

# Newsletter

## Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

Happy Friday to you! Firstly, I'm sorry that we had to postpone our highly anticipated Sports Day today. It was a real shame to make that call, but as you know, the weather has been dreadful for

July, and we want to ensure the best experience for everyone involved. It was also a shame as we had Mr Murphy (Head of PE next year) in with us today to have assisted with Sports Day, and meet and socialise with parents. Unfortunately he cannot attend next week. Nevertheless, let's not fret! We have rescheduled our Sports Day for next Wednesday, and we are eagerly looking forward to the fun and excitement ahead. Here are the new details for the day:

Pre-Prep: 9:00-10:00 AM (Field gate opens at 8:30 AM)

Prep: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM (Field gate opens at 10:10 AM)

We kindly ask that on Wednesday, both Pre-prep and Prep students come to school wearing their PE kits. This will help us get straight into the action without any delays.

For those of you with children in both phases, we invite you to stay on the field and enjoy a little downtime in between events. To make your wait more pleasant, there will be a coffee van on site, serving hot beverages throughout the event.

Today, we had the pleasure of announcing the pupils in each year group who received the most merits. As a reminder, merits are awarded for a wide range of achievements, including academic performance, pastoral care, and good manners. I am looking forward to having lunch with these outstanding pupils next Tuesday in a special gathering in my office. Additionally, we announced the House that has collected the most Character Counters this term, which relate to our school's values. This term's winner is Hillary (again!!!). As a treat, the pupils in this House can come to school wearing their own clothes on Monday. Additionally, we revealed our new Head Pupil and Deputy Head Pupil. These pupils were elected after delivering speeches to convince the School to vote for them on Wednesday. We witnessed a number of exciting and convincing speeches that

were well-thought-out and engaging, and I am so proud of all the Year 6 pupils who stood in front of their peers and spoke (a daunting task!). I am thrilled to announce that Jack will be our Head Pupil next year, and Zoe will be our Deputy and they will assist me in the coming academic year with upholding our pupil voice and various important responsibilities around the school.

Finally, I am delighted to let you know that your child's end of year reports will be emailed to you today at 16:00. You will receive the report from either [reports@stchristophersthehall.org.uk](mailto:reports@stchristophersthehall.org.uk), [reports1@stchristophersthehall.org.uk](mailto:reports1@stchristophersthehall.org.uk), or [reports2@stchristophersthehall.org.uk](mailto:reports2@stchristophersthehall.org.uk). Please check your email junk folder if you do not see it in your inbox. Kindly note that these email addresses are used solely for report delivery, and replies to them will not be monitored. I believe you will be proud of your child's progress and achievements. Learning is a multifaceted journey where students grow and develop at their own pace. Our goal is to help each child achieve their personal best and encourage self-improvement rather than comparison with peers. Please take the time to read the report, digest the information, and celebrate any key successes or useful tips for the future. Remember, the levels indicated in the report are meant for adults only. Sharing these levels with your child can lead to undue pressure or anxiety. Additionally, please complete the short Google form included in the letter to confirm receipt of the report and share any comments you may have. If you have any immediate pastoral or academic questions before the end of term, our door is always open.

Additionally, we are pleased to inform you that the class lists for next year will be sent out today in preparation for our Move Up Morning on Monday. This event is an opportunity for the classes to meet their new teachers for the upcoming year. In particular, our new Year 5 students will get the chance to meet their new class mix. Please be reminded that next week is our last week of school; timings about the last day are later in the newsletter. I hope your weekend is a happy one and I hope to see you at our summer fair tomorrow which starts at 12:00 and will finish at 15:00.

Mr Carter

**Head Teacher**

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### Final Day of Term (12th July)

On the final day, we kindly request that all pupils come to school wearing their full school uniform. Additionally, please note that our school day will finish earlier than usual on this last day. The collection times for students will be as follows:

**11.20** - Preschool - (SCAMPS Gate)

**11.30** - Reception (Main Gate)

**11.40** - Year 1 & 2 (SCAMPS Gate)

**11.50** - Year 3 & 4 (Main Gate) Year 5 (SCAMPS Gate)

**12.00** - Year 6 (dismissal from front door)

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a smooth end to our school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

### Clubs

During Monday's whole school assembly, we were introduced to a brand new club at St Christopher's – Fencing Club! Thrill, joy and intrigue filled the room as we listened to a former England Team fencer teach us about the sport, demonstrate moves and tell us about its origin. Then, Trinity & Thaddeus (current fencers) took on the challenge of a match! Well done to you both! I'm sure we will have lots of children signing up to this amazing club in the Autumn term.



