



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

# NEWSLETTER

## From the headteacher...

Dear parents,

The warmer weather makes everything feel so much more optimistic! It is very noticeable that the children get along more easily, there are more smiles around school and everyone seems to be more cheerful.

We are very grateful for the fantastic Bingo evening the PTA ran a couple of weeks ago. The hall was buzzing with a superb turnout, there was lots of fun and they raised a marvellous £380. Thank you to everyone who helped organise it, set up, and to all who came along. We'd particularly like to thank the very many parents who helped tidy up at the end of the evening. Often it is the most exhausted volunteers who are left to clear away until long after everyone else has gone. However, this time so many people just pitched in that it was finished very quickly. As I tell the children, "THAT's the way we do it at St Christopher's!"

Other improvements continue. In particular, the new behaviour strategy and zero tolerance of any disruption to learning is working well. Children have said that it has been much easier to get on with their learning.

**Book Look:** In a couple of weeks, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March there is an opportunity for parents to visit your child's classroom to look at the work they have been doing. Although it is a chance to have a brief chat to the class teacher, it is important to emphasise that this is NOT the opportunity for extended discussions. If you have questions or concerns which will need more than a few moments, please make an optional appointment to see the class teacher, using Class Dojo. In particular, I would like to remind parents that staff are not available on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, because of the moderation meetings which have had to be rescheduled for that day.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Andrew Saunders

### John 10:10

Jesus said: "I have come that they may have life in all its fullness."

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### Coming up soon:

- 21 March : Book-Look
- 22 March : Parents Forum
- 24 March : Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
- 30 March : Easter Service

### WARNING:



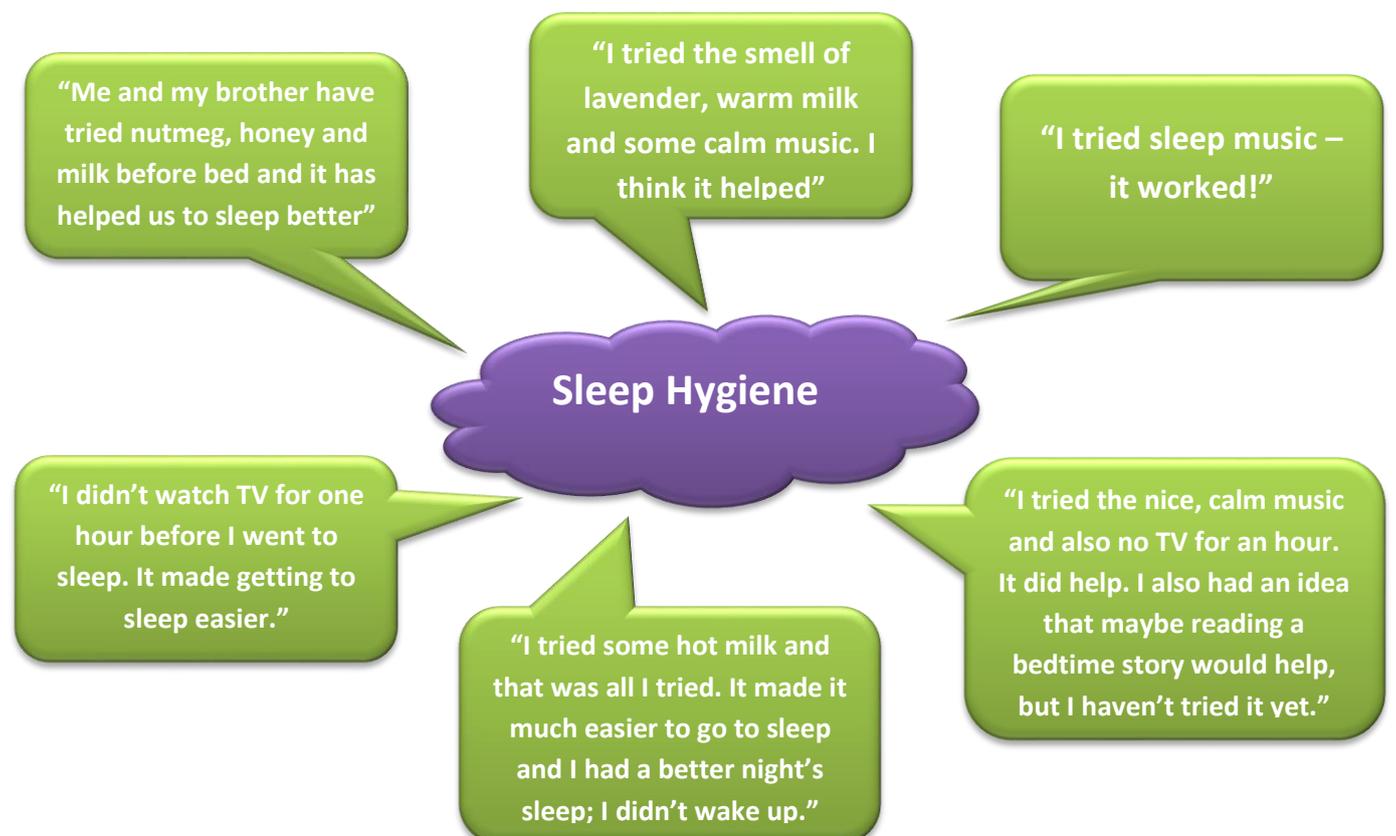
Please DO NOT park in the staff car park in the morning, to drop off children. This is preventing members of staff from parking and therefore delaying them getting into school. If this continues, we will have to take further action to patrol the car park, further distracting staff from our core purpose of children's learning and welfare. Some drivers, when challenged, have been rude. **We don't do that at St Christopher's!**

