



Dear Parents and Carers,

### New Year

A very Happy New Year to all. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed spending time with your family. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for the cards and goodies that were sent in before Christmas; they were much appreciated.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

At present we are working on a timetable for lunch and after school clubs during the spring term. We are hoping to offer a good range across ten weeks. Further details will be sent out soon.

### New Families

We have had a few new children start with us this term at St Christopher. A very big welcome to our new children and parents many of whom are in our Nursery.

### Staffing Update

Mrs Philpott will be sadly leaving us this week. Mrs Philpott has worked in our school for nine years and she has been teaching in Year 1 this year. Mrs Philpott lives in Warwickshire and has secured a new teaching job in a Warwickshire school – this will work better for her and her family. I would like to say a huge thank-you to Mrs Philpott for her work in our school and I am sure you will join me in wishing her the best for the future.

Mrs Flegg will be taking over the class teacher responsibility in 1P.

Here's to a great 2019!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson  
Headteacher BEd Hons. NPQH

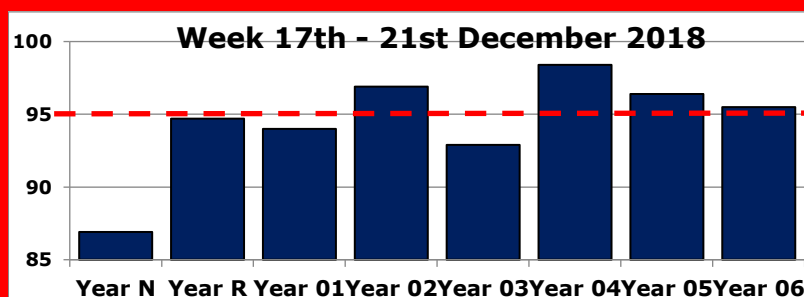
### WEEKLY FOCUS

Assembly Focus: Dreams and Goals

Musical Inspiration: We Belong Together (Toy Story 2)

Language Word of the week: Happy New Year in French – Bonne Annee

### ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP



**REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS – TO MAKE PAYMENTS FOR SKERN. THE REMAINING BALANCE NEEDS TO BE PAID IN FULL BY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 AT THE LATEST. THANK YOU.**

### VACANCIES:

We have a vacancy for a Cleaner, further details and an application form are on the school Website or can be collected from the school office.

### SPORTS NEWS

The final few weeks of the Autumn Term were extremely busy for our sports teams. Our amazing cross-country boy's teams performed brilliantly at the Coventry Primary Schools Cross Country Event at Bablake School. The A team came in 7<sup>th</sup> place and the B team secured 6<sup>th</sup>. Combining the scores indicates that St. Christopher's boys finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall out of 50 schools. So very well done to John, Kye, Charles, Ollie, Keaton, Euan, Lewis, Ben, Josh, Reggie, Stephen, Michael and Logan. Special thanks to Mr Tarn, Mrs Robinson and parents for fantastic support.

Our boys and girls Year 5 & 6 football teams enjoyed fantastic success. The boys travelled to St Johns Primary and secured an excellent 8-0! Not to be out done our year 5 & 6 Girl's football team secured a win by the same score of 8-0 in a league fixture with Templars primary. Many thanks to Mr Scullion for his support ensuring the matches took place. The girls team have played exceptionally well this year. Playing 5 games in total so far winning 4 and scoring 29 goals!

This term we already have several sporting fixtures in the pipeline. Starting this week with a Y5 & 6 netball match at Templars Primary. Many thanks to Mrs West for continued coaching support. Moseley Primary are the visitors next week for a 'double-header' of friendly fixtures involving the boys Y3 & 4 football team and a girls Y5 & 6 football match next week. The boys Y5 & 6 football team have drawn Clifford Bridge Primary in the next round of the Harry Shaw Cup, both the boys and girls football teams will be taking part in the indoor 4-a-side football competition at Ryton in February. The girl's cross-country races are fast approaching too. Spring promises to be a busy term for sport.

## **SAFEGUARDING AT ST CHRISTOPHER**

At St Christopher Primary School, we take the role of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children very seriously. This means that we consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of children in our care.

We have a safeguarding policy and child protection policy, which include all of the advice and guidance given to us by Coventry City Council. These policies are available on the school website.

Children in school are aware of who they can talk to if they have any concerns and all staff who work at school receive safeguarding training regularly. Any concerns relating to the well-being of children are reported to the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs).

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs A Harrison



The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs C Robinson



The school's priority is the welfare of the children and in the interest of safeguarding, there may be occasions when the DSLs need to make contact with external agencies without parent's prior knowledge. Such consultations may result in a formal referral which could result in social care and/or police involvement.

We fully understand that this can be a distressing set of circumstances, but we can assure you that we sensitively and confidentially follow the procedures, which have been laid out by the Coventry safeguarding Team in order to meet the statutory responsibility to safeguard children.

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

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	PTA Meeting – 7.00 pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Mid-Year Reports to be sent home
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Young Voices – Year 6
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Parents drop in for mid-year reports
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	SATs meeting for parents – Year 2
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Year 4 – visit to Think Tank
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	SATs meeting for parents – Year 6
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	PTA Meeting – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	PTA Meeting – 7.00 pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Parents Evening
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Parents Evening
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	PTA – Easter Disco
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	SATs week – Year 6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	PTA Meeting – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	PTA Meeting – 7.00 pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June/Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 6 Skern Residential
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	Moving on Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	Nursery closed
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	Year 6 – Leavers Ball
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	PTA Meeting – 7.00 pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Sports Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Mystery Trip – Year 6
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Nursery closed

**DATES ARE ALSO UPDATED ON THE PARENT APP AND THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.**