



St Christopher's School

Friday 4th September

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We are all so delighted to be back to school together that we haven't stopped smiling as we hear about the children's summer adventures and watch their skills begin to flourish. We began with a sparkle as we welcomed Sam Veale, a circus entertainer to provide a 'socially distanced' outdoor show on our very first day back. Hearing the circus music and watching his amazing performance was just the magical start required to produce some wonderful work by the children with writing and maths circus themed tasks attempted with enthusiasm and energy. The acrobatic skills, including a human pyramid by Year 2 have been much enjoyed and attempts at juggling and tightrope walking (on the ground) has generated warmth and laughter around the school. It really is wonderful to be back.



Thank you all for your supreme efforts to support our staggered start and finish times. I know that it is not easy but it has allowed our children to come into school safely and complete the handwashing requirements and Pod separation that we are obliged to observe. Thank you also for your patience and support with our Larks and Owls service which has necessarily needed to be adjusted to meet the government guidelines. We are very lucky to have such media aware and understanding parents.

On Thursday, former PTA Chair Andrea Merrington and current Chair Vanessa Rapier kindly came in to officially open our beautiful new play area and imagination station at the rear of the field. Your money, generously given by supporting the wonderful PTA events, contributed to this project and the children love it. Thank you. It was also made possible by a legacy bequeathed to us by Professor Wolf who was a former Chair of Governors in the 1970s which just goes to prove that once a member of the lovely St Christopher's community, always a member of the St Christopher's community!

Our traditional Information Evenings for each year group will take place in a new format this term to reflect the current government restrictions. You will see on the next page that each evening will begin at 7pm for the relevant year group. In advance of the Information Evening, you will receive a filmed version of the presentation for you to enjoy at your convenience. This has been designed to welcome questions from you about any issues that require further explanation or clarification. If you have matters arising please submit your questions as invited. On the Evening for your child's year group the teachers and I will be available live via Zoom to discuss both questions submitted or new issues that you wish to raise. We are continuing to experiment in this new climate and hope that this format will work for you. Please let us know.



Best wishes for the weekend.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher