

St Christopher's Primary School

Autumn 1 Newsletter

A message from Miss Brown...

We've had a really positive and busy start to the new academic year, and it's been a pleasure to see our school community come back together with such energy and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights so far has been the successful opening of Fledglings Pre-school. It has been wonderful to welcome our youngest learners and their families into the school, and they are already settling in beautifully and becoming a part of our wider school community, even taking part in the Harvest Festival.

We were also very pleased to receive such encouraging feedback from our recent SIAMS Inspection. The inspectors recognised the strong sense of community among our children and praised how well they treat one another with respect and understanding. These values are at the heart of our school, and it was lovely to see them reflected so clearly in the report.

Our children's commitment to their learning, and their determination to keep improving, has been truly impressive. They've worked incredibly hard—and as we head into the break, I think it's fair to say we've all earned our half term!

Wishing you all a restful and well-deserved break.

Important Diary Dates



- 11th November - Remembrance Assembly
- 14th November - Children in Need
- 14th November - Family Bingo
- 18th & 20th November - Parents Evening
- 20th November - Advent Crafts
- 27th November - EY & Pre-school trip to Duxford
- 5th December - Christmas Fair
- 10th December - Christmas Disco
- 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th December - Christmas Dinner
- 11th December - EY & Pre-school Christmas Performance
- 15th & 16th December - Yr1 & Yr2 Nativity





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ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRE-SCHOOL

Following two weeks of knocking walls down, building new ones, and making the space look amazing, our Fledglings Pre-school opened its doors on the 15th of September and welcomed its first cohort of children! Overseen by Miss Judd, Mrs Warvill and Miss James, our new pre-school children have settled-in brilliantly, and appear to be enjoying the exciting curriculum that has been designed for them. Already this half-term, the children have welcomed a police officer into their classroom as part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic where they got to try on lots of different uniform and hats, have joined the rest of the school and some of our parents to take part in our special 'Harvest' assembly, and have very much enjoyed exploring their wonderful new classroom and outdoor learning space.



Next half-term, Fledglings children will be going on their first ever school trip! Joining-up with Cygnets and Ducklings children, they will be visiting Duxford Air Museum to discover a range of different aircraft and other vehicles as part of their topic of 'Transport'. They will see first-hand just how large Concorde is, and learn how aircraft have evolved throughout time to look very different to what they did 100 years ago!

We currently have a few spaces left in our pre-school for this year, and are also welcoming applications for children to start in Fledglings for the following three years too!

For more information, please see the school website or speak to Mrs Kent in the school office.

Black History Month



The Friends of St Christopher's organised two wonderful events this month to celebrate all of the many different cultures that make up our school. On Wednesday, families were invited to share and taste dishes from around the world in their food tasting afternoon, and on Thursday, children were invited to wear clothes that best represented their culture in place of their school uniform. Thank you to everybody that came along, donated money, or dressed-up in non-uniform to help us celebrate 'being unique'.

Harvest Festival

Our wonderful Collective Worship Council took centre stage on the 3rd of October after planning their very own Harvest Festival celebration assembly. Supported by Alison Earl and Miriam Gee from Lightwave, representatives from across the school enjoyed giving thanks to the many people around the world that help to ensure that we have food to eat. We also reflected about those that are less fortunate, and were delighted to be able to donate over 400 tins, packets and jars to the Lightwave Food Bank charity which had been kindly received from our children and families at St Christopher's.

Lights and Lyrics

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have worked hard over the past 6 weeks to write their very own song! Using bible verses to help them, children wrote lyrics that reflected overcoming difficulties and challenges, and drew upon the story of David and Goliath as inspiration!

Thank you to Lightwave for leading our 'Lights and Lyrics' club this half-term!



Sporting Success!

Our first sporting fixture of the year was our cross-country event for Years 5 and 6 which took place on a very challenging course at Newmarket racecourse. All of our representatives performed incredibly well, with the standout performance across the school being Maddie who came an incredible 23rd out of over 100 girls!

We then had a busy two weeks of inter-school football tournaments. In the first tournament we came an impressive third place out of 24 teams, and only lost one match which came in the semi-final.

