



# Newsletter

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007.

## Diary Dates

05.12.07	Sint Celebration
21.12.07	Half Day Christmas Holiday (11:45 finish)
07.01.08	School re-opens
22.01.08	School Photographer

## General

### Sint

Please arrive promptly on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December as we are expecting a very important visitor. Children should enter the building as normal and we will be positioned outside to welcome our guest at 8:30. Parents are politely requested to drop their children as quickly as possible and are more than welcome to join us outside after 8:30. On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> children are able to come to school an hour later than normal - however the doors will open as usual at 8:15 for those of you needing to drop your children as usual.

### Christmas

Christmas will be celebrated on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please look out for further details closer to the time.

## Actie Schoenmaatjes

This project is now over and has been a great success!! At the final count on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 146 boxes were collected and a total of €712.00 was raised to send boxes to their destination. On a personal note, I want to say thank you to everyone for their generosity and kindness. Our boxes were so full of lovely things and I know that some child will be very happy when they receive one. A big cheer for our helpers, Debby Simpson, Jessica Bjorklund, Lillain Struthers, Rebecca Mitchell, Claire Gilbert, Susy Becu, Kay Lennon, Angie Muir, Inge Simonelli, Juf. Ginny, Sharon Habesch, and Sam Whitfield. I look forward to this project continuing next year.

## School Parking

Parking remains a problem for the school, and the situation has been brought to the attention of the local Police who will be monitoring the problem over the next few weeks. To help ease congestion, we would advise parents to park in the Gallelaan or use as much as possible the area directly behind the school, which has plenty of parking spaces.

## **Security**

In response to parent's requests and in the interest of safety the main entrance door to the school has been fitted with a security locking system. The door to the school will be locked during the day and visitors wishing to gain entry will have to ring the doorbell. We would ask all visitors to and keep these instances to an absolute minimum to avoid disruption.

## **School Photographer**

Due to current space restrictions, the school photographer will not come until the portacabins are in situ. The reserved date for his visit is now Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008. You will of course receive notice once a definite date has been decided.

## **Newsletter by Email**

As we mentioned in the last newsletter we plan to reduce our paper consumption by emailing the email directly. Thank you to those who have already sent us their email - please if you have not done so email [international@elckerlyc.net](mailto:international@elckerlyc.net) with your email address. Please note this is the last newsletter we plan give in hard copy. For the next newsletter we will pin one to the notice board and place a few in the aula. We appreciate your cooperation in the matter.

## **Used Stamps Reminder**

Don't forget to save those used stamps and pop them into the bright red posting box in the aula. It's all for charity and takes only a few seconds to do. Don't delay, get saving today!

## **School Fees- MR**

We understand that a number of parents have been asking about the fees and when they will receive the bill for this school year. As part of the responsibilities of the MR, we are charged with setting the school fees, approving the school budget along with monitoring and approving how these funds are spent. We still have a number of open questions about this and other issues that we are currently addressing with the MZH Board. Until we have these issues resolved we are reluctant to approve the school fees for this year. We have given our approval to allow bills to be sent to those families leaving before the end of the year and Group O. We hope that you understand the delay and that clarification of these financial issues is in all of our best interests. We hope to have these matters resolved as quickly as possible.

## **Marijke van der Graaff - Director**

Due to illness Marijke will be absent from school for the moment. We wish her a speedy recovery. Any questions please contact the office or either coordinator - Lesley de Quartel and Sue Goddard.

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