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## HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

**A LETTER FROM  
THE HEAD OF SCHOOL,  
MS. KITTY HO**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 2 and the Year of the Ox! I hope you all had a wonderful Chinese New Year break and are ready for the new challenges this year.

Teachers are busy preparing your child's portfolio which will be given out during our Parent Teacher Conference. Notice has been sent out earlier. Please be reminded to confirm the meeting time with your class teacher.

We are delighted that face-to-face learning is resumed partially. Many safety practices have been put in place. Meanwhile, we try to maintain a normal learning environment as far as possible. While waiting for your child at dismissal, please try to keep a safe distance from each other. Please also check your child's temperature and record it on the communication book before coming to school.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe!



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**12th March 2021**

Parent-Teacher Conference  
(No School for PN, N & LKP)

**29th March - 9th April 2021**  
Spring Break



## **The Importance of Sensory Play**

*Ms. Indira Gurung*

At PIPS, we recognise the importance of sensory play for children - a significant factor in a child's development from cognition to behaviour. From birth, children start exploring with their senses which leads to making connections and processing new information. Children usually begin to make sense of the world around them as they grow through exploring new materials and different resources. Sensory play is a valuable way of engaging children in various activities and heightens their senses and enhances their learning.

### **What is Sensory Play?**

- Sensory play is the type of play activities that stimulate and engage children's senses. This includes touch, smell, sight, hearing and taste. New experiences they have through different sensory activities can develop different parts of the child's brain.

Research shows there are many different ways in which sensory play can benefit a child's development and learning:

- Sensory play can help children learn new ways of talking about the world. It develops their language and encourages them to communicate effectively with others. Providing different sensory play materials will encourage children to talk about the new textures or shapes they feel.
- Children identify objects by touching, which allows them to develop their fine and gross motors skills such as pulling, squeezing and throwing. This will stimulate their senses and enhance their physical ability.
- Experimenting with different objects during sensory play will develop problem-solving skills and decision-making skills. Able to find solutions to obstacles while playing, such as making a ball with play dough.
- Sensory play can also be therapeutic and calming for some children, especially those who get anxious easily.
- Develop more self-awareness which allows them to develop a better sense of space around them.

When your child is allowed to use multiple senses to accomplish a task, they will learn more from the experience, which helps them retain more information.

At PIPS, we believe in providing time and opportunities that pique children's interest through sensory. We incorporate sensory play throughout our units of inquiry; engaging and challenging children to be open-minded risk-takers and inquirers.



### New Teachers

Please join us to welcome our new English teacher, Ms. Rebecca and our new music specialist, Mr. Xavier.

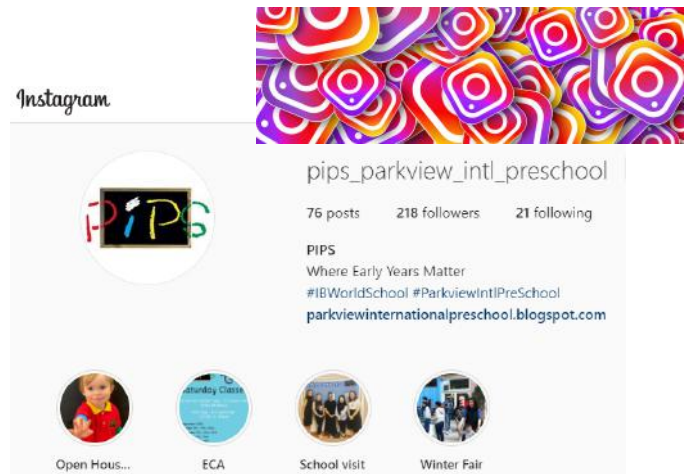
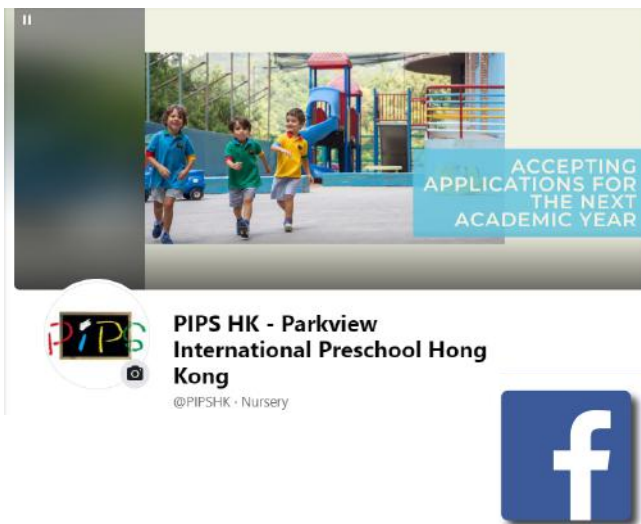


### Health Protection Measures

The health and safety of our children and staff remain PIPS's top priority. We politely ask parents to continue to be vigilant with the children's health conditions. If they develop any symptoms, i.e. fever, respiratory symptoms or sudden loss of taste or smell, etc., please seek medical advice immediately and do not come to school.

### Social Media

Please follow and like our social media page on Facebook (PIPS HK - Parkview International Preschool Hong Kong) and Instagram (pips\_parkview\_intl\_preschool).



### Cardigans and Jackets

It is officially spring now. Despite the weather is getting warmer, some mornings are pretty chilly. Please bring along a cardigan or jacket for our little ones to enjoy their outdoor activities.