### Autumn Term Club Booking Announcement

Talking of new clubs... We are thrilled to announce that the bookings for our exciting range of autumn term clubs will open on Friday, June 12th at 13:00: you will receive a Google form to book the clubs.

As you have seen, next term, we are introducing some fantastic new activities, including fencing, which the children were excited about after the recent assembly, and Playball for Years 3 and 4. Our diverse selection of clubs includes Acro, dance, M:tech, gymnastics, science, book club, creative writing, and, as requested by the school council, table tennis for Prep, among many others. Please visit our website for the updated autumn term club timetable.

Once you have booked a club, your child will automatically be enrolled unless you hear from us over the summer. The final club lists will be posted on the school website on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Clubs will start the week beginning September 9th and will run through the week beginning December 2nd, making it an 11-week term.

We are always eager to hear your suggestions for new clubs. Please email any ideas to [clubs@stchristophersthehall.org.uk](mailto:clubs@stchristophersthehall.org.uk), and we will consider them for future terms.



Please can you ensure that your child brings in a named bottle of water each day, especially during this hot and sunny weather.

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### SCA Summer Fair Update

We are very excited to welcome as many of you as possible to the Summer Fair tomorrow. The weather is looking okay, so fingers crossed it remains warm and dry for the day.



There are lots of fun and interesting stalls, toys and games for the children (and adults) planned for the day, so please come along. We would like to thank everyone for their amazing and kind contributions from tombola prizes, raffle prizes to monetary donations, all of which will be on show at the Fair.

Although online sales have now closed, entry tickets and currency can be bought at the door on the day. For those that have pre-ordered tickets and currency, please do not forget your wristbands!

Raffle tickets can still be bought on the day and the raffle will be drawn on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9am over a remote meeting. If you would like to join, please click this link on the day:

<https://meet.google.com/zow-phdm-nma>

Draw Raffle with SCA :  
Monday, 8 July, 9:00 – 10:00am

Please do not forget we will be hosting another Art Fair which will be held in the Lower Hall, where parents will have an opportunity to purchase their children's art work, which was very successful in previous years with some amazing artwork on display.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow!



### Phase Fusion

As part of Phase Fusion this week, 6C, 3H and 3O got together for an afternoon of mindfulness activities. To start with, the children were split into teams of three to do some reading, taking it in turns to listen to one another. In addition to this, the children had the opportunity to do some mindful colouring linked to some of their favourite things, like animals, football and gaming. The afternoon was topped off with a delicious ice lolly - yum!



### **Allergy reminder:**

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



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### Summer Football Camp

We are thrilled to share an exciting summer opportunity for your children! Whitgift School is hosting a football camp, 'The Whitgift Way,' led by professional coaches with experience training stars like Victor Moses and Callum Hudson-Odoi. This camp focuses on individual skills, positional play, and specific training to ensure a fun and developmental experience for all participants. It's a perfect way for your child to stay active and engaged during the holidays while connecting with one of our feeder schools. For more details and the booking form, visit [Whitgift Sport Camps](#). See the flyer below for more information.



### Emailing teachers

**REMINDER:** - ALL emails to teachers should use the [mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk](mailto:mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk) It is very likely that emails will not get to their destination if you email teachers directly.



### Pupil Achievement

We are very proud of Nesta (Year 2) and Guy (Rec) who have completed unaided distance swimming challenges.



Nesta achieved a whopping 650m (26 lengths) and Guy an equally impressive 80m at age 4 years!



We are also delighted with Hector (Year 2) who has achieved his 100m and 200m swimming badges.

If anyone else has stories like this, whether it be a sporting, charitable or an artistic/creative endeavour that you would like to share, do email Mr Carter, as

he loves hearing about the amazing achievements of our pupils outside of school

### *What's Happening Next Week*

- Tuesday 8th July**
  - Move Up Morning (pupils to meet new class and teacher)
- Tuesday 9th July**
  - School Talent Show
  - Year 6 Celebration at St George's Church (17:00-18:00)
- Wednesday 10th July**
  - Sports Day Pre-Prep (9am—10am)
  - Prep 10:30-12:00
- Thursday 11th July**
  - Year 2 trip to Go Ape
  - Year 6 trip to Chessington
- Friday 12th July**
  - Last day of school (finish time 11:20-12:00, see timings above)