

# SCA Newsletter



29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Families,

We are now nearing the end of what has been a very busy term. Recently, the children went on the very first school trip since the beginning of the pandemic two years and they enjoyed the experience immensely. The Think Tank in Birmingham was always one of our regular visits and it felt good to be going back again after so long. We held two singing performances which provided the children with the opportunity to show off their singing and drumming skills and the beautiful songs learned this term. We held a science fair where we were pleased to see so many parents join their children in demonstrating some very interesting processes that certainly got us all thinking! We also had visitors to school this term which added another dimension to the children's learning - including a drama workshop with our Story Explorers for our younger children, a visit from the Astronomy Society and our Easter Assembly was led by one of our very own parents, Reverend Jenna. We are pleased to be able to offer our children these experiences after such a long time of not being able to. Please watch this space for more dates and information for events coming in the future.



## Homework Policy

Please see our new and revised policy accompanying this newsletter. The release of this policy has taken longer than anticipated because we have made a number of changes which will have a positive impact on the children's learning. Please take the time to read the policy as it contains a lot of new information.

## School Governors

We are always looking to recruit more school governors. There are so many fantastic reasons to become a school governor. As well being an incredibly rewarding experience, you can make a huge difference to the children in our school. You get to be involved in school decisions and how funds are spent as well as gaining an insight to the running of a school. For more information please contact Mrs. Lay who is the clerk to the Governing Body. [Klay@Bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:Klay@Bestacademies.org.uk)



We would like to remind you about our Ten Trusts which form the basis of our behavior policy. We try to use affirmative language and build relationships through trust and positivity.

### **Our Ten Trusts**

**At St Christophers Academy – we trust you in many ways...**

- 1. We trust that you will listen to your teachers and each other respectfully.***
- 2. We trust that you will raise your hands and wait respectfully for your teacher to respond when you want to be heard.***
- 3. We trust that you will allow others to learn by behaving respectfully in class and around the school.***
- 4. We trust that you will follow instructions because there are good reasons they are given.***
- 5. We trust you to use kind language and speak to each other and your teachers with respect.***
- 6. We trust you to never hurt anyone with our words or our body.***
- 7. We trust you to move around the classroom and school safely.***
- 8. We trust you to accept responsibility for your behaviour.***
- 9. We trust you to follow our school Values.***

***The 10<sup>th</sup> Trust You can trust your teachers and others to always treat you with equal respect.***

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## Safeguarding

Our online safeguarding workshop for parents was well attended and we will be hosting another later in the year - please watch this space for dates. The sites below contain some useful information regarding this area and there is more on our website.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## Friends of St Christophers

We are pleased to announce that our Friends have restarted their wonderful work raising much needed funds for the school whilst providing a great deal of fun for the children. In these times their contributions play a vital part in providing, not just the extras but sadly some of the fundamentals. If you wish to contribute in any way please contact the school office for details and we will put you in touch with the team. Please see the Friends FB page for updated information.

## New Building

As you may have noticed, work has begun on our new building. The ground is currently being prepared for re positioning and the refurbishments will start soon after. Exciting times!

## Breakfast & Afterschool Club

As many of you are aware, we have a very popular before and after school club! Although we do take late bookings, could I just remind you to book as early as you can to avoid disappointment.

## Uniform

It has come to our attention that a number of pupils are not wearing the correct school uniform and that perhaps some families are unsure of the exact uniform that should be worn. At St Christophers Academy we want our pupils to have pride in their school and in themselves.

Hair designs must be appropriate for a school setting. Hair ornaments should be simple and in school colours. We do not permit extreme hair styles such as 'Mohican' styled, dyed, or shaved with patterns or lines in. No oversized hair accessories such as Jo-Jo Bows or other variations of these are permitted.

Jewellery, other than a wristwatch and plain stud earrings (no glass cut or diamante), is not allowed. All jewellery, including earrings, must be removed or taped for Physical Education lessons. Hoop earrings and large studs can be very dangerous and are unsuitable for school, as are necklaces, rings and bracelets. No jewellery other than that of religious significance and should be worn on the inside of the academy uniform.

To help with this the uniform expectations are listed below:

<b>Expected uniform for children at St Christophers Academy</b>
Red school logo jumper or cardigan
<b>The school fleece is only to be worn for PE/Games</b>
White school logo polo top
<b>Grey</b> school dress or school skirt/tunic/culottes/trousers (no leggings or legging style trousers)
Black school shoes for outside
<b>Boots are not permitted</b>

School red logo sun cap (summer term)
Plain red or grey tights <b>Reception-Year 4</b> Plain grey or black school tights <b>year 5 and 6</b>
White, grey or black school socks
School Backpack FS2 - Y4 (no other backpack to be worn) or red school logo book bag.

