

Newsletter

Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,
We hope you all have had a successful week. Mrs Wanstall and I are both delighted to be writing this newsletter. Mr. Carter has

been busy in and out of school this week delving into exciting projects and innovations aimed at shaping the future of our school. Additionally, Mr. Carter had the opportunity to attend the IAPS conference for Heads, a valuable event that fosters useful links and strengthens our school community. We look forward to sharing the insights and developments from these events with you as we strive to enhance your child's educational experience.

We are both leading our School Council team this term. We have a very passionate and positive group of children from Reception to Year 6, who come to our meetings full of new initiatives and suggestions on how we can further improve our school. We have been so impressed with their forward thinking skills and passion for this. So far, we have discussed improvements to the playgrounds, ways to make our grounds look more attractive, school lunches and coming up with some new tasty sandwich fillings for trips, new ECHO club ideas and different charity incentives. We are pleased to announce that we have already implemented several of their ideas, including our onesie charity day, a range of new ECHO clubs and Phil, our chef, is changing up the dessert choices. Our big focus for our next meeting is **sustainability** and we look forward to hearing what ideas the children bring to our meeting.

We are very much looking forward to our STEM week commencing on Monday 11th March. Mrs Morris and Mr Chowdhury have been working tirelessly to create a jam-packed, vibrant and active week of STEM learning across the school. We are encouraging parents to get involved where they can and hope to see as many of you as possible at the invited events. To begin the week, we have our parent and child STEM activity on Monday 11th 4:00-5:00pm. This is a great opportunity for you to work in teams, with your child/children to get creative and immersed in a STEM construction activity. Signing up is on a first

come first served basis and you can register your interest by clicking on to this [link](#) and completing your details.

The children in Pre-School have a fun, interactive and informative 'Prof Bubbles' workshop taking place in classrooms on Wednesday 6th. The children in Reception to Year 6 will have KAPLA workshops on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th. These workshops are a unique, 3D hands on learning activity where every single child participates. The classes will work on a specific construction together under the guidance of a KAPLA expert. On Thursday 14th March, after school, we will have our own unique exhibition, showcasing each child's artistic contribution to a monumental masterpiece and a fun 'demolition' in which we are hoping to enlist parents and children in. Finally, on Friday 15th March, to close what we hope will be a very successful week, we will display all of the STEM work that the children have been working on in the Main Hall for you to view with refreshments kindly being supplied by the SCA

It was a real pleasure to spend time walking around the school on No Pen Day to see the huge range of activities the children were experiencing. Although quite a challenge, it really got staff and children to think differently about how they might create lessons, record their findings and evaluate their work without a pen or pencil. On our walk around, we witnessed poem recitals, delivering extracts from the class book through drama, innovative outdoor learning, trialling home-made Maths board games with peers, puppet shows and much more. We are lucky to have such a creative teaching team who put our children's learning and development at the forefront.

During Wednesday's assembly, we were all treated to a snapshot of what goes on during some of our extra-curricular clubs. We watched some displays from Acro, Dance and Judo clubs. We hope it inspired children who do not partake in extra-curricular clubs to perhaps give some of them a go next term.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend,

With best wishes,

Mrs West and Mrs Wanstall

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The Pre-Prep children all had the opportunity to take part in an exciting Drama4ALL workshop exploring the Wonderful Wild West with Sheriff Billy! Each class had a session to explore the theme, let their imaginations run wild and gallop around the Upper Hall on their imaginary horses. This was a great chance for all the Prep - prep children to really use their imaginations and creativity, while thoroughly immersing themselves in the Wild West theme.



Review

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

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



Primary Maths Challenge (PMC) Bonus Round

Following the successes of the first round for the PMC back in November, Siddharth (5R), Daniel (6P), William and Matteus (6C) were invited to take part in the Bonus Round of the competition which involved more challenging and demanding questions to test their already outstanding mathematical knowledge. In order to be invited to the next round, the children needed to score 20 (or more) out of 25. All four boys did amazingly and missed out by a few marks to be awarded a Bronze medal for this national primary competition which had over 4,500 participants. All the children should be very proud of themselves and can hold their heads up high knowing that they tried their best and achieved brilliantly. Well done to all the children involved.

Here is a sample question from the Bonus Round: 10 teachers take 10 minutes to mark a total of 10 books, all marking at the same speed. How long does it take 1 teacher to mark 1 book?

A) 6 seconds, B) 1 min, C) 2 min,
D) 5 min, E) 10 min

Allergy reminder:

Please do not send in snacks which contain nuts or sesame seeds.



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 and X, as well as @stchristhehallsport to get all the inside info from school life! You can also now follow us on Facebook where we have St Christopher's School Group



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Easter Hatwalk reminder

As we gear up for our highly-anticipated Annual Easter Hatwalk, it's time to unleash your creativity and embrace this year's exciting themes! Mark your calendars and get ready for a morning of fun, fashion, and fantastic hat designs.

