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Principal's Newsletter Term 1 Week 6

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all the parents that came to the curriculum evening last night. It was great to see you again. It has been difficult to discuss issues/concerns/ideas with parents because of the H1N1 and the ban on entering school.

I personally thought last night went very well and I received some very positive feedback from parents and I fielded some insightful questions. I am sure you will have many more questions as you digest the discussions of the evening. Please, as a school we want to grow and improve your suggestions/ideas/feedback enable us to do so. We welcome your feedback. As a school community we will continue to grow and improve. I feel we have had a good start, but we still have areas in which we need to move.

I would also like to thank Jim Khoo and the Holiday Inn for hosting us last night. It was appreciated, and provided a warm environment for such an evening.

Parent Help

We are starting to become a very busy school and would like to be busier to truly offer more programmes and support for the children.

If you, as a parent, would like to volunteer to help in any way at school please contact Caroline Jackson by email (c.jackson52@hotmail.com) or myself at aldasdair.maclean@etonhouse-xian.com.

Ideas may include: reading to children, translations for older children, library help, decorating display boards, running clubs after school etc... The ideas are endless and your help is invaluable. Talk with your friends and your child(ren) in regards to ideas.

Halloween

The school wishes to run Halloween for the children next Friday. We would like parent support in this event. As of the moment we are unsure if parents are allowed back into school due to H1N1. I am aware parents are being allowed into school this week. I am trying to contact Principal Chen to see if the ban has been lifted.

We would like to run a small event where next Friday children can dress up at school in their 'spookiest' costume. Teachers will decorate their classrooms and the children will rotate around the teachers classroom seeing or the ghostly and scary things that we have at Halloween.

If you think you could help decorate a classroom or help the teacher in some way please let either tell the classroom teacher or me.

We will run this event in school time, probably 1:30 -3:30 and will have prizes for the most original costume. Again, all are welcome and support is welcomed. It will be a fun afternoon

Special Events

The school is running a number of special events. Below is the overview of the proposed schedule. This schedule can change or be added to. This is what we hope to offer on top of the already busy EtonHouse calendar

Special Event	Date
Halloween	Friday, Oct. 30, 2009
HiTS Talent Show	Friday, Nov. 27, 2009
Christmas Play & Family Potluck Dinner	Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009
Literacy Week	Week of Jan. 18-22, 2010
Chinese New Year	Friday, Feb. 12, 2010
Numeracy Week	Week of March 15-19, 2010
International Day	Friday, April 2, 2010
Spring Festival and Entrepreneur Day	Saturday, May 8, 2010
MYProm (Secondary Prom)	Saturday, June 19, 2010

Make –Up Day

Thank you for your patience in regards to the closure of the school on Monday. I felt that for health reasons, as I stated in the newsletter, we couldn't open. We need to have a makeup day because of this. I am proposing January the 23rd. The feeling is that we have just come back from holiday, teacher' and students. We will be fresh and should cope with a long week. This school period of time is a very short as Chinese New Year falls very soon after Christmas. Unless I hear a significant amount of objections i will set the make-up day for the **Saturday 23rd January.**

Snacks

I felt this week children enjoyed their snack a lot more. There was less wastage and healthy options encourage healthy lifestyles. We will continue down this path, but any suggestion please share with us.

Sincerely,

Mr. Maclean

Assemblies

Oct. 23: Year 2 and 3 with Mrs. Stenson
Oct. 30: MYP/DP Humanities with Ms. Sudborough
Nov. 6: Chinese classes with Ms. Joe Lin 林晶

Upcoming events:

Oct. 30th: Halloween

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Year 2 and 3 Hamsters Newsletter

We have a wonderful group of children from diverse backgrounds and cultures in our Year 2-3 class this year. Last week we welcomed our new student Anna-Maria from Germany to our class.

- We have made a productive start to the year with the setting of learning goals and expectations as well as a Class Contract signed by students and staff.
- Our first **Unit of Inquiry** into 'Homes reflect personal identity and local culture' is drawing to a close. This week the students displayed their learning and understanding in their presentations to the class. We will share some of our learning with the whole school on Friday at Assembly.

- Next week the students will be investigating

'Why people live where they live?'

Don't be surprised parents if your child asks you some questions about why you live in China?

- Our **guided reading** program is well underway with the children grouped according to their reading ages. We are using a phonics based resource 'Ants on the Apple' for our reading books and related spelling activities. Our fluent readers continue to read the Reading A-Z series.

- Year 3 have started to use the '**Everyday Mathematics**' resource beginning with the themes number patterns, computation and data analysis. Year 2 are learning to recognise numbers to 20 as well as the number before or after a number 0-20.

- We are also researching facts about our favourite animal and **writing reports** this week.

We hope that you all have a good week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding our program.

Kind regards Ms Jacqui Stenson
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XHIS International Department Lunch Orders			
Date 2009/10/26--2009/10/30			
Total RMB _____			
Student Name _____			Price NO.
Monday	Pork cutlet (From Dolce)		15
	Fettuccine Fungi (From Dolce)		24
Tuesday	Subway Chicken Teriyaki (With Salad)		15
	Subway Chicken Teriyaki (No Salad)		15
	Vegetarian Subway		12
Wednesday	Fried egg with rice		5
	Fried noodle (Not Spicy)		5
Thursday	Shrimp Fried Rice (From Village Café)		15
	Quesadilla (Vegetarian)		20
Friday	Tomato and cheese pizza (Vegetarian)		15
	B.L.T. PIZZA		15

Snack Menu Order Form: October 26 – 30

Please check the boxes in the “Snack Menu Signup” form.

NOTES:

- This ordering system has already shown results in reducing wasted food in our school. Thank you for your support with this new initiative.
- Ms. Fu has asked that parents and students please return these orders on Fridays so she has enough time to prepare the orders for Monday. Thank you.

Student: _____

	Oct. 26		Oct. 27		Oct. 28		Oct. 29		Oct. 30	
Morning	Banana		Orange		Pear		Apple		Grapes	
Afternoon	Juice		Yogurt		Juice		Yogurt		Juice	