



'Strive to Achieve'



5th May 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,



Cinco de Mayo (Spanish for 5th of May), is a date of great importance for the Mexican and Chicano communities. It marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla.

The "Batalla de Puebla", although not a recognised holiday, came to represent a symbol of Mexican unity, heritage and patriotism and is celebrated through food, music, folkloric dancing.

Thank you to Ekaterina and Costa Gomez

Welcome back everyone from what seemed a really long break. The children were full of wonderful experiences and stories to share with us about their adventures in the holidays. This term is a fairly short one with only 9 weeks and many of those short weeks due to public holidays. During this term we have the Year 6 Beijing excursion and graduation and our wonderful International Food Fair, which is always a highlight in the calendar! You will see more about this in the PTA section of the newsletter.

Change in 'pick-up' points for the end of school

We will be trialling new arrangements for pick-up. We would like all parents and helpers to enter school through the gate by the PTA uniform shop when collecting children. The gate will be opened from 2.45pm and you are welcome to wait in the seated area by the climbing frames. As soon as the bell rings, please then make your way to the usual collection points.

As most P.E. lessons are instructed on the lower courts in term 3 we feel this will reduce interruptions to the lessons. It is often very difficult to teach the class lesson under the current arrangements. If your helper/driver collects your children, can you please inform them of the new arrangements and ask them to avoid using the courts/car park as an access route while lessons are in progress. The sole purpose is to ensure the children's P.E. lesson is uninterrupted and of equal quality to those lessons taken throughout the day. The side gate entry into the car park and lower playground will be opened at 2.55pm each day. Please also be mindful of interrupting the lesson if it is in progress. Thanking you in advance for your understanding.

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

As from today, the school newsletter will be emailed bi-weekly. You will continue to receive the newsletter on a Thursday each fortnight.

Public Holidays and School Closure Days

Please be reminded that we have a couple of short weeks coming up:

- Monday 9th May, Staff CPD day. (School closed)
- Tuesday 10th May, Public Holiday - The Buddha's Birthday
- Monday 6th June, Public Holiday - Tuen Ng Festival

Friday 3rd June is marked as a 'Teacher Training Day' in the children's diaries but this has been moved to Monday 9th May therefore the children will attend school as normal on this day!

Kind Regards

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