

# NEWSLETTER

## 2016 Admissions

This Saturday 9th January will be our second Admissions Information Session for prospective 2016-17 families. As usual, the Teaching and Admissions Teams are working together to deliver an informative and fun-filled morning for these families. Spaces are filling up fast so please ask interested friends or family to call Admissions in advance to book a place.

## Chinese New Year

Students are starting to learn about and prepare for the upcoming Chinese New Year. We will be holding a celebration in school on the morning of **Wednesday 3rd February**, in which parents will be invited to rotate through activities under the direction of different teachers with their children.

On Saturday 23rd January, MH Mall will be hosting two events including Chinese writing early in the day and a Community Party in association with local TV channels beginning at 4pm. Feel free to attend and join the



## Come Together

At MHIS we believe in community and togetherness. When we convene in large groups, our sense of unity is strengthened and our students remember that they are not just a member of their family and their class, but also of something bigger - our growing MHIS community.

With this in mind we will be introducing biweekly Assemblies for all students and staff. Every two weeks, students from all grades, their teachers and supporting staff will gather in the Atrium for the Chinese National Anthem and for selected students to receive certificates. These certificates celebrate learning and achievement related to our Virtues and Values and are highly prized!

## Welcome Coach Gene!

Please welcome the latest member of our wonderful team - Coach Gene! He joins us as our part time PE teacher and will be delivering lessons to the students every Thursday. He is also our ASA Football Coach and has many years and much experience working with young children to develop their physical skills. We are delighted he has joined us.





## Parent Information Sessions

Tour upcoming Coffee Morning is a training session and is the first of two in the month of January with the same focus. All parents interested in being a classroom helper are required to attend both, signing their name to confirm attendance. In the first session we will focus on specific tasks teachers may ask parents to lead or support and will introduce the format used by teachers to guide helpers through your in-class support times.

**Date:** Thursday 14th January

**Time:** 8:45-9:45am

**Location:** Music & Dance Room

All parents who registered their interest in being a Parent Helper are encouraged to attend and all parents are welcome, whether planning to become a parent helper or just interested to learn more.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Term 2 ASAs

Parents will shortly be receiving an ASA information booklet, providing information about the various After School Activities on offer for Term 2. Please read this carefully with your child and follow the instructions on the final page about registering your choices, which should be returned to Reception by Friday 15th January. We have worked hard to provide a broader range of ASAs for the coming term, with external providers offering trial classes to students before the holiday in Basketball, Brain Training, Sensory and Physical Engagement and Kung Fu.

Please follow the instructions for registering choices accurately and be mindful that different courses may be grouped by age or grade and that each has a maximum capacity. You may not be placed in your top choices but we will do our very best to accommodate your requests. We are looking forward to lots of exciting new experiences for our students in Term 2!

## Lost and Found - A Plea from K3!

Earlier this week a K3 student found a beautiful, musical key ring outside during morning line-up time. It did not belong to any K3 students and so they had a group discussion about how they could find the owner. First the children decided to visit each class to ask other students if it belonged to them - but no joy! They then worked together to write a piece for this Newsletter to ask our parent community if the lovely object belongs to them:

### FOUND!

**What?** A beautiful music-box key-ring.

**Where?** In the playground under the roof.

**When?** Tuesday morning at 8:30am

**Is it yours?** If yes, please email K3 teachers (to let us know!) and collect from Reception (Lost and Found).