Here are the themes for each year group to spark your inspiration:

- * Reception: "Spring Has Sprung!"
- * Year 1: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"
- * Year 2: "Over the Rainbow"
- * Year 3: "Hip-hop Bunnies!"
- * Year 4: "Eggs-tra Special"
- * Year 5: "Chick out this hat!"
- * Year 6: "I Carrot Wait for Easter"

From blossoming flowers to hopping bunnies, there's a theme to suit every imagination!

Join us on March 28th for the Pre-Prep Hatwalk from 10:30 to 11:00, followed by the Prep Hatwalk from 11:00 to 11:30. It's sure to be a morning filled

with laughter, creativity, and plenty of Easter spirit. Start crafting those fabulous hat designs, and get ready to showcase your masterpiece on the catwalk. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Stay tuned for more details about the Easter Hatwalk event, including a poster.

Let's make this year's Easter Hatwalk the most memorable one yet!



Pupil Success



Nesta (2J) & Guy (RC) have been skiing consistently since they were young showing huge courage, resilience & independence. Guy proudly passed Level 6 (Flocon) and Nesta achieved level 9 (3 star) skiing downhill slalom for the 1st time! Well done boys; maybe ski racers of the future?

Carter-Jae (5R) was invited to play Manchester United away which was an amazing experience for him. They ended up winning 5-3, with Carter-Jae scoring a goal!



Milá Bleu (3H) also had her First Gymnastics competition and did so well and finished in 1st place. Well done! This is wonderful to hear.

Emma (1HD), Layla (1HD), Eva (1 HD) and Margot (Bumblebees) all recently performed on stage at the bi-annual Lucy Lovick Dance School show on Saturday 17th February. The show was at Park Langley School for Boys in the Theatre and was a ticketed event. The girls were all brilliant and we are very proud of them. Emma, Eva and Layla danced the "Hawaiin Rollercoaster Ride" with their class the Galaxy Stars and Margot performed with the Mini Musical Stars. The girls also all joined in the finale.



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

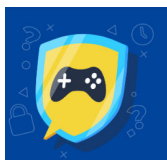
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E-safety tip

A great collaboration between Internet Matters and Sony Interactive Entertainment has produced the Press Start for PlayStation quiz (link below). The quiz is aimed at making young people aware of social interaction on platforms such as PlayStation Network, what they should or should not share and what to do if things go wrong. The quiz is meant to be played with a child as a competition, but it is well worth going through beforehand as there are very useful "What you need to know" sections on each question, as well as discussion ideas. These will allow you to engage at every age group's level. It even gives your child a certificate at the end!



[Press Start for PlayStation Safety](#)

RSE Parent Partnership reminder

Heads of EDI, PSHE & Community Engagement, Mr Codd & Mrs Shivers, look forward to welcoming you into school for a RSE (Relationships Sexual Education) Parent Education Meeting on Monday 4th March. The sessions will be held in the upper hall (Pre-Prep 4-4.30 and Prep 4.45-5.30). You will learn more about the curriculum, subject coverage and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Music Reminder

A reminder that our Year 5 and 6 Music concerts will be held next **Thursday 7th March, with Year 5 presenting their concert at 9.15am and Year 6 at 2.15pm.** Entry will be via the main gate 10 minutes before the concerts begin. The Senior Choir, Chamber Choir and Orchestra will be performing in both concerts and all pupils will be performing together in their own Year Group's concert, along with solos from those learning an instrument. Please could you ensure Y5 and 6 pupils are wearing full school uniform for the concert day. We look forward to welcoming you to an entertaining programme of music from both Year groups!

Thunk Club

Is a window still a window if it is painted over? Would you want to remember everything in your life if you could? All of these questions and many more are pondered at Thunk Club!

Thunk club is a chance for the children to challenge each other on ethics, philosophy and everyday choices. From designing their own school timetable to creating new laws they would implement as Prime Minister, the children find themselves in a safe space to put forward their ideas and find their feet in critical thinking.



What's Happening Next Week

Monday 4th March

- Year 3 St. Christopher's The Hall football tournament (all Year 3 to play) 2-4pm

Wednesday 6th March

- Preschool STEM workshop
- Year 6 parent information evening - Madrid trip (4pm)

Thursday 7th March

- Year 1 Trip to Leeds Castle
- Year 5 Music concert (9:15-10:30 am)
- Year 6 Music concert (2:15-3:30pm)

Friday 8th March

- World Book Day - wear pyjamas! celebrating a day late!
- Year 6 Hockey at St. Dunstan's School (selected players) 3:00-5:15pm