



Accra, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015

Dear Parents,

It is always very reassuring when all the pupils return safe and sound from their class trips and excursions before the Christmas holidays. From what we have heard and the pictures we have seen, the trips were an enrichment in many respects. I am happy about that!

There are still some class tests to be written and the nursery and kindergarten are preparing themselves for the **Music and Ballet Evening on Thursday, 10.12.2015 at 15:30 p.m.** before we all go on the well-earned holidays.

**I would like to warmly welcome you to this event and am looking forward to seeing you all.**

**The holidays begin on Monday, 14.12.2015 and end on 08.01.2016**

In the past two years, around this time of the year we always used to presents for the Special Needs School in Dzorwulu. The donation action no longer met our expectations, especially last year.

In the new academic year, we are going to intensify our relationship with the already existing contact with **Chance for Children in Accra**. During our teachers' trip this year, we paid a visit to the home in Hebron. Moreover we have already held a first working visit during which together with those in charge of *Chance for Children*, we discussed possibilities of a cooperation that would be an enrichment for both sides.

The teachers have agreed that such an initiative is preferable to the once in a year donation action. I hope that you are also of this view.

In the new year I will be able to give you more detailed information on the planned cooperation between the GSIS and *Chance for Children*.

During the Christmas holidays we are going to have **some construction work** done like the **replacement of the gutter slabs** outside the kindergarten and the classrooms in the area directly bordering on the basketball court.

We are also going to top up the **sand** in the wave as well as those in the sandpits for the nursery and kindergarten.

Further construction work e.g. the **extension of the library and music room** have been planned for next year.

I will be giving you further information with regards to this and other changes and plans at the beginning of the new year.

The first meeting with our parents' group concerning our **50-years anniversary** has taken place. We have agreed have hold a very special **Information Event with regards to this anniversary on the 19th of January 2016 at 6 p.m.** I would appreciate it very much if **other interested parents** would join in as well that evening.

The general framework for the event:

The **anniversary celebrations will be taking place on 17th and 18th of June 2016.** On **Friday, 17.6.2016** the school will present an **Open Day** which will end with a **barbecue together** as we enjoy some ghanaiian music. On Saturday, **18.6.2016** there is going to be a **Fun-Run or Sponsors' Run** and in the evening **celebrate with festivities.**

The first **working groups** have already been formed. Further information on this will be found on our movable pin wall as from Tuesday, the 8th of December 2015. It would be wonderful if you could please right your name in the list, in case you already find the right group to work in.

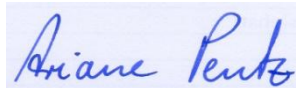
Together with our children and pupils, let us prepare to make the celebration during the festive days a memorable one.

Now the Christmas festivities await us and the children are especially looking forward to them. I would like to wish you and your whole family enriching and relaxing holidays.

I would like to thank you very much for co-operation, your useful critics and also for your understanding in the year 2015.

We will meet again in 2016, all the best for New Year and above all return safe and sound from the holidays.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ariane Pentz". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light blue rectangular background.