



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Summer Term 2019

Message from Mr Gloag

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we publish this, our final bulletin of the year, I wanted to thank you all for the support that you have shown me and the whole school community over this term and year.

We have enjoyed some outstanding events over the last few weeks that have shown Saint Christina's at its very best. The Summer Fair, organised by Parents' Link, was an absolutely fantastic and very relaxed event that really shone a light on the type of community that we are. We also enjoyed our first Prize Giving event in the Chapel. All the children were celebrated within the event, whilst we had particular opportunity to say farewell to our outgoing Year 6 as well as announce new responsibilities for the Year 5 moving up to Year 6. I am delighted that Paloma and Pippa have both been willing to serve as Head and Deputy Head Girl this year. We have also been treated to two wonderful Sports Days and an incredibly impressive School Production. The children have worked hard under Mr Duncan and Mr Rhodes in pulling together a technically ambitious and successful musical in the form of 'Singin' in the Rain'.

It has been very gratifying to observe the power of our community both in the strength of the friendships and the relationships that exist both within and more broadly across the whole school, but also in the way that big things happen because of the fact that we tend to put 'we' first and 'I' second.

I very much hope that you will all enjoy a really relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in the Autumn.

Mr Gloag

KS2 Prize Giving

Last Tuesday, we had our end of year Prize Giving ceremony. Mr Gloag reflected on some of the special events and achievements of the school over the past academic year.

We celebrated many of the successes of the children, with reflections of the year written by Ms Sephton and Mrs Ellidson, highlighting how all children in Years 3 and 4 have achieved special things this year through their talents and hard work. There were also some certificates and book prizes where children were recognised for achieving excellent goals and progress. It was an exciting afternoon for Year 5, as



not only did they receive wonderful prize cups, they also learnt what their leadership positions would be for next year. It was wonderful to see how delighted they were for one another, showing true Saint Christina's spirit.

Our guest speaker for the day was Mr Clive Rickart, CEO of The Society of Heads. Mr Rickart spoke to the children about how much he enjoyed visiting our school, recollecting many of the delightful conversations he had with the children and the great things they were doing. He also gave lots of advice on how best they might use their summer holidays and gave the Year 6 leavers a message of good luck for the future.

Our senior prefects then gave fantastic speeches, highlighting their experience of life at Saint Christina's and the happy memories they will take with them – they did an excellent job and we are very proud of them.

Mr Hirst – Deputy Head

Message from our Head Girl, Miriam

Good Afternoon, my name is Miriam and I have been the Head Girl this year.

I have known Saint Christina's since I was less than two years old when I used to take my older brother to school. I've been here from Nursery until now and I have been extremely happy throughout the years. When I joined in Nursery I didn't even know what a Head Girl was! And I would have never believed you if you told me I would become one. I still remember after all the school voted, a Year 3 girl came up to me and said she had chosen me because I was funny but also because she wanted to be taller than the Head Girl!

Saint Christina's has given me more than I could have ever imagined and has helped me become the person I am today. I'd like to thank all the amazing teachers I've had over the years. They have taught me so much, always in an interesting and funny way. I'll never forget Father Rudolf teaching us Ancient Greek Culture and showing us a vase, very calmly but then, with a grin on his face, he dropped it in front of us. We were all VERY shocked!!

I am very grateful to the sisters in the convent, especially Sister Noella, who helped us prepare for Mass and for our Holy Communion in Year 3.

I can't forget to express my gratitude to all the staff who work in the kitchen and make us delicious food. Saint Christina's School is like a family and I will be sad when I leave. I will remember forever all the fun school trips we have been on, such as the PGLs in Osmington Bay and in France, the netball tournaments, the London Youth Games and going to Sheffield to send a package into space.

I will never forget...

- *Sophie, my walking encyclopaedia and a great friend to watch Star Wars with.*
- *Stephanie, such a great actress and great netball player.*
- *Tansy, otherwise known as Tansicorn, a great friend and my zoo sister; always dreaming of unicorns...*
- *Immy, otherwise known as Immycorn, our future fashion designer who loves unicorns too.*
- *Grace, the sushi queen, I'm not even sure if she likes sushi but if you had to think of a word to describe her, it's sushi. Great singer and amazing at Origami.*
- *Lwiza, a happy funny friend who is always making me laugh.*
- *Coca, always thinking of new catch phrases such as you Ninny, peeps and chicken nugget.*
- *Axelle, who comes to school every day with a new look, also looking like a bright glitter queen!*
- *Neha, an amazing netball player and a great team mate as Deputy Head, she is a great friend.*
- *Anna, best friends from nursery until now; she is always prepared for any situation and whenever we go on a netball fixture, she will have a manicure set or a hairbrush.*
- *Marleni, a great athlete and an amazing funny friend, a pleasure to be around.*
- *Florence, you're my BFG, my big friendly giant always happy and smiling.*
- *Constance, an incredible singer and dancer, I'm sure we'll have a great time at our new school!*
- *Natalia, my identical twin, you have no idea how many times we've been mistaken for each other.*
- *Amy is very kind and happy, a great friend, Amy, a sweet girl and a great artist, please take care of my twin at your new school!*

Eight years have gone by and I still love this school as much as I did on my first day in nursery. Tomorrow I will leave the school doors for the last official time; however, I will leave with more knowledge than I started with.

