



Newsletter No.31: 4th June 2010

Sweatshirts and T.shirts

The school sweatshirts and T-shirts will be on sale in the dining room on Tuesday and Wednesday next week between 8.35 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. The cost of sweatshirts is SEK180 each and the cost of House T-shirts is SEK60 each. It would be appreciated if you could bring the correct money with you.

All children are expected to wear the navy blue school sweatshirt with the school logo when they go on educational excursions and to wear their school P.E. T-shirt in the relevant house colours for their gym lessons.

Meet the Teachers Evening & PTA

The PTA AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th September at 7.00 p.m. in the gym. I will also be taking the opportunity to talk to the parent body. Please note that there are still some unfilled positions on the PTA. Please contact Laura Gladstone if you are interested.

The 'Meet the Teachers' evening follows this. At this meeting your child's class teacher will outline some of the plans for this academic year.

Refreshments will be served during the evening. Please put the date in your diary. More details will be found in next week's newsletter.

Swimming

The swimming programme, for Years 4D, 4R, 5 & 6 will start next week. Further details will be provided to parents of involved classes via school and class parent representatives. Swimming hats in house colours can be purchased from the school office at a cost of SEK20.

Information to the office

If you have recently moved, if you have a new telephone number or if you have finally received your child's personal number, please let Susan know **as soon as possible**. It is very important that our records are up to date and we have a contact number for emergencies.

House Soccer Competition

The children in Years 3-6 will be having their annual soccer competition on Monday, 20th September. The matches will take place on the athletic field at the lower end of Östra Valhallavägen from 1.00 p.m. and all parents are welcome to come and watch. The tournament will conclude at approximately 3.00 p.m. More information will be given in next week's newsletter.

Open Communication Policy

The most successful primary education is the result of a partnership between home and school and we strongly believe in the value of working closely with parents to support children's learning.

If you have any questions or concerns please approach the appropriate member of staff to arrange a time to talk. Where questions are related to your child's learning or day-to-day activities at school, please contact the class teacher. For more general enquiries, please make an appointment via Susan Brayshaw in the office to talk to me or to the Deputy Principal, Richard Clarke.

End of Day Collection

Teachers of **all** year groups accompany children to exit doors as they leave school at the end of each school day. Children will **only** be released directly to the adult collecting them so please ensure that you are visible to your child and their teacher from their exit door. Team 3 children going home unaccompanied must have written permission from parents.

Security

I would like to remind you of the school's security procedure. Anyone coming into school after 9 a.m. should report to the school office and also 'check out' with Susan Brayshaw on leaving.

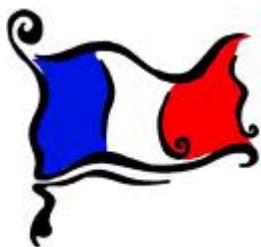
Visitors can only enter the school during the school day by the front door, which has video intercom system connected to the school office. This system will not operate at the end of the school day when children are being collected.

I would ask you all for your co-operation in making this system work. I am sure you will agree that we cannot be too careful when it comes to the security of the children in our care.



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French Lessons



French lessons, by a certified French teacher, will be offered after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. There will be two groups, one fluent in French with an emphasis on grammar, reading and writing. The second is for beginners.

PTA Coffee

With the start of another school year, the monthly not-so-intellectual gathering of BIPSS dads continues anew. The men's Book Club will host its first meeting in the friendly confines of a good Stockholm watering hole on Friday, October 1st. Book Club is open to all BIPSS dads interested in making their own friends and sharing a frosty beverage (and an occasional curry).

Details of the first meeting, and dates for subsequent Book Club events, will be sent by email to those who are interested.



The first weeks of term, whilst exciting, are always a busy time so I wish all of you a relaxing and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Crowley

Principal

Additional Information Package

With the newsletter this week you will find the 'Additional Information Package' for this current school year. The school year planner for 2010/2011 will be sent out with next week's newsletter.

All families will receive a medical information form, which should be completed for each child and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

New families will also receive a health report form, which should be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

New families will find a copy of the school's Calculations booklet in their package. Advice for supporting maths learning in individual year groups will be provided as part of the 'Meet the Teachers' evening.

New families will find a copy of the school's guide to Literacy in their package.

New families will find their child's house colour noted in their copy of the information package.