



1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016

Dear Parents,

One final parents' letter before the year comes to an end.

Before proceeding with the information, please permit me to take a short review of the year 2016. It was indeed an extremely eventful year, with lots of activities and highlights and certainly many little incidents which have enriched the lives of your children in addition to their daily lessons in school or have contributed to their development as a whole.

The 50 years anniversary and the German school inspection are certainly the two biggest events, which will influence the school even beyond this calendar year and have a positive impact on the school.

**At this point I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your dedication within the school community!**

I would like to warmly welcome you all to this year's Christmas celebration at the the end of the year which will be taking place this year during the Monday ritual. On **Monday, the 5th of December 2016 at 8 a.m. we will be meeting on the basketball court.** The children in the early Childhood Department together with the pupils will be having some presentations on what they have learnt during their lessons and extra curricular activities. After that, everyone is invited to some drinks and cookies.

**As already announced several times, the school will remain closed on 7.12.2016 due to the elections.** We have spoken with the German Embassy and we are to reckon with an increase in the number of police checks around the school. Possibly it might be difficult to reach the school.

The school board has now therefore decided that on **8.12. and 9.12.2016** the school **is going to remain closed as well**. I would like to ask to to be understanding with regards to this.

At the end of March, we are planning to have our **pedagogical day for the teaching staff** on the topic: Conflict Solving Strategies. The exact date will be communicated to you as soon as it has been confirmed.

Please do remind your children to **return all library books** before the holidays.

I would like to wish all the families who are leaving us at the end of 2016 a good new start in the new environment.

I wish you all relaxing holidays, a blessed and peaceful Christmas celebration. I will be happy to see you and your children back in school again, well and healthy on **Monday, the 9th of January 2017**.

Best regards,

Ariane Pentz