

Newsletter



Head's Update

Dear Parent,

As I write this, the Years 4-6 are on their way back from Dorset, having enjoyed a full week of outdoor activities. I had a fabulous time at Hooke Court on Monday and Tuesday with them and am impatient to hear about the rest of their trip. Years 1 and 2 also had an exciting day on the Heath on Wednesday; the girls came back with rosy cheeks, having managed to avoid the rain. In all, a very nature-focused week for us all, despite the wind and the rain, culminating in a wonderful music assembly this morning for all pupils in the Lower school.

Today, I am excited to announce the launch of a new collaboration with Tooled Up Education, a truly inspiring online digital library of evidence-based resources, for parents and teachers, on all aspects of parenting, education and family life. The founder, Dr Kathy Weston, has collated the best and most up to date research from around the world and distilled it into usable resources that are easy to understand, and which can be instantly applied to all of our daily lives. She spoke to our parent community earlier this year on digital parenting, so many of you will have met her online already.

To launch the school's subscription to the site, Dr Weston and I will be hosting a 1-hour webinar a month from now on 22 June from 7:30pm to 9:00pm; this will include a live Q and A session.

At the webinar, you will receive instructions on how to create your account on Tooled Up Education along with our unique School PIN code that is required to register. Once registered, you will have immediate access to the entire library of articles, videos, tips to try, worksheets and podcasts, specifically curated for parents.

Webinar Details:

St Christopher's School and Tooled Up Education Launch Webinar: Helping children navigating change.

Date: 22nd June 2021

Time: 7.30pm

Children, young people and their families currently face unprecedented pressure and stress. Loving parents want to know how best to keep their families positive, resilient and mentally well.

What are the best ways to deal with the endless uncertainty? How should we manage our own or children's anxiety? What do we need to do to help our children actively cope? How can we help our children transition from remote learning back to the classroom? Parents play an important role in ensuring their child arrives psychologically and practically equipped, happy and ready to learn! This is especially crucial following what children and families have been through over the course of the pandemic.

In this talk, Dr Weston will offer parents evidence-based tips on what parents should do to help children navigate change and build their interpersonal skills. All of Dr Weston's tips are derived from the highest quality research evidence available and designed to ensure parents can apply them easily, to positive effect. She will also be signposting you to her digital library: www.tooledupeducation.com, where you can enjoy privileged access to a range of accompanying resources for the parenting journey ahead.

Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fZUQS08fQ7inDQnSltLBA

Tickets will be allocated strictly on a first come, first served basis. Please click the link and register now to confirm your space.

I hope you will be able attend this webinar and make sure you register for access to this fantastic library of resources, at no cost to you.

With best wishes,



Sandrine Paillasse
Head



In Other News

Golden Music Hour in Reception

Reception tried something a little different a couple of weeks ago . . .

We discovered that Mr Maddocks is a musician, so we invited him to join us for an hour of instrumental exploration. Musical provocations were set up both in the playground and classroom: Bells in a circle around a tree, djembe drums in a long line, a collection of boomwhackers displayed in an inviting flower shape to name but a few.

What happened?

A spontaneous music-making explosion! Bands were created, triangle sounds analyzed, and a collaborative bell and djembe Jingle Bells rendition filled the playground. A pebble song was composed, a wood block ensemble hammered and xylophone duets emerged.

During the delightful mayhem musical questions were asked and discussions were had. Why does one triangle sound higher than the other? Is everyone playing the same pattern or are some people keeping a steady pulse? Is there another way to play this instrument?

Would we do it again? Absolutely! Thank you to Mr Maddocks for being part of it.



Music Department Update

Music in the Age of Corona Concert Ballot – Summer Term

This term's concert will be made available on **Friday, June 25**

How to sign-up:

Places are allocated through our ballot system to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity.

Please follow the link to the Spring Term sign up here: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk>

- Click on 'make a booking'
- Code – erxb
- Enter your personal details
- Select your choices then click GO.
- You will receive an email confirmation that you have entered the ballot.
- If you wish to amend your bookings, follow the link in the email to log in and make changes.

The Music Department will then be in touch with you if your daughter's name is selected at random for this concert, but please be aware that videos of performances will need to be recorded at home and sent to us via a Google Classroom 'assignment' (which will be sent to you) by **Thursday May 27**.

