

**NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN D'INFORMATION**

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**3<sup>ème</sup> trimestre / 3<sup>rd</sup> term: 2015 – 2016**

**A BIG THANK** you to everyone who contributed to the success of our end of year concert. We would very much like to thank Alex Desmond who has written and organised all the BIS shows, a wonderful teacher of English language, literature and Drama, whom we will greatly miss. Our thanks also to Dan Jones, our passionate and inspiring musician and Anouk Goulière who always comes up trumps with the right ideas for the backcloth. Finally we wish to thank again Helen Cotterell, President of the PTA, for her benevolence, dedication and efficiency in all her actions.

**COOPERATION, CONTINUITY AND PERSEVERANCE**

The water well installed for the benefit of a village and a school in Madagascar, financed by the fund raising actions of Secondary students and the PTA in 2013 and 2014, is greatly appreciated by the community there and is functioning well!

**SCHOOL YEAR 2016/2017**

The next school year is already well organised. In Primary almost all the classes are full, and with a good balance between languages and nationalities. In the other sections of the school, registrations are still continuing. We anticipate having an average of 130 students (with some families coming and going at any moment).

One of the biggest changes for 2016-17 will be the increase of the subjects on offer to 'International A. Level' students notably with more science subjects on offer, further increasing the choices of professional orientation for our students.

**BUILDING EXTENSION**

The technical and financial dossiers for the extension of the building are being updated and re-evaluated. This will create 220 m<sup>2</sup>, to be used by top Primary and Secondary, from September 2017. However, to finalise, there are still two more stages to accomplish: the official authorisation to construct which is subject to the amendment of an urban ruling and subsidies (public or private). We are also looking for buildings close to the school to host the new classes being opened in the senior secondary school (science in particular) next September.

Any suggestion or help from parents on the matter of the building extension would be most welcome.

## **PTA**

A wonderful success this school year with more than 5000 € collected to buy equipment for the science subjects throughout the school. The PTA activities, however, went well beyond that, as presented in the report letter attached (see attached document).

## **MORE FRENCH - during the summer for Secondary students?**

This is possible, thanks to our VMC (on ENT) which gives access, anytime, to supplementary activities to most classes. For French in particular, a file called “activités ludiques” gathers fun activities to revise and improve French skills (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> language), at all levels of competence. Do not hesitate to use it without moderation!

## **ASSESSMENT / FEEDBACK**

- Secondary students were given their termly « feedback form » on line this week.
- Parents throughout the school will be asked shortly to fill in their end of year questionnaire (a longer version for our new families). We should be very grateful to you to fill it in and return it to us.

## **CALENDAR**

- Last day of year for Secondary & MS : Friday 17th June / whole day excursion
- Primary: end of year stay : Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June : Temple-sur-Lot
- Early Learning: end of year outing at the “Chateau des Enigmes’ on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Teacher & Parents Conferences : 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June for Primary; 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June E. Learning
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July : last day of year for Primary & Early Learning
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August : start of year for Secondary & MS
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September : start of year for Primary & Early Learning

The school secretariat is opened until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

An enjoyable summer to you all!

Bien cordialement,  
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Directrice

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