



Accra, 11.08.2016

Dear Parents,

A long and hopefully, very relaxing holiday time is now over and together with your children you are looking forward to the beginning of school. The GSIS-team is eagerly looking forward to the new academic year and to meeting the old pupils and especially the new pupils and their parents.

The celebration at the beginning of the academic year will take place on the **15th of August 2016 at 8 a.m.** on our basketball court. After that, all pupils and kindergarten children as well as the nursery children will go to their respective classrooms.

The Parents' Group would then like to warmly welcome all parents **to a cup of coffee at the nearby Swiss Club**. Please seize this opportunity of meeting other interesting parents and for interacting.

For pupils **in class 2 and above** lessons **on the first day of school** will be from **8 a.m. till 3:40 p.m.** **For our class 1 pupils, lessons will end at 12:30 p.m. each day during the first week in school.** On the first day in school, a warm meal will be provided for all the children.

As from the second day, if you would like your child to have a **warm meal for lunch** provided by the Swiss Club, I would like to ask you to register your son/ your daughter for lunch – this also applies to the food for the **nursery and kindergarten children**. The **Swiss-Club personnel** will be available at the entrance to the school on the first day of school to collect the registration and the lunch money.

The lists for our ***Extra-Curricular Activities*** have already been displayed on our movable pin wall. Please do register your child if you are interested. These activities take place from 1:15 p.m. on **Wednesdays, starting from 26.8.2015.**

If you would like your child to be in the After School Care but you have not yet indicated this on your admission form, then please contact **Pearl** (Administration Block, first floor on the right) **latest by Friday, 26.8.2016.**

As our school is an All Day School you can only register your children for After School Care on Wednesday afternoons (if your child does not participate in extra curricular activities or on Friday afternoons).

The children in nursery and kindergarten are certainly welcome to participate in the After School Care daily if they wish to do so.

You will receive the **invoice for the school fees** at the end of the second week in school. On the first day in school, pupils should please have their complete pencil case with coloured pencils, a pair of scissors and a glue stick.

Unfortunately, during the holidays I received a letter from one of the new teachers Jasmin Bashale stating her withdrawal of her work contract.

Fortunately, Danja Mäder, who has been working as a part-time teacher has declared her willingness to take up a full time position. She is going to be the class teacher of class 3/ 4 German stream. Also we have been able to get Mr. Kobina, who has been working with our pupils during swimming lessons for two years now, to take the pupils in some sports lessons as well as some Time for Talents lessons. Mr. Kobina will however not be able to begin before the 8.9.2016. There will be substitute teachers for all the sports and Time for Talents lessons until he starts his appointment.

Nina Amstadt, our head of nursery will be going on maternity leave as from 15.8.2016. **Ewa Martinowski-Gärtner** is going to be in charge during her absence.

Furthermore, some of you already know her since she was around during the last academic year – **Rebecca Quarde** is going to work as an English kindergarten teacher as a team member of the Early Childhood Department as from 15.8.2016.

During the holidays we were able to appoint a replacement for Dorothy Intsiful, **Andrea Romano**. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Basic Education and a Montessori Diploma and also has many years of experience of working in kindergarten. She will start working on the 1st Sept. 2016. Unfortunately Dorothy had to suddenly leave the country due to very urgent personal reasons.

Two additional teachers who have already been mentioned last academic year, **Anna Fischer-Krayer** (kindergarten teacher) and **Mareike van Eerd** (Class teacher for class 5/6) arrived in the country a few days ago and are ready for the beginning of the new academic year.

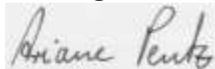
Angela Bempong will be working as a teaching assistant in our school on some days during the week in the new academic year. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Science and is training to be a Montessori teacher.

In September the *kulturweit* Intern **Theresa Bäuerle** will be the successor of Thalitha.

These are the important points to note . Please do not hesitate to ask the teachers or me in case you should have any further questions.

I wish you and your children a good start and I am looking forward to learning and living together with your children and working together with you!

Best regards,



Ariane Pentz

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