In our second tournament, our team worked incredibly hard and played brilliantly! The team were nominated to receive the 'Sportsmanship' award for their wonderful behaviour, respect and attitude. Well done to everybody that took part!



Our New School Caterers

We are pleased to welcome our new catering partners 'Caterlink' who will be providing all of our school lunches after half-term. Please see below for our new school lunch menus!

WEEK ONE				
3 rd November, 24 th November, 15 th December, 5 th January, 26 th January, 9 th March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice Devils Kitchen Vegan Plant Balls in a Homemade Tomato Sauce Served with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice   	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread A Layered Lasagne Made With Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince and Lentils in a Tomato Sauce, Topped with Cheese Sauce  	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Red Tractor Accredited Chicken Served with Sage and Onion Stuffing, Homemade Roast Potatoes and Vegan Gravy 	NEW Chicken Biryani Red Tractor Accredited Chicken Seasoned with Mild Spices, Mixed with Rice Flavoured with Turmeric, Peas and Onion  	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce Oven Baked Youngs MSC Accredited Pollock Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup 
Autumn Vegetable Lasagne A Layered Lasagne Made With Vegetables and Lentils in a Tomato Sauce, Topped with Cheese Sauce 	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges Homemade Burger Made with Beetroot, Lentils, Sweet Potato and Carrots, Served in a Bun With Baked Potato Wedges  	Vegetarian Wellington, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Homemade Wellington with Brown Lentils, Aubergine & Potato Wrapped in Vegan Pastry Served With Roast Potatoes and Vegan Gravy  	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread Devil's Kitchen Plant Sausage in a Tomato BBQ Sauce, Served with Wholemeal Fusilli Pasta and Homemade Garlic Bread   	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce Homemade Cheddar Cheese and Reduced Sugar & Salt Baked Bean Pasty Served with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup 
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Cheese and Crackers Cheddar Cheese Wedge with Cream Crackers 	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard Homemade Apple Cake with a Crumble Topping, Served with Custard  	Fruit Medley A selection of Pineapple, Mandarin, Peach, Apple and Orange  	Jelly with Mandarins Strawberry Jelly served with Mandarins  	Syrup Sponge with Custard Homemade Vanilla Sponge Drizzled with Golden Syrup and Served with Custard  
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Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Freshly made Sandwiches, Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt				

