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Dear Parents,

The very first School term is nearly over and it seems like only yesterday I was sitting down to write my first newsletter. The time has gone quickly and it has been a wonderful term. I am quite astonished at how quickly the school has grown into a fully functioning school.

Already you can see, hear, feel and sense the soul of the school as you walk around. We have just finished our round of parent teacher meetings which were very successful. There was good feedback from the parents and we have listened to your suggestions. Most of the comments were that the day was too busy, so next year we will have separate days for:

- Yr 1 and 2
- Yr 3 and 4
- Yr 5 and 6

### **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.

### **Nativity Play**

SMM is pleased to announce the Nativity Play on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The staff and the children have been rehearsing hard and it will be a wonderful celebratory event for our new school.

### **Parents Survey**

Thank you very much to those parents who have completed the parent survey. On the whole they have been very positive and I will share the results with you in the January newsletter.

## **Emirates ID**

Some parents have still not brought in their Emirates ID for the administration 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. Sunday to Thursday and is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m – Midday for you to carry out this process. The deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>. **THIS IS COMPULSORY. IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THE CONTRACT. YOUR CHILD IS NOT OFFICIALLY ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL.**

## **Sports facilities**

The outdoor basketball court and football pitch have been refurbished and are already in use by the PE dept.

The swimming pool is being filled this month and should be ready in January subject to inspection by the authorities.

## **End of Term Report**

In keeping with SMM philosophy of a paperless environment, your son/daughters report will be available online through the SMM website.

You will be provided with a login, password and user manual to help you gain access to the report which will be available in the last week of term.

## **School Trips**

Yr 4, 5 and 6 will be going on a trip to the Dubai Museum in the last week of term. Ms Mari Ella will soon be sending out letters to parents about this soon.

## **Last day**

As it is the end of term on December 17<sup>th</sup>, the students are allowed to wear non-school uniform and to bring in food to celebrate. Lessons 1 - 4 will be normal followed by class parties.

## **Identification of children – end of day**

We have listened to many parents about concerns about how SMM identifies the different ways in which children go home. We have decided to allocate the following colour luggage labels to their school bags.

Yellow for Bus  
Green for Walking home  
White for Private transport

We will carry out this process for FS 1 – Y3 students. This will start in **Term 2**.

### **New finish time for EYFS on Thursday**

We have listened to many parents who would like primary and EYFS to finish at the same time on Thursday. SMM has decided that EYFS will finish at 12.30 on Thursdays at the same time as primary. **This will start in Term 2.**

### **End of Term**

The school will be closed from December 18<sup>th</sup> till January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The school will reopen on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Winter holiday is an ideal time for travelling and meeting with family or spending time at home with your children. Wherever you may go, please have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all on January 3<sup>rd</sup> for the start of Term 2.

Regards

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