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Dear Parents,

The school has been open for eight weeks now and it is wonderful to see our school operating so smoothly after such a short space of time. I often visit the classrooms and see the children working and it with enormous pride that I see so many engaged, interested and polite children.

The focus this month during school assemblies has been on health. This week Class 2 D did an excellent assembly on the "Buckle Up" initiative. This was an assembly stressing the importance of wearing a seatbelt in the car especially for young children who should not sit on the laps of parents at the front of the car but should be strapped in properly with a child seat.

Term 2 Fees

School fees for Term 2 are now due. Please could you visit the school accounts department to pay. Office opening hours are 7:00 a.m. – 15:00 p.m. Sunday to Thursday and Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Measles Vaccination Programme

The Dubai Health Authority are providing a free measles vaccination programme in the next few weeks. You will have received a letter asking permission for your child to receive the vaccination. The DHA have stressed that it is very important that you give consent, otherwise your child is at risk of falling ill with measles, in the event of an outbreak.

The DHA have also asked that a parent of their **FS1/FS2** child to be present for the vaccination as the experience can be stressful for the children. You will be informed when the vaccinations will take place.

Flag Day

Flag Day falls on November 3, the day of President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan's accession as President of the UAE. Sheikh Mohammad has directed the schools to hoist the flag simultaneously on 3rd of November at 12 noon, as a

symbol of unification of the UAE's flag across all its land and buildings. Therefore children will be attending an assembly to witness the raising of the UAE flag on this day.

National Day Assembly

The Arabic department is planning some exciting experiences for the National Day celebrations. This assembly will be held on November 26th. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be two assemblies. Yr. 1- 3 and Yr. 4 – 6. There will be a separate assembly for FS1 and FS2.

Martyrs Day and National Day Holidays

The UAE Government has confirmed that schools will be closed from December 1st till December 5th on the occasion of Martyr's Day and National Day. The school will reopen on Sunday December 6th.

Parents Survey

Our school needs to write its school development plan which means we require information as to how the school is doing, so that we can identify areas for improvement and set targets for these areas. The staff and students have carried out a survey. Now we need feedback from parents. We will be posting the survey on the website mid-November. If you could print it off and fill it in and send it in with your child to hand to the class teacher, we would very much appreciate it.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

A short reminder of the dates of upcoming parents-teachers meetings:

November 14th	FS1: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. FS2: 10:30 – 12:30 p.m.	
November 21st	Yr. 1: 8: 30 a.m. Yr. 2: 9:45 a.m.	These times indicate there will be a presentation in the hall first by the Senior leadership team. Then you will be free to meet the teachers afterwards.
November 28th	Yr. 3 and 4: 8:30 a.m. Yr. 5 and 6: 9:45 a.m.	

Birthdays

We have noticed one or two parents bringing in cakes and decorations to classrooms in order to celebrate their child's birthday.

This is not allowed as it disrupts the teaching and learning going on in the classroom and also creates a mess in the classroom as well as creating allergy risks.

If you wish to help your child to celebrate their birthday with their classmates, you may bring in individually wrapped items which can be distributed in the class at the end of the school day, so that children can take them home.

Parents entering the school

We have noticed a few parents entering the school and asking questions of the class teachers while classes are still operating and stopping teachers while they are on their way to class. This is against school policy. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher please make an appointment.

Also in **EYFS** parents are arriving in school before midday and peering through the classroom window. This is causing disruption to the class. Please wait until 12 before looking for your child.

Emirates ID

Some parents have still not brought in their Emirates ID for us to upload to the KHDA. Please if you have not done so, please could you bring in the Emirates ID of one of the parents and of your child.

Parent- School Contract

The KHDA has requested that all parents come to the school to sign the parent-school contract. This is essential as without this your child cannot be properly registered with the KHDA. The school is open till 3 p.m. Monday to Thursday and is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m – Midday for you to carry out this process. The deadline is November 15th.

Aerobics Class

We are starting an Aerobic class at the school which is open to all the community. Get yourself a full body workout. Reduce weight. Improve endurance and flexibility. Increase physical and mental health,
Every Sunday and Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Fee 200 dirhams a month (8 sessions), 100 dirhams one time registration.
Commencing from 15th November.
Please contact 055 3448464.

Have a good and rewarding month.

Regards

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