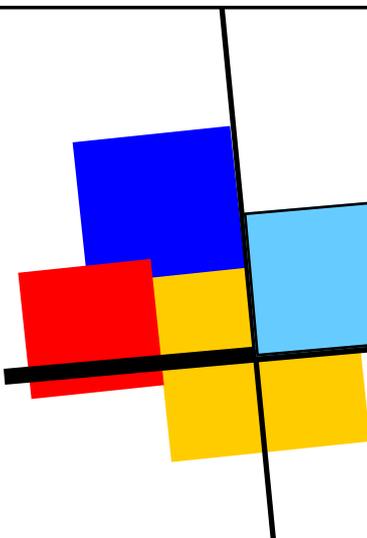


JANUARY 2018



The British Preparatory School

Newsletter

WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone had a good holiday and that 2018 will be successful and healthy for everyone.

NEW BUILDING

During the holiday, Villa 16, the new one, has been completely redecorated, child sized toilets installed, and lights and display boards fitted. In addition we have new safety fencing and playground. All this will eventually have shading and outside equipment.

At present this building houses a Pre-School class and the Arabic class.

NEW TOILETS FOR RECEPTION

We have also installed extra toilets in the Reception classes.

STAFFING

Mrs Griffiths is leading the team for Pre-School in the new building and Mrs Gray the team for the Pre-School class off the office area. Mrs Gibson joins us as the school nurse and class assistant and Mrs Martin joins the office team. New class assistants are Miss Mohammed and Mrs Henningson.

Sadly I have to inform you that Mrs Carrington will be leaving us at the end of February. She is leaving because her husband has taken up a new position outside Bahrain. Mrs Carrington has been my secretary since 2008 and her friendly greetings, great organizational skills and helpfulness will be greatly missed by everyone.

GATES

Once again I have to appeal to everyone to take great care with all the gates and particularly the main one. Please ensure you do not leave any open or unlocked. At the beginning and end of the day, when there are a lot of people passing through, do not leave it open for the next person. Please ensure drivers and housemaids understand this.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Year 1 afternoon activities will start the week beginning 28th January and run for six weeks. Further information will be sent under separate cover.

UNIFORM

There appears to be a weird selection of uniform at present, from various sweaters and jackets to the most amazing variety of leg and foot wear ranging from boys wearing tights, girls with leggings and socks in a range of colours and patterns, and pink, orange and even flashing shoes! Some children are wearing long sleeved vests or sweaters under their short sleeved dresses or shirts but no cardigan or sweater on top! For extra warmth I suggest **short** sleeved vests and the school cardigan or pullover plus the school jacket if even more warmth is necessary.

The boys may wear trousers and long socks are recommended if your child really feels the cold. Girls may wear plain navy or white tights or knee length socks.

Shoes should be school shoes in navy, white, black or brown. Trainers are only to be worn on P.E. days and school shoes to be brought to change into.

We are going to have a competition to see which class is the best dressed, so please ensure your child doesn't let the class down by not being in the correct uniform.

LABELLING UNIFORM

If you wish to have mislaid uniform returned to you, please ensure all items are clearly labelled. So much time can be wasted over establishing the owners of unmarked uniform.

RUBBISH

Our caretaker spends a lot of his time trying to keep the central garden and parking area of the compound tidy, however it is soul destroying when he is constantly having to pick up unnecessary rubbish. I am not sure if this is from residents or from cars of parents. Please help us to provide a tidy and clean environment for the children as well as setting them a good example, by ensuring that no rubbish is thrown from anyone connected to BPS. Please also convey this message to drivers and housemaids.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

These will take place during the week beginning 18th February. Schedules will be posted outside your child's building and you are invited to make an appointment. However if you have any concerns at any other time, do make an appointment through the office. Never let a problem develop into a big one!!

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please note that it is important that children arrive on time, as late arrivals disrupt the start to the day. This is particularly essential for Reception and Year 1. During the first part of the day there is important input, which, if missed, can affect the rest of the child's day. Frequent late arrival at school at this age will result in this information being recorded in the child's report.

Mrs Sandra Whitford

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