Thank you again to everyone here, and to those who have now left us, for being such a big part of the best experience of my life so far. We leave the school now knowing that it is in the good hands of a wonderful staff. And congratulations to our new Head Girl..... enjoy your last year as it goes quickly. My fellow Year 6, I wish you all the best at your new schools, you have the potential to do whatever you want to do, so MAKE IT HAPPEN, SHOCK EVERYONE! I'm sure you'll all make new friends quickly but I also know that you will never forget these fantastic years at Saint Christina's.

I wish everybody the very best in the years to come.

Thank you!

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

On Wednesday 10th July, Year 6 prepared the annual Leavers' Mass. A lot of thought and prayer had gone into this, as they chose not only the readings but also the objects to bring up and what to say. They even created their own choreography for their post communion reflection, 'Jesus, my forever friend'; it was performed prayerfully and beautifully.

Throughout the Mass we were reminded of the importance of friendship and being connected, while the penitential rite reminded us that Jesus is always there to help mend and restore our friendships.

Thanks go to everyone involved with preparing the Mass, which touched many people who were present.

Fr Rudolf Loewenstein – Year 6 Class Teacher and Celebrant

End of Year Production of 'Singin' in the Rain'

Our FANTASTIC production of the '*Singin' in the Rain*' took place on the evenings of 3rd and 4th July. As the lights went down, the school was transformed into a movie premiere with all the associated glitz and glamour. Our chorus of Years 3, 4 and 5 delighted us with cake dances, stagehand comedy and rebellious student outbursts, whilst our principal characters in Year 6 wowed us with their singing, acting, dancing and more!

Behind the scenes parent volunteers, Year 2 and members of staff worked tirelessly to create an enchanting and fun-filled world of umbrellas, rain and singing! Thank you so much to all who were involved in whatever way – we really couldn't have done it without everyone playing their part!

Mr Rhodes – Director of Music and Mr Duncan – Drama Teacher



Sports News...

Saint Christina's School finished off the year with an assembly to celebrate our sports achievement in 2018/19. Not only have we had a successful year in raising the standards and participation in sports, we have also had great success in our competitions. Saint Christina's Year 4a and Year 6b have continued their reign as netball champions winning the local netball league with Year 4b team placing 2nd. The KS2 pupils have demonstrated excellence in other sports too with some fantastic swimming skills during the KS2 swimming galas, as well as some pupils from Year 3, 4 and 5 representing the school at a local cross country event placing 3rd overall.



This year we also entered some of the KS2 pupils into some of the Westminster sporting events where again the pupils participated with great enthusiasm. The Year 3 and 4 pupils won their tennis tournament, the Year 3 and 4 cross country team placed 1st overall and the Year 5 and 6 team placed 2nd. The Year 6 netball team triumphed at the Westminster netball tournament where they earned a place to represent the Borough at the London Youth Games, which was a fantastic experience for all.

A special mention to Alexia, Konoka and Julie for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the intra-school Cross Country event overall out of all pupils in KS2.

During our sports assembly a pupil was voted by the PE Department from each year group as MVP (most valuable player) for having great leadership skills, confidence and incredible sporting talent.

There were also awards for superb sportsmanship which were awarded to pupils who were also able to understand and demonstrate the School Games values of; teamwork, honesty, determination, respect, passion and self-belief.



We look forward to another fantastic year of sport at Saint Christina's next year and the Disneyland netball tour should be a real highlight!

Miss Vettese and Mr King – Sports Team



Baby and Toddler Music Class coming soon

Miss Hyland will be starting an exciting new Parent & Baby/Toddler Music Class in the Autumn Term for children up to age 3. The class will take place after drop off at 9.00am in the Arts Hall.

For more information and to book your place, please email Miss Hyland at ruthhyland@gmail.com

Year 4 Charity Ice Cream & Lolly Sale

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed holding their ice cream sales to raise money for our school Kerala project. Thank you to everyone who supported them. The girls are delighted to announce that they raised £287!

Thank you very much to the Year 4 parents who kindly donated ice cream and lollies and helped us at our events.

Mrs Ellisdon – Year 4 Class Teacher



Message from Mr Rhodes

Horizon Voices will be presenting an interactive singing workshop this summer and we would love to see some of the Saint Christina's children and families there!

**Children's Workshop @ British Museum:
Captain Cook - A Musical Voyage
2-3pm, Saturday 20 July 2019 (Sounds Sublime Festival)
The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London
Free Entry**

Join Horizon Voices as we travel on the seas with Captain Cook in search of new lands, creatures and discoveries! Listen to our musical stories, sing along with us and create music with our professional singers in this fantastic exhibit!

Places limited, first come first served on the day.



Dates for your diary – Autumn Term 2019

Please note that dates/timings are subject to change and additions

Date	Event
Monday 2 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff INSET
Tuesday 3 rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff INSET• Parents/Teacher Meetings (AM) regarding routines and systems – Details to follow
Wednesday 4th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHILDREN RETURN
Friday 6 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nearly New Uniform Sale – 3.30pm in the Main Hall
Wednesday 11 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ballet Lessons begin
Monday 16 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clubs begin• Year 6 Netball Fixture (home game)
Wednesday 18 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 Netball Fixture (home game)

Please note that clubs begin the week commencing Monday 16th September with the exception of Breakfast Club, Homework Club and Ballet

(Breakfast & Homework Clubs start on the first day of term)