



School Newsletter



Dear Parents

In this last issue of the school's newsletter for 2018-2019, I wish to bid farewell to Ms Iris Yung, our Deputy Principal / Child Care Supervisor. Yes, sadly, Iris is leaving us when the current school year ends.

Iris is one of the longest-serving staff in PIPS Kowloon. She joined the school not long after it was opened, and all through these years, Iris has worked with utmost dedication. During that tough run-in period, Iris contributed tremendously in assisting the principal to streamline all aspects of the school's operation.

As the Deputy Principal, Iris runs the school within her sphere of authority and on behalf of the principal. She essentially bridges the gap between the principal and staff, parents, students when the principal is occupied in the Parkview campus, ensuring that the principal is aware of important issues. As the Child Care Supervisor, she does a wonderful job in making sure that the children are well taken care of at all times. We are now an IB World School. Before accreditation, Iris was heavily involved in the IB application process; she was one of the key staffs contributing to the accreditation of IB in 2016. Iris now is still overseeing the Chinese curriculum. Over the years Iris has gained the trust of

the School Board, respect of her colleagues and the love of the children.

I am unwilling to let Iris go. However, she has an opportunity to widen her horizon and develop herself further in the arena of early childhood education, thus I respect her decision. As Iris is going to turn the page in her life's story, please join me in wishing her every success in her future endeavours.

Meanwhile, please be reassured that PIPS' dedication to providing the best education will continue as we transition to the new leadership. Ms. Elizabeth Loynd-Wong will succeed Ms. Iris from August 2019, and I am sure that she will receive the same support from the PIPS Community. Please join the PIPS family in extending a warm welcome to Ms. Loynd-Wong. We look forward to continuing to build upon the strong school community that Iris has established.

Yours sincerely,
Elta Lau
School Supervisor



**Parent Orientation for
2019-2020 Admission
Wednesday, 26th June 2019**

**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 2019. This
orientation is for parents/
carers only.**



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Message from the Future Principal

Ms. Elizabeth Loynd-Wong

I am delighted to have been appointed as a part of the leadership team at PIPS Kowloon. It is truly an honour to serve in this capacity and I am excited to be joining an esteemed kindergarten with such a glowing reputation.

I am originally from Hong Kong and was educated at Taunton School and Loughborough University in the UK where I earned my bachelor's degree. I started working in the education field as soon as I graduated from university and have experience in both local and international kindergartens.



During my career in early childhood education I have served in a variety of roles. I began my journey as a class teacher at a local kindergarten, and after several teaching posts I moved into school management as a team leader, supervisor and most recently, a deputy principal.

As the holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education) and Certificate for Kindergarten Principals, my experience has given me a deep understanding of education within Hong Kong as a teacher, supervisor and now as the mother of a beautiful baby girl.

I believe that early childhood education is the basis of lifelong learning. Whilst the school is an important place for children's education, families play an equally critical role in their development. In particular, parents are instrumental in their personal growth and attitudes towards life. I look forward to working with you, meeting the children and leading the teachers as we continue our education journey as a team.

**MARK THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR**

Graduation Ceremony 2019

This year the Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 19th June 2019 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 3rd Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, 14th June 2019, 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 2nd term Playgroup certificates will be distributed on 20th and 21st June 2019, during the class sessions.

School End of Year Party

Our school end of year parties will be on Tuesday, 25th June 2019. 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, 25th June 2019. Please check your child's cubby and

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

School Calendar for 2019-2020

The school calendar for 2019-2020 has been posted on our school website. Please feel free to take a look.

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Summer Camp 2019

Our summer camp will run over 3 weeks from 15th July to 2nd August 2019. There are still some limited places in some classes, please feel free to collect a brochure 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.

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.

