

FEBRUARY AND MARCH NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Another two months have passed and we are now approaching the Chinese New Year Holidays.

Unfortunately, due to the development of seasonal influenza, the last few days of the school before the holidays got cancelled. I am sure that the children and their families are as disappointed as we are, however, we believe that children's safety and well-being comes first. The Flower Market that was originally planned on the 30th of January, has been rescheduled to the 11th of February.

Over the next few months, we will have different events for the parents and children. On Saturday, 23rd of February, we have invited experts from "Gordon Parenting" to talk about strategies to handle children's tantrums and impulsive behaviours. This is the first in a series of parent workshops that we have planned to host in collaboration with other organisations. So to learn more about the future workshops, stay tuned.

Shared Learning Day and Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in March. This provides a great opportunity for the students to share their gained knowledge with their parents and for the parents to understand more about their children's development.

Finally, I hope you all have a blessed Chinese New Year Holidays and enjoy your time with families and friends.

Yours sincerely,
Gazel Razavi
Principal



Forthcoming events in February and March

Confirmation Letters for 2019-2020

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) / Shared Learning Day (Nursery, LKG and UKG)

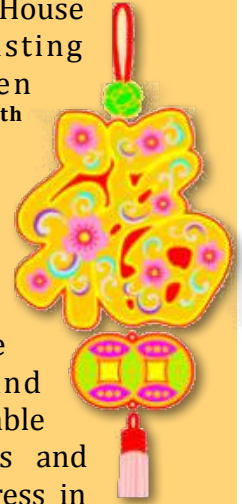
The 2nd Parent-Teacher Conferences for Pre-Nursery level and shared Learning Day for Nursery, LKG and UKG levels will take place on **Friday, 8th March 2019**. You will have a chance to meet the class teachers to discuss your child's progress at school and receive your child's portfolio. The Nursery, LKG and UKG 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 Friday, 22nd March 2019.

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

Chinese New Year Flower Market

Chinese New Year is one of the important festivals in Hong Kong. We will celebrate this

festival by organising an "Open House Flower Market" for our existing students. The date has been rescheduled to **Monday, 11th February 2019**. 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 Holidays

In view of the latest development of seasonal influenza and to minimise the spread of influenza within schools, the Education Bureau announced that the Chinese New Year Holiday for all kindergartens would be advanced to start from **Saturday, 26th January 2019, to 8th February 2019**. Our school will resume on **Monday, 11th February 2019**.



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

Kung Hei Fat Choy!



Photo Taking Days

The photo taking days for our school will be from 18th to 22nd March 2019. 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 also be used for our school yearbook.

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



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 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.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention.

