



St Christopher

Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. I hope our families who celebrated Diwali enjoyed the festivities.

I must start by apologising for some typing mistakes in my last newsletter. Due to us managing a situation in school, the letter did not get proofread and had been dictated in word hence why we had the NASA PTA instead of the PTA amongst other spelling errors! We did giggle about it on the Monday afterwards, but I am sorry about this. Well done if you spotted the errors!

COVID19

As a community we are still in the fortunate position of remaining open to all year groups and we have done so since September. I still believe that this is due to our school community working together brilliantly in ensuring we avoid exposure and transmission of the virus inside of school. I am aware that we have had positive cases within our families over the last couple of weeks – thankfully those families have not suffered too badly. I am very grateful to those specific families for keeping our office informed and also for following the guidance regarding isolation for a positive test- this has definitely protected all children, staff and parents and helped us avoid closure.

As a gentle reminder, please notify us in the office via telephone or email -as quickly as you can - should there be a **symptomatic person in your household**. Contact us too **if there is a positive case within your household** or **if your child or children have been in close contact** with someone **who has tested positive**. This could be for example a grandparent who may not live in your house but may be within your bubble. Close contact means within 2 metres for more than 15 mins or within 1 metre for more than 1 minute so it doesn't take long for close contact to lead to isolation – hence why social distancing around school is so important.

Flu Vaccinations

The school nurses will be visiting school on Friday 11th December to administer the flu vaccinations for all children in school who have parental consent to do so. The Nursing team will send us communication at the end of November. The communication from them will be sent to you as an email and it is only then that you will be able to consent. We cannot send this any earlier to you as the medical information has to be as accurate as possible.

School Activities

I hope that your child enjoyed CIN last Friday. I am sure that like me you were excited to see and hear Bo, Freya and George on TV and Local Radio – didn't they do well!

This week the children kick started Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks. It's a great way to celebrate differences between us and what makes us all unique. In their year groups the children will be having a lesson on Anti-Bullying, in their PSHE time. They will be discussing different types of bullying and how we could help tackle differing situations that arise. There is a section for parents and carers on the Anti-Bullying Alliance webpage, who have also linked up with 'Kidscape' and 'SafeToNet' this year to help you support your children and bring Anti-Bullying week to life at home, if you so wish. The link to this is provided here: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Over the next couple of weeks we will be delivering some sessions promoted by the NSPCC. The letter explaining this will follow the newsletter.

PE Kit

As explained in the newsletter, we now have a provider of PE school uniform. Just to clarify that there is no expectation to purchase this and pupils can continue to use their own home clothing that is appropriate for outdoor PE. As of September 2021, the kit will be the official school PE kit. Parents may choose to have non logo PE kit as of next year, but this will need to be in school colours and non-designer. Further details will be shared next year. The supplier is

Meetings

This time of year, we normally lead meetings for some year groups. As we cannot do this face to face, our leaders have been working on presentations that we can send to you with a voice over. Following this newsletter there will be an email for Year 1 parents. The email will have a PowerPoint presentation attached to it. It will then talk through a few things that we need to share about Year 1. Mrs Harrison has recorded her voice as she talks through the slides as you click through. This is important for all Year 1 parents.

Within the next week or so there will be a similar presentation sent to Reception parents. This will be focussed upon reading and again is an important slide show to look through. The one advantage to sharing the information in this way, is that you can look through the slides at a time that suits you. Please look out for these.

Open Day Reception 2021: **Monday 23rd November 5pm.**

I am currently working on an online meeting for all parents looking to join St Christopher in September 2021. This will of course be of interest to our existing Nursery parents. However, many of you will know friends and families in the community who may be looking at schools. I would be grateful if you can share the date for the meeting which I am going to lead on Zoom. We will automatically send a meeting invite to Nursery parents who are due to start school next September.

Thank-you for your ongoing support

Yours sincerely,



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