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Welcome back to school to everyone!

You will notice a new format to our newsletter this year, with a new heading combining both primary and secondary badges at the top. We hope you like the new format. Also this year I am hoping that other teachers will add their school news to the newsletter themselves, and it will not just be me writing each week!

The first day back: It was lovely to see all of you yesterday on the first day. Many of our buses were actually on time, despite the traffic on King's Road and Braemar Hill Road, I sincerely hope the students were not too late home after their first session at school, although I am sure the journey home would have been longer than usual. Only a few students found their way back to our Ching Wah Street office at the end of the day, because they were not met at their bus stop. I am sure this will not happen today!

Staffing this term: I am sure that all of you will be welcoming to our new members of staff, and I will tell you all about them below, but first of all news of our existing staff members. You may remember that several teachers were pregnant last year, so news of births first:

Elisabeth Eaton, our Primary 4 teacher gave birth to a daughter in August, as did our last Music Teacher, Mrs. Curry, a boy in her case. Also last Saturday Mrs. Marcy Osborne, our Primary 1 teacher unexpectedly gave birth to a little girl, six weeks early. I am pleased to report that all three mums and babies are doing very well. Both Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Osborne will return after their maternity leaves.

Mrs. Maggie Tse, P3 class teacher, will be leaving us for her maternity leave at the end of next week. Her baby is due during the last week of September, and she will also be returning when her maternity leave is finished.

New Staff Members this term: We are pleased to welcome several new members of staff, as follows:

Kindergarten: Ms. Sharon Osborne. Sharon has been working in Hong Kong for a few years now, she is originally from the UK, and is a qualified Kindergarten Teacher.

Reception: Ms. Emily Wilcockson. Emily is also from the UK, and also taught in Hong Kong for a few years.

Primary 2L: Ms. Liu, Lai Fun. Originally from Hong Kong, Ms. Liu trained as a teacher in the UK, and has just returned to Hong Kong from London, where she taught for several years.

Primary 4J: Mr. Arthur Jarden. Arthur has been working in Hong Kong as a NET teacher for a few years. He is originally from New Zealand, where he lived and taught for many years.

Primary 4E: Mrs. Charlotte Beard. Mrs. Beard is originally from the UK, where she taught for several years. She has recently arrived in Hong Kong with her husband who teaches with the ESF. We are most grateful to her for taking on Mrs. Eaton's maternity leave cover post.

Next week, when Mrs. Tse (P3T) goes on Maternity Leave, her class will be taken by Mr. Brian Lewis, also from the UK originally, and his last teaching post was as a NET teacher here in Hong Kong. He has also taught at the Yew Chung International School in Shanghai - a very experienced teacher as you can see!

Primary 1: Those of you who have students in the Primary 1 classes will have already heard that we are still short of a P1 teacher for one class and we are also now looking urgently for a Maternity Leave cover for P1O, following the early arrival of Mrs. Marcy Osborne's baby at the weekend. At present Ms. Sarah Leung, our ESL teacher, is taking one of the classes, and Ms. Sandra Wyatt, our Deputy Teacher is covering for Mrs. Osborne. We have high hopes that we have found another excellent teacher for the full time position, and are interviewing today for the Maternity Cover, so hopefully by Monday we will be sorted out!

Teacher Assistants: In addition we welcome two new TA's to the school, Ms. Alaina Wong who will take Ms. Sheena Wong's place in Primary 4, and Ms. Carrie Yuen Ka Yi, who will be based at Ching Wah Street, in Kindergarten.

Welcome to all our new staff members, both temporary and permanent!

URGENT Bus notice from Mr. So:

It seems that some of you still need to settle your bus payment for this semester. Mr. So has asked me to inform you that if you have not paid by the end of this week, the bus drivers will refuse to take your child on the school bus next Monday. So please, everyone, make sure your child is wearing their school bus badge, anyone not wearing one will not be allowed to ride the bus, starting Monday. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Notices coming home this week:

Please check your child's school bag every day this week for school notices, as we do have many to give out to various year groups and whole school. These notices include:

P1 and P6 Immunisation notices from the Health Department

Form for HK Speech Festival, if your child has been chosen to take part this year,

Stuck on You form for name tapes - optional, if you don't want to use this service, please ignore!

Other health and dental forms for P1-6 students

Student personal detail update form for the school.

There may be others - so keep an eye on the school bag this week!

Congratulations to Yeung Choi Shun Sean(Primary 2C): Sean has received First Prize in the Grade One of the 'Swayder' Hong Kong Youth and Children Piano Competition 2008, presented and organized by the "Liu Shih Kun Piano and Arts Centre". Entrants for this competition exceeded 3000, with entrants from all over China, so Sean has achieved a remarkable result to be placed first overall in the Grade One competition. Well done Sean, and we will have to hear you play one Assembly!

Finally, news of the IGCSE results from our Secondary Section: Once again we are proud of all our students this year who took their IGCSE examinations. We achieve an overall 80% A* - C pass rate, with 99% overall A*-E pass rate. This is a great result once again, as the average global rate for A* - C passes is 65%! A number of subjects' results were improved from last year, notably Science, and Geography, among others, and Mathematics and Mandarin results were the same as last year! Well done to both students and teachers for such great results in our second year!

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