



Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports Relief

Last Friday we had one of the best days in school in my eight years at St Christopher. The atmosphere was amazing. We kicked off the day with some 'staff versus pupils' challenges in assembly whereby the pupils definitely won overall. Pupils all walked or ran a mile at some point during the day - even our two year olds met the challenge. The majority of children had a go at balloon volleyball and blind obstacle course before all 500 of us joined in with the song and dance at the end of the day on the playground. The money that has been sent in to support this cause has been extremely generous. I hope, that like me, you feel delighted that your child had a thoroughly enjoyable day whilst supporting those in need. Thank you so much for your support.

Science Week

Yesterday our wonderful staff taught some excellent science lessons. The children were involved in various things including creating a bird nest and making lava lamps. We work so hard in school to ensure the children experience a range of subjects across the curriculum and I am delighted that so many of the children got involved in scientific investigations.

Fixtures

Huge well done to the boys cross country team who competed brilliantly at Bablake Fields on Saturday. Well done also to our Netballers who won on Tuesday.

Staffing Update

The lovely Miss Evans who has been working in Year 5 is leaving us after Easter. I would like to say a huge thank-you to her for covering our maternity leaves so brilliantly. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Myers back into school. She will be working predominantly in Year 5 after Easter. Mrs Davies is due back in school in May and will take over from Miss Kemble who will be leaving us in June for her second maternity leave.

Mr Downey has joined our staff team. He is one of our cover supervisors who is working right across school covering teachers where required. Mr Downey is a qualified teacher and he has enjoyed his first couple of weeks with us at St Christopher; he has been so impressed with the children.

Last week we appointed a Catering Manager in our school. Our new Catering manager is called Jo McGrath and she is going to manage our school kitchen. Jo is going to work with our staff in the kitchen to continue to ensure that the food on offer is of a high standard. As she is going to be full time in school, she will be working closely with everyone. She has already contributed to designing the summer term menu and we are looking forward to tasting some wonderful food.

Easter Activities

I have spotted some fantastic decorated eggs this morning. Pupils have been ever so proud of themselves donating eggs for The Salvation Army, I know that Miss Potter will be delighted with the generosity shown. We are preparing ourselves for some Easter egg hunting tomorrow and some disco dancing. We have had a superb term in school. I hope you all enjoy the break and we will see you when we re-open on Monday 16th April.

Best Wishes

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WEEKLY FOCUS

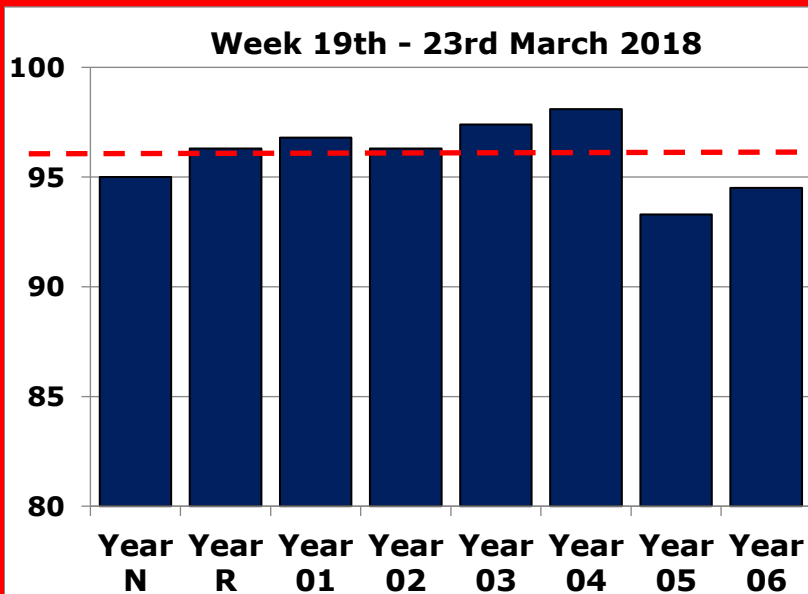
Assembly Focus: Phase Assembly – British Value – Individual Liberty – Helen Kelle. Faith and Belief: Buddhism

Musical Inspiration: Nashville Grey Skies – The Shires

Language Word of the week: Say Happy Easter in French, say 'Joyeuses Pâques!'

Talk Topic:

ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP



SPORTS NEWS

What a stunning day we had on Friday for the St. Christopher Mega Million step challenge. Every child, from Nursery to Year 6, completed a sponsored mile run around our school grounds. They also got involved in a host of other sports-based activities and classroom activities. At lunchtime the staff netball match was, to say the least, competitive and the children very much enjoyed watching the teachers play. Many thanks to Kerrie West who came along to umpire but enjoyed participating in the game also. We should not lose sight of the main objective of the day which was to help raise money for children at home and abroad who are less fortunate than our children. It was amazing to see how generous the sponsorship has been with money pouring in to the office on Friday.

On Saturday our Boys Cross-Country team competed in the Coventry Primary Schools Sports Association Races at Bablake Fields. This is always a very popular event with 50 Primary schools entering teams. Our team in the A race performed brilliantly finishing 6th overall. Special mentions go to Joe B (13th) Calvin (14th) James (31st) and Patrick (40th). To get 4 Boys in the top 50 is a fantastic achievement. Extra special mention goes to James who is a Y4 child running and competing with Y5 and Y6 children. The team in the B race, however, went a step further finishing 3rd overall in their race collecting bronze medals. Special mention goes to Jonathon (6th) a school record for a St. Christopher boy in the B event. These results combined confirmed that St. Christopher were the best performing state Primary school at the event, backing up the results the girls delivered early in the year. Over the 4 races in the series for boys and girls our teams have finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th, a fine achievement. The children are very much looking forward to the relays.

PEN AWARDS

OAKLEIGH – 6L
MEKRIBAN – 6L

HOMEWORK

Could we please remind parents NOT to submit homework to the school web enquiry address or to members of the admin team. Please use the email address for your child's class. Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (further dates/information to follow, please be aware that some dates may change):

Thursday 29 th March 2018	Nursery Closed
Thursday 29 th March 2018	PTA – Easter Disco/Easter Egg Hunt – letter sent out
Tuesday 17 th April 2018	Parents Evening: Y1-Y6
Wednesday 18 th April 2018	Parents Evening: Y1-Y6
Monday 14 th May – Friday 18 th May 2018	KS2 SATs week
Monday 21 st May 2018	Skern Lodge Parents Meeting
Wednesday 13 th June 2018	Music Performance – Guitar PM (further details to follow)
Friday 15 th June 2018	PTA: Summer Fete (further details to follow)
Friday 15 th June 2018	PTA: Father's Day gifts to be sold in school (further details to follow)
Friday 15 th June 2018	Reception/Year 6 Photos
Friday 22 nd June 2018 – Monday 25 th June 2018	Skern Lodge Residential – Year 6
Wednesday 4 th July 2018	Moving on Day/Year 6 Ball
Monday 16 th July/Tuesday 17 th July 2018	Year 6 Performance tbc
Thursday 19 th July 2018	Year 6 Mystery Trip
Friday 20 th July 2018	Reports sent home

