



St Christopher's School

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to an exciting summer term. The children were delighted to be back and have embraced their new topics enthusiastically and are keen to get going.

This term we welcome Mr Mark Richardson who is a student with Kingston University. He will be completing his teaching practice with Year 2 who are very pleased to welcome him on to the team. We also welcome Mrs Emily Lane, an experienced Reception Teacher, this term who will be working in Neptune Class.

Every school 'think' that their online learning provision was excellent during the pandemic but here we 'know' that we provided something very special. Our wonderful Art Director Mrs Jules Degg received outstanding recognition for her Year 2 online lessons creating characters from James and the Giant Peach this week. In a national competition with no age boundaries against much bigger schools than ours, we once again made a podium finish with an Honourable Mention in the winners list published this week by the Independent Schools Association. Very well done Mrs Degg.



On Wednesday we all had cause to thank our hard working School Council for their 'Welcome back' initiative devised at the last Council Meeting. The children asked for a special summer drink and biscuit to be provided at Break Time and Joint Chairs of the Council, Ella D and Felicity V helped Mr Bennett deliver them to each classroom where the School Council received an enthusiastic round of applause. What a super initiative.

Speaking of initiatives, we say congratulations once again to Felicity this time for her decision to help children who are battling cancer. As you will see below Felicity decided to donate some of her hair to The Princess Trust who were delighted to recognise this selfless act with a certificate and t-shirt below. If you would like to add to her splendid fundraising initiative the details are printed below. Well done Felicity.

We are all very excited about moving forward this term on our way out of the restrictions generated by the pandemic. We have adjusted our Pod system so that Years 1 and 2 are now one group and Years Nursery and Reception form the second Pod. This will allow important transition opportunities that we need to offer this term in addition to the children being able to play together once more. This can now effect drop off in the mornings from Monday. Please note that Year 2 and 1 can arrive from 8.25am until 8.30am and may now enter the school together. You will receive further details about this arrangement via ParentMail.

On Thursday it was Earth Day. Year 2 are studying The Environment as their topic this term with specific reference to The Lorax book by Dr Seuss. To celebrate Earth Day, The Old Vic Theatre produced a live screening of their excellent production of The Lorax and Year 2 enjoyed it all complete with an interval!



This month is the holy month of Ramadan and we thank Mikayeel and his family in Reception for kind Ramadan Mubarak wishes and edible gift and we send Ramadan Mubarak wishes to you all.

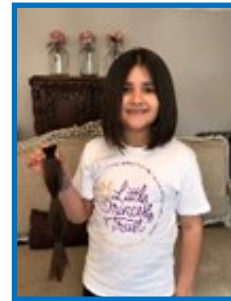
As you can see, we have wasted no time in getting back to arranging all the exciting opportunities that our children love. We are so happy to be back in a term that hopefully sees the return of parents back in school and we can't wait.

Kind regards

Annie Thackray

As well as providing free wigs to children, the Trust also funds research into finding better treatments for childhood cancers and so Felicity has also been fundraising to support their efforts. So far she has raised £790 (£981.25 including Gift Aid) and she is hoping to raise a little more. This is the link to Felicity's fundraising page:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/FelicityVohra>



Parents'
Forum

via zoom on the 11th May
Submissions from 26th April—4th May

The banner features a dark purple background with two overlapping speech bubbles, one light blue and one red, on the right side.

26th April Clubs start

28th April at 7.30pm Juniper Hall Information Evening via Zoom