



The summer term is a time to consolidate and assess the achievements of the past year and also to plan and look forward to the year ahead.

In particular, 2017-18 will be a very exciting year for the school.

We have purchased our first class-set of I-pads and will start a programme to use I-pads in everyday lessons. In the year ahead, we want our children to be able to use I-pads as naturally as they would use exercise books and text books. Using the internet and ipad teaching programmes like 'Padlet' and 'Book-creator' will give students the very best IT technology and resources, including 3-D virtual reality science, geography and history lessons.

In 2018, the school will also have its very first French PGL trip, at 'Le Pre Catelan' a converted French chateau in Northern France. Year 5 and 6 can look forward to a residential trip which will include adventure and team challenges as well as cultural excursions like a trip to a sea-life centre, a World War 2 museum and a French market. This will be a great opportunity for our students to live in a French-speaking

environment. We also want to put French language on the centre-stage at St Christopher's.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Danielle Morton on her appointment as the new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Morton has already brought a wealth of experience to the school when she transferred from St Helen's School two years ago. She has been working behind the scenes to plan our new academic year.

Finally, St Christopher's School will continue its mission and emphasis on preparing students for the 11+ exams through our assessment programme of termly tests, which include maths, reading, extended writing and reasoning tests. In common with other ILG schools, we believe that this is the best, most effective way to prepare our students for competitive exams in Year 6. In so doing, we have chosen to avoid over-relying on teacher-assessments.

As an independent school, our biggest advantage is that we are free to focus on what is important to our own students and parents. We believe we offer a way of teaching and assessment that is more focussed on 11+ exams than the teacher-assessment system of the National SATs. 2017-18 will be an exciting year at St Christopher's School with new resources, new opportunities and a commitment to our core-mission of preparing our students for the best schools in and around London.

On behalf of our staff, I wish all our students and parents a wonderful summer vacation.

GP Musetti

The Nursery

The summer term has been so much fun for us all in the Nursey!

Our topic of the term 'Minibeasts' provided so much inspiration for our learning. We were little explorers in the playground and found ants, bumble bees and even saw a butterfly. We made so many creative masterpieces such as hand-print butterflies and bright red ladybirds. We flew like bees, jumped like grasshoppers and crawled like spiders. We truly have been very busy. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for all their support during St Christopher's Nursery's first official year and look forward to the next!



Trips and Events

Our Year 5 and 6 PGL trip was a tremendous learning experience for everyone. Students were able to develop their independence,



team-work and self reliance in an inspiring and fun way. Thumara in Year 6 wrote:

"PGL was a once in a life-time experience...We sang songs, danced and listened to stories by the camp-fire. We also enjoyed many fun activities such as: The Crate Challenge; Jacobs Ladder; Quad-biking; Vertical Challenge and many more. I enjoyed the week and recommend it to anyone in Year 5."



Year 1 and 2 visited the Look-Out Discovery Centre, to learn about science, through play and investigation. Dhanya in Year 2 wrote:

"There were water-games, giant lego and a hot air balloon. We also had a talk about insects. We went in the forest and found wood ant. They were golden and had 6 legs."



Year 3 and 4 also went to Hudnall Park to develop their social and co-operative skills. Arissa in Year 4 wrote:

“At the PLANK SKI Challenge there were two planks which we had to use to move forward as a group. At first we tried to go right and left, right and left. That didn't work so my friend came up with the idea of everyone moving to one plank and then pulling the other plank forward and then to do the same thing over again. In my opinion, I think we showed a great deal of team-work.”

Sports

Embracing the sweltering conditions, the pupils at St Christopher's School have enjoyed a fruitful term of PE & Games.

In our various sports sessions, during the first half term, all pupils spent time on cricket and rounders both at the field and in PE Lessons. We also covered in detail the basics of tennis in school. In the second half of term we completed a unit in athletics and have spent time practicing for the annual St Christopher's Sports Day.

We have had an extra-curricular football club open for both boys and girls on a Wednesday, which was ferociously popular and this will continue to run alongside Netball from September. We have both fixtures and tournaments already in the calendar for next year, so there is to be no slouching over the summer break so we can all look forward ambitiously towards achieving great things next term.

Mr J.Wallis



The Friends

The Friends of St Christopher have had another successful year raising money for our students and for charity, through a cakes-sales, non-uniform days, the Christmas bazaar and the Summer fete. Our Summer Fete this year was our most successful ever and we want to thank each and every parent, teacher and child who contributed, whether that was donating food, cakes or gifts, helping run a stall or by coming along and supporting us on the day.



