



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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STAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,

17th September 2018

Dear Parents,

School is now well under way with children settling in and getting used to new times, new teachers and new friends.

PRIDE of STAR

The Pride of Star Award is a very special award given out to one child in Key Stage 1 and one child in Key Stage 2 at the end of the entire year. Teachers first of all put forward nominees for each year group. These nominees are all children who have gone above and beyond in showing our school Star Values throughout the entire year. After the nominees were selected, every member of staff within school undertook a secret vote in order to decide the winners for KS1 and KS2. A huge congratulations to all children who were nominated and special congratulations to both Hao Lin and Natsumi who were last year's winners of the Pride of Star Award.

Well done to Haolin and Natsumi who receive a 50% discount on their fees for this year.



THANKYOU

I would like to express my thanks for your patience over the last couple of weeks with buses. I think we now have final bus lists; thank you Mr. Nabil, Ms. Jennette and Ms. Maddie for all the hard work which has gone into producing the lists and consequently the provision for the bus service to our parent community.

ISLAMIC NEW YEAR

As you're all aware, last week saw the commencement of the new "Islamic Year". Well done to Year 5 who produced a radio transmission through our tanyo system to everyone in school. Parents were very surprised in the main foyer when it started, with many of them looking around to see who was talking. The Year 5 did a wonderful job of explaining the meaning and traditions for the "Islamic New Year".



ECAS

Parents should now have the allocated ECA for their children. This year, there has been a rise in children in school and the ECAS have filled up quickly. Just a gentle reminder of two things:

1. Please complete the ECA forms by the deadline, otherwise all children will have been allocated to a club and your child will only have the choice of those not full. If they are all full, then unfortunately they will need to wait until Term 2.
2. Please place **THREE** choices on the sheet. This term, some parents have only placed one choice on the sheet. We cannot always give the first choice hence if three choices are given, the chances of your child receiving an ECA are greater.

SWIMMING KIT

Just to remind parents we are expecting the correct PE kit and swim kit to be worn this year. Swimming kit can be purchased from the uniform shop. If children arrive with the wrong swimming kit, they will not be able to participate in the lesson.

Swimming

- Blue swimming shorts (boys)
- Blue school swimming costume (girls)
- Blue swimming hat
- Towel, flip-flops (optional)
- Swimming goggles (optional)
- Blue PE bag



OCEAN AWARE WEEK

This week is Ocean Aware Week. As a school, we are doing a lot to clean our Oceans, (please see the 'Simply Bottles' display in the main foyer). It seems appropriate that this week our KS1 classes are also doing themes around the Ocean.

Year 1 are off to The Aquarium on Monday and Tuesday and Year 2 have a diving demonstration and a talk about what divers do to support our Oceans. I look forward to seeing some super displays around school.

If you wish to get more involved, please look at the following website.

<https://www.projectaware.org/>



SIMPLY BOTTLES

Can I remind everyone that school will continue to collect water bottles.

When brought into school, children should take the bottles to their house tent near the 3, 4, 5 & 6 entrance. At the end of the week, house bottles are collected and each House get points for the bottles to go towards their total house point scores.

The bottles are emptied at the end of the week and placed into the large Bottle Tent. From here, Simply Bottles collect them and they are taken to a Dubai plant to be recycled into lots of amazing things that we can use.

If you haven't yet looked at the display in the main foyer, please do so, as this will show you the recycling journey of the bottles.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The school curriculum is being enriched with many activities to support learning. Please be advised that the following educational visits will take place this week.

DATES	EVENTS
Sunday 16 th September	Year 5 Planetarium – In school
Monday 17 th September	Year 1 - Aquarium
Tuesday 18 th September	Year 1 Aquarium
Wednesday 19 th September	Year 6 VR trip / Year 2 Diving presentation

Thank you,

Ms Gill