

Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

It is great to be back in school, and thank you to everyone for their support as I continue on my road to recovery.

As we move into the final weeks of the academic year, it is go, go, go for everyone, with sporting events, residentials, GL Assessments, T3 Summary Reports, Parent Teacher Conferences and the Food and Fun Festival. Please see the Key Dates below and look out for the Audiri messages to stay uptodate with all the wonderful events happening.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that, in addition to directly communicating with your child's class teacher, we use <u>Audiri</u> as our primary mode of communication, and all the exciting events and learning experiences are posted on our <u>Facebook</u> page.

Outdoor Play and Learning

Back in March, we were awarded **OPAL Platinum Status** by Michael Follett for the work we have done on the play programme. This is their highest award and we are proud to be the first and only school in Asia to receive this award and only the 3rd school outside the UK. This award shows that we have permanently embedded a play culture and made provisions to enable the children to choose and enjoy the different types of play. Congratulations and thank you to the Play Team, Ms Green, Ms Gaby and Ms Sunita, along with the parents and governor volunteers for their work in making play such an important part of school life.

Click Here - OPAL Playtimes - A Journey of Amazing Play

International Day of Play

As Play is now firmly embedded in school culture, it is only right that we celebrate the first <u>International Day of Play</u> on Tuesday, June 11th. The United Nations recognises the importance of Play, and this video explains why it should be part of everyone's lives, particularly our children's.

Click Here - The Importance of Play

British Schools Overseas (BSO) Inspection 4th - 6th June

Next week, we welcome three BSO Inspectors into the school. They will look at the school's overall effectiveness, the standard of education it provides, and its compatibility with independent schools in the UK. This is important for everyone connected to the school (Governors, Parents, Teachers, and Senior Management) so that they know what the school does well and what areas need strengthening. The standards they use are approved by the UK Government, and the final report will be shared with everyone.

Food and Fun Fesitival (FFF)

Preparations for the annual **Food and Fun Festival** (FFF) on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 22nd</u>, are underway. This year, the festival will follow the same format with food stalls, games, activities, and entertainment. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to run a food stall. We have more countries represented this year than ever before!! It is a wonderful opportunity for the whole school community to share food, connect, be playful, and have fun.

If you want to sell anything at the FFF, we still have tables available for the **Table Top Sale**. Please contact the school office to reserve a place.



2024/25 Academic Term Dates and Calendar

Next year's term dates and calendar are on our website: St. Christopher's International School | Academic Year Dates

T3 Key Dates

To help you know when key events happen at school, we have created <u>Key Dates T3 2023/24</u>, which state when important events will occur during the term. You can also visit the website for our <u>Parent Calendar</u>.

Key Dates Coming Up;

3rd June PH | Agong's Birthday (School Closed)

4th - 6th June British Overseas School Inspection

10th - 13th June Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up Portal Open

10th - 14th June11th June1nternational Day of Play

14th June T3 Reports to Parents / T3 ASA finish

17th June PH | Hari Raya Haji (School Closed)

18th - 19th Parent Conferences (N-Y7) 3.30pm

22nd June PTC Food + Fun Festival 4.30pm / 8.30pm

24th June Remembering Ms Edith

25th June Year 2 Swimming Exhibition 10.30am

26th June Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6.00pm / 9.00pm

27th - 28th June Year 8 Farewell Retreat

28th June Year 1 Swimming Exhibition 10.30am

Year 1 and 2 Swimming Finishes

3rd July House Shout 11.15am

Term 3 Ends 1.00pm

26th August Term 1 Starts

Enjoy the Long Weekend,

Martin Towse