

# School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Time has flown by really quickly! We have reached the end of the school year! What a wonderful and special year we have had together!

We are so proud to see how much the children have grown and developed. We would like to thank you most sincerely for your support and participation throughout this school year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our hard working and diligent teachers and staff who have worked so tirelessly to make this year a successful one!

Congratulations to the children in Coral, Seals and Sea Lions classes! They will be graduating very soon. We hope they will continue with their positive learning attitude and wish them all a successful and happy school life ahead.

A fond farewell to the children, families and also teachers who will be leaving us. Ms. Jenny and Ms. Carmen will be seeking new challenges in their careers. We would like to thank them for the contribution they have made to our school and to the lives of the children here.

We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

I would also like to say goodbye to all of you as I will be leaving the teaching profession and returning to live in England. I will miss all of you and would like to wish you all the best of luck for the future!

We are at the final stage of editing the school Yearbook now. This will be ready by the end of this month. We hope you enjoy your time reading it with your family and friends.

Summer holidays are just around the corner and we wish you all a great summer break wherever you may be!

Yours sincerely,  
*Mary Scarborough*  
Principal



## Parent Orientation for 2018-2019 Admission

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Playgroup: 8:30am - 9:30am  
Pre-Nursery: 10:00am - 11:00am  
Kindergarten: 11:30am - 12:30pm

Please note that the Parent Orientation is only for parents whose child will start at PIPS in August 2018. This orientation is for parents/ carers only.



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### **Graduation Ceremony 2018**

This year the Graduation Ceremony and 10th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 at the Leo Lee Arts Centre at the Canadian International School, from 10:15am to 12:00pm. All the UKG/LKG parents and Nursery children and parents are invited to join this special event with us.

Please note that Pre-Nursery and Playgroup classes will operate as normal on this day.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences (PN to KG ONLY)**

Our Term 3 Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018, for Pre-Nursery to Kindergarten Levels. Parents are invited to come and meet with their child's teachers to discuss their child's progress at school. Portfolios and progress reports will be issued at this time.

There is NO SCHOOL for the CHILDREN on this day. Please note the conferences are for PARENTS ONLY.

\*Playgroup classes will operate as normal on the day.\*

### **Playgroup Certificates**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> term Playgroup certificates will be distributed on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018, during the class sessions.

### **School End of Year Party**

Our school end of year parties will be on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018. School uniform is not required and children are welcome to wear their party clothes. The school hours will remain the same, 8:45am for morning classes and 1:00pm for afternoon classes.

Parents are invited to join during the last hour of the session, 10:45am for the morning session and 3:00pm for the afternoon session.

Due to limited space, a maximum of two adults from each family are invited. Please bring along party food/drink to share in class. You are welcome to bring your camera and take photos to keep all the lovely memories of your child's last day of this school year.

### **Last School Day**

The last school day is on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Please check your child's cubby and

take all your child's belongings home. Thank you.

### **School Calendar for 2018-2019**

The school calendar for 2018-2019 has been posted on our school website. Please feel free to take a look.

[www.pips.edu.hk](http://www.pips.edu.hk)

### **Summer Camp 2018**

Our summer camp will run over 3 weeks from 16<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018. There are still some limited places in some classes, please feel free to collect a leaflet from the school office or contact us at 2812 6801 to get more information.



## Vigilance against Hand, Foot, Mouth Disease (HFMD) and Enterovirus 71 (EV71) Infection

As advised by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), we are now entering the peak season for hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) and enterovirus 71 (EV71) infection. Therefore, we would like to urge all staff, parents and children to pay extra attention to their personal hygiene and environmental hygiene of the school, home and public areas.

HFMD is a viral infection commonly seen in children. The infection can occur throughout the year in Hong Kong but the disease activity usually peaks from May to July. Common symptoms include fever, sore throat and skin rash over the hands and feet. Although the illness is self-limiting in most cases, some cases especially those caused by EV71 may be associated with complications like myocarditis, encephalitis or poliomyelitis-like paralysis. Maintaining good hygiene practice is the most important measure to prevent HFMD and EV71 infection.

In order to help prevent the outbreak of disease, please take note of the following measures:

- Make sure that children have a healthy diet, enough sleep, fresh air and rest, and take regular exercise to build up their immune systems in a healthy way.
- Seek medical advice as soon as possible if children develop symptoms of fever, abdominal

pain, sore throat and ulcers in the mouth and throat and spots on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet.

- Children with HFMD should be excluded from schools until fever has subsided and all the vesicles have dried and crusted. As an extra precaution, children with EV 71 infection should not go to school for another two weeks after all symptoms have subsided. A clearance note from your doctor is required when your child returns to school.

- Inform the school immediately if children are sick or have been admitted to hospital for surveillance. Such information and contact details of students may be reported to CHP or relevant government departments on a need to know basis to help the school put into effect control measures to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

- Co-operate with the school by picking up children not feeling well from school and consulting the doctor immediately.

- Supervise children's personal hygiene practices. Teach them how to wash their hands properly with liquid soap before meals and after going to toilet, and to cover their nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing, and the importance of disposing of used tissues properly.

- Perform a simple screening on your child's health everyday before sending them to school.

For further information regarding seasonal communicable diseases, please visit the website of the "Centre for Health Protection" at [www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk).

We would like to appeal to parents again for co-operation in maintaining a clean and healthy environment for everyone. We would like to assure you that we maintain a very clean and healthy environment and are following the CHP directives on hygiene practices in our schools.

Thank you for your attention.

