



CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

The end of term is fast approaching and I would like to confirm arrangements for our Christmas celebrations.

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas Post Box will open on Monday 7th December. Children may bring Christmas Cards for friends into school and post them in the box which is located at the side entrance. Children from K2 will be responsible for sorting and delivering the cards to classes. Please make sure the child's name and class are clearly written on the envelope!



Caring for others at Christmas

As Christmas is a time of giving, we would like to embrace the spirit of the season by giving the children an opportunity to share a gift with children less fortunate than ourselves. We have made arrangements to work with the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children which is a well-established charity that cares for over 3000 underprivileged children in Hong Kong.

If you would like to participate please select a gift or make a gift box suitable for a child aged 2-6 years old and refer to the attached flyer for further information. Children should bring their gift to school on or before the 16th December. Children will personally give their gift to Santa during his visit to each class party. We will arrange for all gifts to be delivered to the HKSPC prior to the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your support!



K1 Christmas Performance

We invite parents to join K1 Children who will reflect on their learning this term and treat us to some festive singing in English and Chinese. Two tickets per family will be sent home in each child's communication book. Entry will be strictly by ticket only. Before the performance you are invited to join us for refreshments and meet with other parents. After the performance, you are welcome to go to your child's classroom and take some photographs.

Timings are as follows

Eagle: 9.45AM / 1.45PM

Owl: 09.00AM / 1.00PM

Peacock: 10.30/2.30PM

K2 Christmas Performance: The Wriggly Nativity

We invite parents to join K2 children as they perform a nativity telling the story of Christmas. Two tickets per family will be sent home in each child's communication book. Entry will be strictly by ticket only. Before the performance you are invited to join us for refreshments and meet with other parents. After the performance, you are welcome to go to your child's classroom and take some photographs.

The performance's date and times will be as follows:

Tuesday 15th December

Crane: 9.00AM / 1.00PM

Robin: 10.00AM / 2.00PM

Wednesday 16th December

Emu: 9.00AM / 1.00PM

Magpie: 10.00AM / 2.00PM

K1 & K2 Christmas Parties

Children may come to school dressed in party clothes on the 17th December. We request that families send children to school with a small amount of food to share with the rest of the class (no nuts please). Your child's class teacher will provide a sticker in the communication book with details. Santa will make a brief personal visit to each class celebration! While Santa is here, he will collect children's donations which will then be given to the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children.

Children's Footwear

Please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear in school. We are seeing some sparkly, flashing shoes being worn. These are very distracting both to your child and to other children particularly during carpet sessions. Also, as the children are expected to remove and put on their own socks and shoes after physical time, laces should be avoided unless your child can tie them independently.

Christmas and New Year Holiday

Please note that the last day of term for children is Thursday 17th December. School will resume as normal on Monday 5th January.



18/12/15: School Closed for children

Have a happy festive season!

OTHER NEWS

Reading Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Getting Reading Right' presentation with K1 Peacock Teacher, Ines Topps. We were delighted to see so many adults taking time to understand the key elements to a good reader. As you know it is vital to support our children on the road to becoming effective, critical and creative readers. Understanding the enormity and importance of providing a secure and rich foundation is paramount to ensuring life long learners. Coming to the presentation ensured you had the opportunity to understand that learning to read is more than decoding symbols. We hope you enjoyed the presentation and found it informative. We look forward to meeting you again at our 'Story-telling' Stay and Play sessions in January. This will be an opportunity for you to see our teaching reading with the children in action.

Please note that the presentation and link to the 'Pure' phonetic sounds is now on the school website in the 'Life at WKS' section.

School Library

To help to ensure our library resources are up-to-date and necessary replacements accounted for, we will be suspending our lending system from **Thursday 10th December 2015 to Thursday 7th January 2016**.

We would be grateful if you could return any books or story sacks by this date to help ensure we have sufficient and quality resources for the children.

We thank you for your continued support.

KEY DATES

- Tuesday, 1 December: PARENT WORKSHOP: Reading Development at 5pm
- Tuesday, 8 December: Parent Workshop: Introduction to the PYP
- Monday, 14 December: K1 Christmas Performance and Student Progress Reports
- Tuesday, 15 December: K2 Christmas Performance (Crane & Robin)
- Wednesday, 16 December: K2 Christmas Performance (Emu & Magpie)
- Thursday, 17 December: Class Christmas Parties
- Friday, 18 December: Staff Meeting (School Closed)
- Monday, 21 December - 3 January 2016: ESF Term Holiday (School Closed)
- Friday, 25 December: Public Holiday (School Closed)
- Saturday, 26 December: Public Holiday (School Closed)
- Friday, 1 January 2016: Public Holiday (School Closed)
- Monday, 4 January 2016: Term Begins



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- Wednesday, 13 January 2016: Parent Stay & Play: Sharing Stories
- Tuesday, 19 January 2016: PARENT WORKSHOP: Writing Development at 5pm
- Friday, 22 January 2016: K1 Admissions (School Closed)
- Wednesday, 27 January 2016: Parent Stay & Play: Sharing Stories
- Friday, 5 February 2016: CNY Celebrations & CNY Techni Photo
- Monday, 8 - 14 February 2016: ESF "Half Term Holiday" (School Closed)
- Monday, 8 - 10 February 2016: Public Holiday (School Closed)
- Monday, 15 February 2016: Term Begins