Updated upcoming dates:

May 27 Year 2 Play

May 28 Year 3 Play

June 7-17 Year 6 Musical Intensive

June 25 Music in the Age of Corona Concert video release

July 5 The Magic of St C's Open Day

Many thanks and best wishes,

Mr Golding and Mrs Shaw

Menu next week

	Meat free- Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Something Hot	Macaroni cheese topped with cherry tomatoes and basil	Chicken and mushroom pie	Fresh fish curry with Basmati rice and lentils	Beef lasagne with garlic bread	Crispy breaded cod fillet with tartare sauce
Something Veggie	Fresh vegetable and edamame bean spring roll with rice and soya sauce	Vegetable Biryani with chick peas and naan bread	Mozzarella cheese and tomato panini topped with roast vegetables	Spicy bean burger with fresh tomato ketchup	Spring vegetable Moussaka
On the Side...	Carrot and cucumber pot	Creamy mashed potatoes Green beans	Mixed salad pot	Fresh mixed vegetables	New potatoes Fresh broccoli
Something sweet	Orange polenta cake with fresh lemon sauce	Fresh fruit pot	Fresh fruit jelly	Fresh fruit pot	Vanilla ice cream with fresh fruit salad
Fruit salad pots and a selection of seasonal fresh fruit served in peak condition, ripened and ready to eat					

Weekly Reminder

Mon 24-Thurs 27 May Year 6 Camden cycling training (Group 1)

Monday 24 May Year 5 St Mary's Cricket Fixture
(please see letter sent to participants) 4:00–5:00pm

Tuesday 25 May Senior Orchestra 3:50-4:40pm
Year 6 St Mary's Cricket Fixture
(please see letter sent to participants) 4:00-5:00pm

Wednesday 26 May New girls vision tests

Thursday 27 May Year 2 Play

Friday 28 May Coffee morning with the Head 9:30am
<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F5704835765%3Fpwd%3DRGVGUXZJcVRPSk92ME95bXMwTzNNdz09&data=04%7C01%7CHeadsPA%40stchristophers.london%7C23267a7167ad4327131008d8dd740292%7C0206b2c0cc80497a85c1ed3862f7f83>

Meeting ID: 570 483 5765 Passcode: py3LZQ

Year 3 Play

School finishes at the usual time after clubs

Monday 31 May-Friday 4 June Half Term holiday

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Monday 7 June Return to school
Tuesday 8 June Senior Orchestra Years 5 & 6 3:50-4:40pm
Wednesday 9 June New girls vision tests (mop up session)
Heath Day for Years 3, 4 & 5
Thursday 10 June Coffee morning with the Head
Friday 11 June FOSC Meeting

Coffee mornings with the Head:

Thursday 10 June 9:30—10:30

Friday 18 June 9:30—10:30

Friday 25 June 9:30—10:30

Communication: Letters and Newsletters

We endeavour to keep you informed with relevant information and details. Please do check emails carefully for details. The newsletter is a good source of information, not only of what has been happening in school during the week but also of upcoming events.

Please make a note of dates and details relevant to you.

When contacting the school office, please always include your daughter's full name and year group.

Absences

Please could we remind parents to contact the school office to report absences before 8:30am on Tel 020 7435 1521 option 1, or email secretary@stchristophers.london

When emailing, **please use your daughter's full name and year group.**

Afternoon collection arrangements, where possible, should be notified by 2:00pm please.

Requests for absences within term time should be avoided but if essential will need to be approved by the Head. Please email the Head's PA, Mrs Haydon with your request:

HeadsPA@stchristophers.london

Birthday celebrations in school

We regret, we cannot take birthday cakes from parents but we are continuing to help the girls celebrate their birthdays in school. On the last Friday of each month, Michael, our wonderful chef, bakes cupcakes for every girl in school. The form teachers take the time to celebrate any birthdays that have occurred that month, allowing the girls to mark their special day.

The school office is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm during term time.

If you email the office after 4:30pm, please be aware that your message may not be seen until the following morning.

If you have an urgent query or message, please telephone the office.

Tel. 020 7435 1521 option 1

SUMMER TERM 2021

Half-term Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June (inclusive)

Term ends Thursday 8 July

The last day of every term ends at midday

Term dates are published in advance for parents to plan holidays outside school term time. It is school policy that girls are expected to be in school for the entire term.