## Being a parent...

### Sleep Hygiene

I have been doing some work with a few classes using a framework called 'SUMO'. It stands for 'Stop – Understand – Move on'; in Latin, 'sumo' means 'I choose'. It gives children a range of strategies to tackle difficulties they may face, deal with things that happen to them, and to make good choices which influence the outcome for them. One of the things we have talked about is **Carpe Diem** or 'seize the day'. This means that we need to get on and DO something about a situation we're not happy about. Many children identified that they can't learn as well when they are tired; many acknowledged they do feel tired quite often. So we decided to take action!

Following on from the information about sleep hygiene, children chose something they would do, and I was absolutely thrilled this week to hear some of their experiences, which you can read below.



It is great to hear how the children have decided to make a change for themselves, which helps their learning. Their experiences show that it is well worth thinking about a 'sleep hygiene' routine before bedtime. As every parent has experienced, a tired child is very often grumpy; children who have slept well are much happier and easier to manage. That **MUST** be worth it!

## Red Lodge Feast

If you are interested in helping to organise and run the fantastic event we are planning in the summer, please do give your name and contact details to the school office.

We hope that this will be an event the whole of the community will get involved in. It has amazing potential and is an exciting opportunity. A proportion of the money raised will benefit the school; the rest will be available for groups from our community to apply for in small grants. However, the principle will be that groups must contribute to the Feast event in some way, in order to benefit from the fund.

**THE RED LODGE  
FEAST**

## St Christopher's Church, Red Lodge

### Messy Church:

St Christopher's Church in Red Lodge would like to invite you to...

### ... Messy Church!

25<sup>th</sup> March 2017



## Dates for your diary

### Spring Term 2017

13-17 March	Science week
Tuesday 14 March	EY to Orchestra of Age of Enlightenment Concert in Mildenhall
Wednesday 15 March	10.15am : Years 1 & 2 – OAE Concert in school (booking required)
20-24 March, 27-30 March	Optional Parent-Teacher consultations – please book directly with teachers through Class Dojo.
Tuesday 21 March	3.30-6.00pm: Book-Look – opportunity for parents to see the work children are doing, in the classrooms.
Wednesday 22 March	9.00am : Parents Forum
Friday 24 March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
	6.00pm : PTA Bingo
Tuesday 28 March	09.30am: Year 3 & 4 Easter musical (booking required)
Wednesday 29 March	2.30pm: Year 3 & 4 Easter musical (booking required)
Thursday 30 March	2.30pm: Easter service at school (parents welcome) 3.15pm: End of term

### Attendance:

Reminder that parents MUST call the school if your child is ill and absent from school. Please note:

- If you are leaving a message on the answerphone, 'Unwell' is not an acceptable reason. We need to know more specifically what the problem is.
- If no explanation has been logged, the school will continue to call parents to find out.
- It is essential that all contact details are up-to-date so that we can get hold of parents in an emergency.

We are also aware that doctors will not provide 'certificates' or letters to say that a child is ill. If a child has to see a doctor, all we require as a school is to see evidence of the appointment, such as an appointment card, a letter about the appointment or a copy of any prescription

The government have set the target for attendance at...

# 96%

With the highest attendance this week was Sycamore class who get an extra 15 minutes break.

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Kanga	98.3%	👍
Eeyore	92.2%	👎
Oak	97.9%	👍
Elm	96.7%	👍
Beech	96.3%	👍
Rowan	97.2%	👍
Larch	94.4%	👎
Willow	97.2%	👍
Maple	98.3%	👍
Scots Pine	91.7%	👎
Juniper	97.2%	👍
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>98.5%</b>	<b>👍</b>
Horse Chestnut	97.9%	👍