

FEBRUARY AND MARCH NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2018 and Happy New Year to you all!

This year is a very special year for PIPS KLN as it celebrates its 10th Anniversary. Our UKG and LKG children have planned a series of activities as part of their unit 'Celebrations'. We had our in-house 10th Anniversary celebration on 19th January 2018. Our children wore special clothes associated with our school colours and/or the number 10. All the year levels gathered together while the UKG and LKG classes led the children to sing and dance together, then each class went back to their classroom for their own celebrations such as making a birthday cake and decorating pancakes with 10 fruits. We are now planning for our school year book. The LKG and UKG classes are designing the cover and we are collecting all the lovely photos throughout this year to put in it. We will also have our class and individual photos taken in March. It will be a memorable book to see everyone and the events at PIPS during this academic year. On 22nd June, we will have our graduation and 10th Anniversary Celebration, it will be held at the Canadian International School.

We would like to thank all the parents most sincerely for your continuing support for the past 10 years in making a wonderful school for your child/children. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for sharing their memories with us on our website. Please feel free to take a look at the following site: https://www.pips.edu.hk/kln/anniversary_sharing.asp.

The Chinese New Year is approaching and we wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous year of the Dog!

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Yours sincerely,
Mary Scarborough
Principal



Celebrating 10th Anniversary



Forthcoming events in February and March

Confirmation Letters for 2018-2019

Thank you for returning the survey forms. You should receive a confirmation letter to guarantee a place for your child in February if your child is returning to our school. Please contact the school office should you have any questions about admissions for the next school year.

Mark down all the important events...

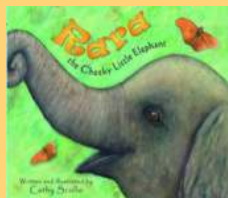
Parent-Teacher Conferences (PN & N) / Shared Learning Day (UKG & LKG)

The 2nd Parent-Teacher Conferences for Pre-Nursery and Nursery levels will take place on Friday, 9th March 2018. You will have a chance to meet the class teachers to discuss your child's progress at school and receive your child's portfolio. The UKG and LKG classes will be having their Shared Learning Day on the same day. Parents and children will come to school in small groups at the scheduled time, your child will introduce and share his/her learning activities, discuss his/her portfolio and guide you through the unit of inquiry. All parents, please enjoy some time reading your child's portfolio and return it to the class teachers by Wednesday, 21st March 2018.

Please note that Playgroup will have normal classes on this day.

Fund Raising for the Elephant Nature Park in Thailand

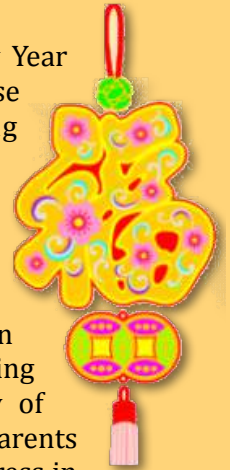
This charity event will take place from 5th -9th March at PIPS KLN. During this week, our children will be introduced to Rara the Cheeky Little Elephant through a virtual reading from the author, Cathy Scollo. The children will also



learn about elephants and participate in different, related activities. We will be selling copies of the book with all proceeds going to the Elephant Nature Park in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Please join us to support the charity!

CNY Flower Market

We will celebrate The Chinese New Year festival by organising an "Open House Flower Market" for our existing students on **Wednesday, 14th February 2018**. Our school will be open from 9:00am to 12:00pm. **There will be no regular morning or afternoon classes on the day.** Parents and children can join us at any time during the opening hours and participate in a variety of enjoyable and hands-on activities. Parents and children are most welcome to dress in their traditional Chinese costumes on this special day too. Please refer to the notice for further details.



Holidays

Chinese New Year Holiday

The Chinese New Year holiday is from 15th February 2018 to 23rd February 2018. Our school will resume on Monday, 26th February 2018.

We wish you all a prosperous, healthy and happy year of the dog!

Kung Hei Fat Choy!



Photo Taking Days

The photo taking days for our school will be from 19th to 23rd March 2018. Your child will have both individual and class photos taken. Parents will receive sample individual photos and the class photo will be posted on the reception boards for you to view. It is **OPTIONAL** for parents to order the photos. The photos will be also be used for our school year book.

A reminder will be sent out to you after the Chinese New Year holiday.



Health Reminders

As advised by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), we are now entering the peak season for influenza and/or outbreaks of communicable diseases such as hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD), enterovirus 71 (EV 71), norovirus, and respiratory illness may occur in schools from time to time. 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.

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 diarrhoea, vomiting, skin rash and red spots with blisters. If symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough or influenza are developed, they should put on a mask and seek medical care promptly. Please also notify the school and let the children stay at home and rest until symptoms have improved and the fever has subsided for at least two days, or follow the medical advice from your doctor on sick leave, whichever is longer.

- Children with HFMD should be excluded from school until the fever has subsided and all the vesicles have dried and crusted. As an extra precaution, children with EV71 infection should not go to school for another two weeks after all symptoms have subsided.

- 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 the 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 the 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.

- Children with the mentioned health issues must provide a clearance note from a doctor before returning to school.

For further information regarding seasonal communicable diseases, please visit the website of the "Centre for Health Protection" at 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.

No Mask Policy

Our school has a no mask policy. If your child or the playgroup accompanying adult is unwell, please seek medical advice and stay at home until they are fully recovered to return to school.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention.

