



## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL

Dear Parents

As we near the end of this busy but exciting term I am writing to you about staff changes that will take effect from September. We sadly say farewell to Mrs Katy Jones in Saturn Class who will be moving away and taking a break from teaching as she pursues her many passions such as interior design and photography. We wish her every happiness in her new roles and she has promised to keep in touch and visit.

Taking her place as year 1 Saturn teacher will be Mrs Katie McGrath who will take the children currently in Mars Class as they journey through Year 1. We have appointed as Neptune Class teacher a talented and enthusiastic teacher, Miss Danielle Eames who is currently teaching in West Wimbledon School. She is delighted to be joining our Reception Team. Miss Eames will be in School on 9<sup>th</sup> July when pupils visit their new classes for September 2013.

We are also sad to say goodbye to Miss Kate Harper who has reluctantly traded her part time role for a full time position as Director of Music at Reigate College. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Helen Mulhern as our new Music Specialist. She is an experienced primary teacher and musician and will work with Miss Harper this term to ensure a smooth transition. Miss Harper has enjoyed her time at St Christopher's and looks forward to seeing you all at Beauty and the Beast next week.

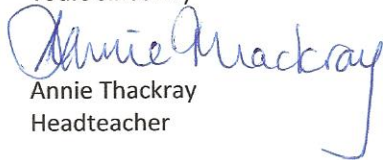
We are introducing Modern Foreign Languages from September. Each year group will enjoy a term of French and Spanish appropriately taught with an emphasis on a global approach, which will include the geography and culture of countries speaking those languages. We welcome Miss Sarah Assen onto the team who will continue to teach French Club on Friday after school. We are also pleased to announce an additional member of staff in Nursery. Mrs Fiona Butler, an experienced Nursery practitioner will be joining the nursery team to increase our ratios and strengthen our provision.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Caroline Richardson as Classroom Assistant for Year 2 from September. In addition, both Reception classes will now have a Classroom Assistant each and we welcome to the team Mrs Lisa King who will join Neptune Class and Mrs Janine Clark who will share the duties of Classroom Assistant with Mrs Caroline Hamilton in Mars Class.

Thank you to the parents who have expressed their gratitude now that seats for our production have been guaranteed with the new ticketing system. We are always keen to listen to our parents and happy to try a new system following careful consideration but we are aware that new initiatives can be subject to flaws. That is why we have an Open Door policy here so that you may air any concerns with me directly. If you would prefer to remain anonymous then we have a Suggestion Box located outside the backdoor. You also have the option of speaking to your Class Rep so that your concerns may be aired through the PTA. Any of these methods will ensure that your concerns are brought to my attention quickly so that matters can be resolved swiftly and calmly.

I look forward to seeing you at Beauty and the Beast and at Sports Day.

Yours sincerely

  
Annie Thackray  
Headteacher

### DIARY DATES

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9am: Dress Rehearsal for Summer Production

Please avoid medical appointments etc for your child this morning if possible

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Mufti Day – Please bring a cake for the cake stall at the PTA Fair

**Tickets for Beauty and The Beast 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am**

Your tickets have been given to your child today. Please check book bags with care.

Please enter via the Hall door at the front of the school

**PTA SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1 – 3pm**

Please see recent letter for details about how you can help with preparations for the Fair and, very importantly, volunteering for a stall on the day.

Donations still welcome: DVDs & computer games, soft toys (clean & in good condition), filled sweetie jars, bottles for the tombola. The deadline for hamper donations is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June.