



10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents,

Hopefully you all had some time to relax during the Christmas holidays, were able to meet family and friends and have had a good start into the new year. I would like to wish you all the best in 2017 and am looking forward to continue working together with you this academic year.

I would like to welcome **Janine Priest** who has joined our kindergarten team. She began working as a native English-speaking kindergarten teacher this January.

Today I would like to draw your attention to some important dates for the coming weeks.

On the **25<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017** our **yearly Swimming Day for classes 1-10** will be taking place. The pupils will need just their swimming kits as well as something to eat and drink during break time. The school will also provide some snacks.

I would like to seize the opportunity to remind you of the General Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. You have already received the invitation from the president of the school board.

On the **27<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017** the pupils will receive information on their performance during the **first semester** (report cards).

The **class trips and excursions will be taking place between the 30<sup>th</sup> of January and 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2017**. You will receive more detailed information from the respective class teachers.

The second semester officially begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2017. In the coming days the pupils will receive the list of activities for ***Time for Talents*** from which they will be able to choose new activities if they wish to change.

The **Extra-Curricular-Lists for the second semester will be on the notice board from the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2017**. Please register your children for the activities of your choice. Our “Volksmusik

verbindet“ project will also be open for registration of new pupils in class 5 and above. More detailed information will follow.

On the **8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017** there is a **Parents’ Meeting** planned for all classes. The invitation to the meeting will follow. The **Methods Training** for the second semester has been postponed to the **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February**.

The **Parents-Teacher Meetings or Learning Progress Discussions** will be taking place on the **10<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017** in the afternoon. The lists with time slots will be on the notice board at the **end of January**.

**The goals set during the first learning progress discussions** will serve as the basis for the discussions in the second semester.

Finally, my own personal information to you. At the end of the year 2016, due to personal and family related reasons, I made the decision to return to Germany at the end of the 2016/2017 academic year.

The Central Agency for German Schools Abroad is already advertising for the position of head of school and will certainly find a new headmaster/headmistress from Germany. I am carefully making preparations towards the handing-over to ensure a smooth transition.

Please contact me in case you have any further questions.

I wish you all the best in the second semester!

Best regards,

Ariane Pentz