](#).



If you would like to book an appointment at one of these clinics, please contact:

- 0208 487 1730

- [hrch.immunisationcallcentre@nhs.net](mailto:hrch.immunisationcallcentre@nhs.net)

For more information about your local School Immunisations Team, please visit the [HRCH Children's Immunisations webpage](#).

### No Pen Day

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, we had a No Pen Day at St. Christopher's. Across the school, we put down our pens and pencils and had a day focussing on developing the children's oral language skills. These are fundamental for learning to read and write, managing emotions, maintaining friendships and preparing them for successful employment later in life.

It is perceived that spoken language is underrepresented in the national curriculum in comparison to reading and writing, so this day brought the importance of spoken language to the forefront. Teachers had fun trying out different teaching approaches, engaging the children in exciting pen-free activities. Activities included dancing, acting out different sections of English texts and orally responding with background sound effects, using puppets to tell stories, learning sign language, digital work to create poetry, picture fraction matching, outdoor learning,

playing their own designed Maths games and trialling them out and finally, writing on the white-board using fingers only and no board pen. It was a very successful day.



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### Pupil Success

We are so proud of Molly (RC), who completed her Ourson level ski school over half-term. Not only did she work really hard, and have a lot of fun but, by the end of the week, she was doing green runs with her dad after a few days.

We are so proud of these boys, Arthur (Rec) and Hector and Erik (Year 2) completed a Park Run Beckenham. Additionally, Hector was on a roll with sport as he has also received his 50m swimming badge too! Bravo, boys!

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



### Communication

A quick reference guide for communication in school.

Music or peris lesson	<a href="mailto:musicadmin@stchristophersthehall.org.uk">musicadmin@stchristophersthehall.org.uk</a>
Sports or fixtures	<a href="mailto:sport@stchristophersthehall.org.uk">sport@stchristophersthehall.org.uk</a>
Lunchtime or afterschool clubs	<a href="mailto:clubs@stchristophersthehall.org.uk">clubs@stchristophersthehall.org.uk</a>
Finance	<a href="mailto:bursar@stchristophersthehall.org.uk">bursar@stchristophersthehall.org.uk</a>
SCAMPS (bookings)	<a href="mailto:scamps@stchristophersthehall.org.uk">scamps@stchristophersthehall.org.uk</a>
SCAMPS (logistics or payment)	<a href="mailto:bursar@stchristophersthehall.org.uk">bursar@stchristophersthehall.org.uk</a>
Anything class related or for the teachers	<a href="mailto:mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk">mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk</a> <b>NB: please mark F.A.O and indicate who this is for.</b> <b>Anything urgent or time sensitive – please call or mark email URGENT</b>
Anything that needs the Head's attention	<a href="mailto:headspa@stchristophersthehall.org.uk">headspa@stchristophersthehall.org.uk</a>

### Board Games ECHO Club

This half term, we are enjoying playing a variety of board games. This week, we took turns sharing and learning the rules for many new games found within school. Firm favourite games so far have been Pop Up Pirate, Hanging Monkeys and Snakes and Ladders. We cannot wait to get to play all games on offer, and students were very gracious in accepting that we could not play everything today. Over the next coming weeks, students within the group will be invited to bring in a board game from home to share with the group, should they wish.



### *What's Happening Next Week*

- Monday 26th February**
  - IAPS U11 A Netball Tournament @ Charterhouse, Guilford, selected children to play (08:30-17:15)
- Tuesday 27th February**
  - Mixed Netball Match v Bishop Challoner (Home) - selected Year 5/6, (13:50-15:20)
- Wednesday 28th February**
  - Year 3 Girls Football v Bromley High, all Year 3 girls to play. (Home) (15:45-17:00)
- Thursday 29th February**
  - U10 Yr 5 Football Tournament @ Eltham College, selected girls to play. (13:20-17:45)
- Friday 1st March**
  - Year 4 Roman Workshop