6th September 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new and exciting academic year!

Your wonderful children have impressed us once again with their calm and mature return to school, settling in to their new classrooms with ease and demonstrating significant talent just in the first week! Well done everyone.

Also making an excellent start have been our new staff who we warmly welcome; Miss Jemima Drayton in Mercury who also comes on to the SMT as Senior Teacher; Mrs Dayna Sharp, job share teacher in Neptune; Mrs Olivia Scarffe, SENCO; Mrs Vicky James, Director of Languages; Mrs Sarah Roberts, Teaching Assistant in Mars; Mrs Michelle Bohn, Teaching Assistant in Jupiter; Mrs Michelle Young, Teaching Assistant in Mercury and Miss Mimi Pennington, Key Worker in Nursery. We are delighted to have them all as part of the St Christopher’s Family and hope that you will extend your warm welcome when you meet them.

This term I am delighted to introduce my new initiative- The Spotty Box (pictured above). This will stay in my Office and act as a receptacle for exciting achievements at home by both children and staff. Certificates, medals and awards can now be placed in this box by your child so that we can celebrate success out of school and these will be shared in Assembly and also on page 4 of the Newsletter before being returned to the glowing recipient.

This term we are placing a significant focus on protecting and saving our environment and the world. The special initiative will be an EMU standing for Environment Matters to Us and children seen to be using our new recycling zones or showing awareness of environmentally friendly initiatives will be suitably rewarded. Accordingly we are not using plastic straws and would welcome your support with this decision and have reduced the lamination here at school so items will be printed on card which can also eventually be recycled. Look out for news during the year for new and supportive environment ideas.

Thank you for your patience with our current uniform supplier. I am aware that a number of you have experienced difficulties this summer. I have a meeting with Stevensons on 13th September so please do advise us if you did experience a disappointment with uniform purchases before that date.

The School looks terrific thanks to some building works in the summer which saw the stage being removed from Yellow Room in Nursery creating a fresh larger space and the wonderful tarmac across the rear of the school. Special thanks to Mrs Serrano for all her hard work during the holidays and to Mr Bennett who continues to take such good care of our school setting.

I look forward to seeing you all during the course of the next few weeks at valuable Information Evenings, the list of which has been forwarded to you. We know how lucky we are to have such a strong and supportive home/school partnership.

Yours sincerely

Annie Thackray
Headteacher