## PE Kit

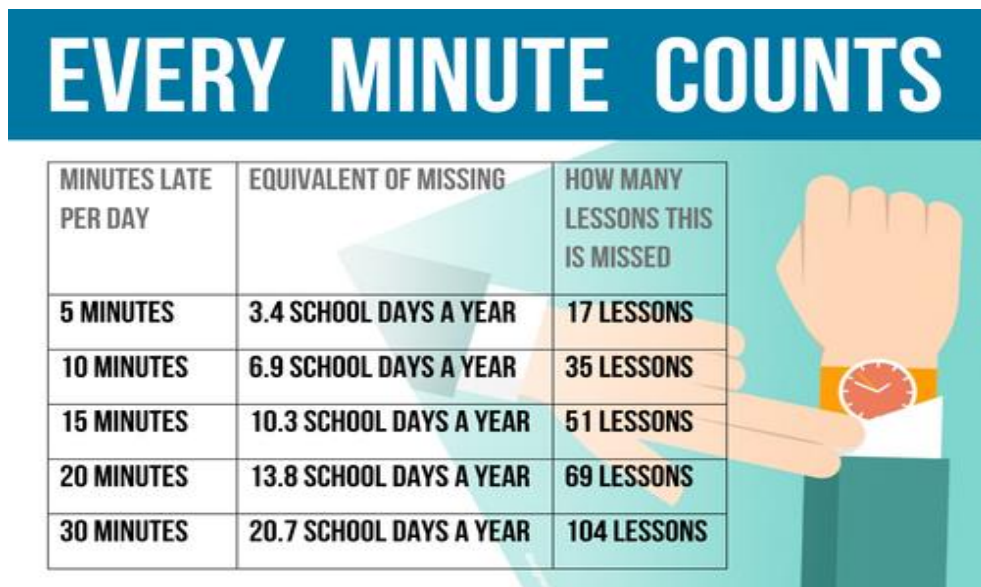
PE uniform	Games uniform
White school logo t-shirt Red striped PE shorts School logo red fleece hoodie Plimsolls	White school logo t-shirt Red striped PE shorts Plain grey or black jogging bottoms School logo red fleece hoodie or school logo red jumper/cardigan Trainers

The PE/Games kit should remain in school for the duration of the half term.

## Lateness

**Unfortunately, we have an increasing number of children who are late for school.**

Being late for school **reduces learning time**. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year. If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year. This may not seem like much but it does have a negative impact. Not only do they miss out on learning, it unsettles them and gives them a poor start to the day. If there are any problems with getting your child to school please contact Mrs Lay who will be happy to advise and provide support.



## Dates for your diary.....

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April- Back to School**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April- KS1 SATs Information session for parents/carers 9:00

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April- Chill Study Visit

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May nursery closure day – children back on the 4<sup>th</sup> May.**

WC 2<sup>nd</sup> May- KS1 SATs Week

WC 9<sup>th</sup> May SATs week

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May- Vision Screening for Reception classes

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May- Year 2 trip to Woburn Safari Park

WC Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- History week

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Y1 Blows Downs visit

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May- Dress like a Royal- PTA Fundraiser event

PTA Meeting at school 6.30 – open to anyone that would like to attend.

WC- 30<sup>th</sup> May Half Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June- Y1 Phonics Screening starts

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June- Non-uniform for Marley's Art Foundation

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June- Greek Workshop

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June- Y5 Space Centre visit

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June- Sports day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June- Sports EYFS (preschool and reception children) and School Book Fair arrives

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June- School Disco- School fundraiser (yet to be confirmed)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June- Sports day reserve

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June- EYFS (preschool and reception) Sports day reserve

Tuesday- 12<sup>th</sup> July- Parent Consultation Evening Nursery-Y6

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July- Parent Consultation Evening YR-Y6

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July- PTA Fun afternoon on the field

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July- Reception classes assembly+ Prize Giving

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July- Rocksteady Music Concert

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July- EYFS Graduation

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July- Reports out

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July- Year 1 Class Assembly and Prize Giving

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July- Y2 Class Assembly and Prize Giving

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July- Parent Consultation Evening for Nursery- Y6

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July- Yr – Yr6 Class Assembly and Prize Giving

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July- Y3 Class Assembly and Prize Giving

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July- Y6 Leavers Assembly and Prize Giving Year 6 Prom

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Change the Rules PTA event

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**Transition dates to follow.....**

**It is going to be a very busy Summer Term!**

Please let us know if there is any other information you would like included in your newsletter. We are very happy to include community events where appropriate.

**Thank you all for your continued support and have a happy Easter!**



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