

AUTUMN TERM 2019

# The British Preparatory School

## WELCOME BACK

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the returning parents and the parents whose children have just started.

We have finally managed to complete three whole weeks at school! It was unfortunate that the beginning was so disrupted with days off and I apologise for the day you had to collect the children early due to an electricity cut. We waited for a time, thinking it would just last for a few minutes, but it began to be quite uncomfortable without the air-conditioning and so we decided we had best call you.

## DATES FOR THE TERM

This week we have had parent interviews. These are mainly for teachers and parents to get to know one another and to see how the children have settled. Please remember that during the year you are welcome to make an appointment with myself or your child's teacher if you have any worries.

7 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photographs will be taken
22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Afternoon activities for Year 1 start
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Class newsletters on website
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Holiday
17 <sup>th</sup> November	School fees for the Spring term due.
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Concerts
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Class parties
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

## GATES

Please be diligent with regard to closing the gates, particularly the main gate. It only takes a second for a determined escape artist to get through the gates and in to the car park with its obvious dangers! Even the small gates are important so please help to keep our children safe. May I also suggest you have a word with drivers and nannies on this subject.

## SCHOOL FEES

Please note when the fees are due and ensure they are paid on time. The schedule is at the bottom of the term dates. If you do not have a copy, it can be seen on the website or is available from the office. Last term a lot of time was wasted in ringing and writing to non-payers. In addition, there were some who pleaded difficulties in raising the funds but promised to pay at the beginning of term. Places were held for these people but at the last moment they were offered places in other schools. Unfortunately, we cannot continue to run the School like this and therefore, if the fees are not paid by the deadline date, your child's place will be offered to one on the waiting list.

## LEAVING THE PREMISES IN THE MORNING

You are asked to leave the play areas before 8.15 so that we can get the children into school in an orderly manner on time. The children take longer to do this when distracted by all the final farewells from parents, resulting in them standing in the heat for longer. In addition the nursery children cross the area by the main gate and it is easier to keep an eye on them if the area is clear.

## PARENT INFORMATION/DISCUSSION GROUPS

These will take place in the next few weeks. There will be more details under separate cover.

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

You are reminded that we do not organise birthday parties. Only small cup cakes should be sent in if your child wants to celebrate a birthday with their friends. Please do NOT send in party bags, gifts, extra food etc.

## ROAD WORKS

Regretfully there is nothing we can do about the roadworks but thank you for your patience. There is nothing to be gained by impatient hooting of the horn or not waiting in an orderly manner!

## TRAMPOLINE

We have just purchased a small trampoline which initially will be placed in the play area with the AstroTurf. Please note that, for safety reasons, this is only to be used under the supervision of the staff and should not be used before or after school times.

Mrs Whitford