We also want to give special thanks for the following businesses who kindly made donations for our raffle; Cutting Crew Kingsbury, Touch of Class Wembley, Soul Result Wembley, Pizza Express (LDO),

Nandos (LDO),
Cabana Restaurant (LDO)
- and Waitrose.

None of these events would be able to happen without the time and effort that The Friends of St Christopher are able to give, so I would like to thank the following parents who have contributed their time this year; Shahzea Tahir, Suha Holmyard, Dilani Wanniarachchige, Mehar Zulfikar, Sapna Chadha, Saloni Patel, Sabiha Dalwai, Gemma Clement-Callisté, Sherry Kaur, Mona El Sayed and Alena Lutzbauerova.

Unfortunately, a number of the Friends will be stepping down from their role when the new school year begins so we will be looking for new parents to join. If you are interested please let me know. We want as many parents as possible to be involved.

Thank you all again,

Mrs Negrea
Chair of Friends

Macmillan Cancer Support

We would also like to thank all the parents and children who attended the 'Heroes' charity event at St Panteleimon Church in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Mrs Murphy who organised the event announced that we managed to raise close to £1,000 for this key charity. We have invited Macmillan representatives to our first assembly of the new Academic Year in September.

Year 6 Results

Our Year 6 students performed very successfully once again at 11+ exams and places were offered by the following schools:

John Lyon School;
Haberdashers' Aske's Girls' School;
Notting Hill and Ealing High School;
Northwood College;
North London Collegiate;
The International School of Geneva;
Aldenham School;
Swaminarayan School;
Christ's Hospital;
The Latymer Grammar School;
St Helen's School;
Italia Conti Academy of Performing Arts.

Our Year 6 Leavers will be going to these schools:

Ali: John Lyon

Sophia: North London Collegiate

Nmachi: Northwood College
(Scholarship)

Chirag: John Lyon

Yannis: John Lyon

Kaya:
Notting Hill and Ealing High School

Ishaan:
Italia Conti Academy of Performing Arts

Samuel: Christ's Hospital
(Scholarship)

Leo: International School of Geneva

Marcus: International School of Geneva

Aum: Swaminarayan School

Other Notices:

UNIFORM NOTICES:

Summer Uniform to be worn to school when we return on Wednesday 6th September 2017. Autumn uniform to be worn AFTER the October Half Term holiday. **Cagoules and Winter Coats** are no longer available through the school. Instead we ask that you order directly from www.beatschooluniform.org.uk. Please note that although Beat School Uniform have listed our full uniform for both girls and boys, they have only been approved for cagoules, coats and swim-wear. The main uniform is still to be obtained from School Outfitters based in Harrow-on-the-Hill until further notice.

BAGS:

St Christopher's School Bags (book bags, swimming bags and satchels) are compulsory. If you have not paid for your child's new bag that befits the Year Group they are moving into they will be in breach of our uniform code on their first day back in September. Please send in your order form and payment as soon as possible.

FEES:

Invoicing of School Fees – the Autumn 2017 invoice (which will include any aftercare charges accumulated during the Summer term) will be sent out by email. If you have not received a communication from Inspired Learning Group with regards to your child's fees by 31st July 2017 please contact the accounts department directly on 020 7127 9869.

Payment of School Fees – Over the next few months we will be moving to a cashless system. As such, I respectfully request that any annual or termly payments are made by bank transfer to the following account:

Account Name: St Christopher's School
Sort Code: 20-71-06
Account Number: 43496813
Reference: Please quote your child's account number as stated on the fees invoice

MILK:

Daily Milk: As you are already aware, we joined a Government scheme to provide the milk for our students in April. To ensure your child receives their daily provision from Autumn onwards, please register and pay the supplier directly through [https://customers.coolmilk.com/manage/Parent Child Registration.php](https://customers.coolmilk.com/manage/Parent%20Child%20Registration.php) by 18th August at the latest.

St Christopher's School will be listed in the drop down menu and I have been informed

that milk for the term, if taken 5 days a week for the 12 weeks, will cost £14. Whilst this is an increase in what you have paid in the past, you should be aware that Inspired Learning Group have heavily subsidised the milk provision for some years now. By default of the scheme, the school is now only a distribution point and the contract for your child's milk supply will be held by you directly.

NEW REVISED TERM DATES:

Please note that the Autumn Term 2017 have been amended to end 3 days later, on Wednesday 13th December. The term dates are set out below and term dates for the full Academic Year can be found on our website.

Autumn Term 2017

Start Date: Wednesday 6th September 2017

End Date: Wednesday 13th December 2017

Half Term: 23rd-27th October inclusive

Once again, we wish our students and parents the very best over the summer vacation and look forward to meeting once again on Wednesday 6th September for our first day of the Autumn Term.

