

# June School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of the school year! I'm very glad to see how much the children have grown and developed since August. I would like to thank you most sincerely for your support and participation throughout this school year. I 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!

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

We would also like to say a fond farewell to the children, families and also teachers who will be leaving us. Ms. Katie will be leaving us as she will relocate to a European country that will be nearer to her family. Ms. Bella would like to take a break to further her studies. We would like to thank them for the contribution they have made to our school and to the lives of the children here. We will surely miss them and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

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 2017-2018**  
**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Playgroup: 9:00 -10:00am**

**Pre-Nursery: 10:30 -11:30am**

**Kindergarten: 12:00 - 1:00pm**

Please note that the Parent Orientation is only for parents whose child will start at PIPS in August 2017.





### **Graduation Ceremony 2017**

The Graduation Ceremony for the Corals, Seals and Sea Lions classes will be held on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the auditorium of the Christian Family Service Centre in Kwun Tong from 10:15am to 12:00pm. All the UKG and LKG parents are invited to celebrate this special event with us.

Please note that Nursery, 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 Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 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 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 during the class session.

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

Our school end of year parties will be on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017. 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 Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Please check your child's cubby and take all your child's belongings home. Thank you.

### **School Tentative Calendar for 2017-2018**

The school tentative calendar for 2017-2018 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 2017**

Summer Camp 2017 is open for applications. Our summer camp will run over 3 weeks from 10<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July. Please feel free to collect a leaflet from the school office.



# Another year of fantastic learning at PIPS



## Our technology and assessment focus...

### How have our assessment practices changed?

This year one of our targets was to develop the way we do assessment in school. We began the year reviewing our assessment practices and thinking about what we currently do and what we could improve on. We then had our 'Assessment in the Early Years' workshop from the IB which engaged the teachers in discussions around the purpose of assessment and how it might look in the early years. As a result we now use a wider range of assessment strategies that are reflected in our assessment policy. As a school we know that all children are different and learn at different paces and in different ways, so we have developed our assessments to be more flexible to allow children the opportunity to succeed.



### How do we use technology at PIPS?

We have also had a focus on technology this year too, discussing opportunities to incorporate it within our units of inquiry. As part of the PYP programme, children develop a range of trans-disciplinary skills such as thinking skills and research skills and technology really lends itself well as a tool to support this. Our teachers had some in-school training led by Mr. Don with various gadgets and discussed what learning would look like in their respective year levels. PIPS has a great provision for technology which is continuing to grow, and it is always surprising how much the children already know about using it!



We look forward to another year of learning next year and continuing to strengthen our programme and practices to ensure we continue to provide a rigorous education for your children.