WEEK TWO				
10 th November, 1 st December, 12 th January, 2 nd February, 23 rd February, 16 th March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges Homemade 50/50 Wholemeal Base topped with Cheddar Cheese and a Homemade Tomato Sauce (Chopped Tomatoes, Tomato Puree and Oregano) Served with New Potatoes 	Spaghetti Bolognese Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince and Brown Lentil Bolognese Sauce Served with Spaghetti  	BBQ Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa Red Tractor Accredited Chicken in a BBQ seasoning, served with seasoned potatoes and sweetcorn salsa  	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice Red Tractor Accredited Beef Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato Sauce Served with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice  	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce Oven Baked Youngs MSC Accredited Breaded Pollock Fillet with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup 
Mild Mexican Chili with Rice Vegan Soya Mince in a Mild Smoked Paprika Homemade Tomato Sauce with Kidney Beans, with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice  	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese Vegan Soya Mince in a Homemade Tomato Bolognese Sauce with Spaghetti Pasta  	BBQ Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa Vegan Quorn Fillet marinated in a BBQ seasoning, served with seasoned potatoes and sweetcorn salsa  	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice A Mild Creamy Coconut Curry with Chickpeas Served with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice  	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce Cheese, pepper, lentil and tomato sauce in a Puff Pastry Swirl, with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup 
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NEW Gingerbread Cookie A Homemade Vanilla Cookie Flavoured with Ginger   	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce A Homemade Chocolate Brownie made with Hidden Beetroot and Cocoa Powder, Served with Chocolate Sauce Made of Custard and Cocoa Powder  	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad A selection of Apple, Orange, Melon, Mandarin and Pear   	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard Homemade Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with an Oaty Topping, Served with Custard  	Vanilla Shortbread Homemade Vanilla Flavoured Shortbread  
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WEEK THREE				
17 th November, 8 th December, 19 th January, 9 th February, 2 nd March, 23 rd March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese Homemade Classic Macaroni Cheese, made with Cheddar Cheese 	NEW Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges Homemade Enchilada Bake Made with 50% Chicken and 50% Kidney Beans, Topped with Cheese and Served with Paprika Wedges  	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Red Tractor Accredited Pork or Chicken Sausages, Served with Homemade Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice Red Tractor Accredited Chicken Thigh marinated in a Mild Caribbean Seasoning, Served with Turmeric Rice  	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce Oven Baked Youngs MSC Accredited Pollock Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup 
NEW Chef's Special Lentil Curry with Rice Homemade Mild Tomato Lentil Curry with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice  	Tomato Pasta Fusilli Pasta with Roasted Vegetables (Mixed Peppers, Butternut Squash, Sweet Potato and Carrots) with a Homemade Tomato and Lentil Sauce  	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Devils Kitchen Vegan Sausage, Served with Homemade Roast Potatoes and Vegan Gravy  	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice Mild Caribbean Flavoured Stew with Butterbeans and Seasonal Vegetables (Butternut Squash, Carrots, Sweet potato), Served with Turmeric Rice  	Cheese and Pepper Frittata with Chips and Tomato Sauce Homemade Baked Cheddar Cheese and Red Pepper Frittata with Oven Baked Chips and Tomato Ketchup 
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Oaty Cookie An Oaty Cookie made from Oats, Wholemeal Flour and Self-Raising Flour   	Pear Crumble with Custard Homemade Pear Crumble with an Oaty Topping, Served with Custard  	Freshly Chopped Fruit Platter A selection of Apple, Orange, Melon and Pineapple   	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard Homemade Sponge Cake Flavoured with Ginger and Raisins, Served with Custard  	Cornflake Tart A Pastry Base with a Layer of Jam, Topped with Cornflakes Drizzled with Golden Syrup   
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Attendance & Punctuality



At St Christopher's, we recognise and value the importance of 'good' attendance in school for all of our pupils. When children attend school consistently they are more likely to do well in their work but also build strong relationships and feel connected with the school community. It also demonstrates reliability which will help prepare them for life beyond education.

As part of a Trust-wide initiative, we are aiming to raise the profile and importance of attending school regularly. We will therefore begin to contact parents more swiftly should their child's attendance begin to drop, look for increased opportunities as to how we can support those children that are persistently absent to attend school more regularly, and will discuss any absence concerns with parents at parents evenings too. We would like to thank you for your support with this

If a child has 93% attendance throughout their time at St Christopher's years, it equates to over 6 months of education lost.

New Arrivals

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Webb and Mrs Marques have both had their babies! On Tuesday 7th October, Mrs Marques welcomed Leonor into the world, and only the very next day, Mrs Webb welcomed Samuel too! We are pleased to report that both mums and babies are doing well.

School Ambassadors

In a change to recent years, we have decided to replace our 'House Captains' with a 'Head Boy' and 'Head Girl' who will be supported by their understudies- our 'Deputy Head Boy' and 'Deputy Head Girl'. Equally as important to our school are the roles of 'Prefect' and 'Worship Lead'. After a vigorous campaign and whole-school election, we are delighted to inform you of the following appointments:

Head Boy- Alfie		Head Girl- Eadie	
Deputy Head Boy- Henry		Deputy Head Girl- Leila	
Prefect- Edward	Prefect- Charlotte	Prefect- Lucy	Prefect- Arthur
Worship Lead- Dolcie	Worship Lead- Skyla	Worship Lead- Matilda	

Morning Routine

We wish to remind you of the expected morning routines. All children in EY & Year One should be dropped at their classroom door, whilst all other children in the school should be dropped at the school gate where a member of staff will welcome you each morning.

St Christopher's School Christian Vision

"With faith, we soar on wings of strength and rise to every challenge."

Guided by Faith, a Journey of Strength, a Foundation of Pride