



17th November 2016

Dear Parents,

In just a few weeks, the year 2016 will be coming to an end. However, before the beginning of our well-earned Christmas holidays, I would like to get some information across to you.

First of all, I would like to say a very big thank you to the teachers and parents who contributed to the success of this year's St. Martin's procession. I understand you had a very enjoyable evening.

Not only are some families and their children leaving at the end of the year, a teacher is leaving Ghana as well.

Today was **Cay Götz's** last working day at the GSIS. At this point, I would like to thank him for his work as a teacher and for his extraordinary dedication to the furnishing of our science room.

We would like to wish him all the best in his personal life as well as with the new beginning in his professional life in Germany. The pupils and teachers are going to say good-bye to him during the long break on Friday.

From the **21.11.-24.11.2016** our **School Facilitator, Stefan Marien** is going to be around. We will be going through the inspection results together with him and begin taking into consideration how to proceed in view of the areas specified as having more room for improvement.

As soon as we receive the final version of the report, the results and the further steps to be taken towards the development of the GSIS will be communicated to all the various groups concerned.

This will all happen in the new year.

Parents have signaled an interest in the school's own curricula (classes 1-10) which were completed and presented to the inspectors. You are welcome to take a look at them in the administrator's office, where Pearl will be ready to show them to you. I would however like to

advice you to book an appointment with the subject teachers if you are interested, since in certain content areas some explanation would be helpful. Please find the e-mail address list of the teachers in the attachment.

This year, our class trips and excursions have been scheduled to take place between **28.11. and 1.12.2016**. It is understandable, that now with the elections so close, there are some concerns about safety and security. During a meeting yesterday with the officer in charge of security at the German Embassy, it was concluded that there are no higher security risks to be anticipated in making trips before the elections, however, possible dangers cannot be ruled out. Since every election campaign is different and there are no *reliable empirical figures* we are going to **postpone the class trips to the second semester. The dates will be communicated ahead of time.** The payments which have already been made will be kept in our safe.

I feel sorry, especially for the children who were already eagerly looking forward to the trips. However, the school does not want to take any risks and the most important thing is the safety of our pupils. School will be in session and lessons will be based on the timetable for that period. Please do take note that the **2.12.2016 is a public holiday** and the school will remain closed.

Since our last week in school coincides with the election week in Ghana, we have decided to have the **End of Year Celebration during our Monday ritual on the 5th of December 2016 at 8 a.m. on the basketball court.**

Our children in the Early Childhood Department and the pupils will be doing some presentations from their lessons, Time-for-Talents sessions and extra curricular activities during an hour-long programme. We are also going to say good-bye to the families who are leaving our school at the end of this year. After that, we will have some juice and some cookies. It would be nice if you could make time to participate in this particular Monday ritual.

Then the children will go to their various groups in the Early Childhood Department and the pupils will go to their respective classes and have lessons as usual. As already mentioned in the previous Parents' Letter, the **school will remain closed on the election day, 7.12.2016.**

Concerning having lessons on the days after the election (8.12. and 9.12.2016), we will inform you beforehand on consultation with the German Embassy.

Please take note of the **holiday planner for the 2017/ 2018 academic year.**

Do contact me in case you have any further questions.

Best regards,

Ariane Pentz