



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Winter vacation. We hope that you all had a good time, be it travelling to visit relatives, celebrating various events or relaxing at home after a very long term.

Last term we had a lot of fantastic learning taking place in the classrooms and specialist lessons and amongst the highlights to mark the end of term were our wonderful concerts presented by all the children. The standard of performing was high, the enthusiasm of the children was visible and the audience showed their appreciation of the work everyone had put into making these very special.

We hope that you have seen the improvement to the playground with the addition of the astro turf. Our plans will continue to make further improvements, but already, the added green makes the playground look more enticing. However, we are noticing in the mornings that there is often a lot of rubbish on the playground- biscuit wrappers, cellophane bags etc. Many children come out of school and eat a snack. This is fine but we do ask that you encourage your child to put their rubbish in a bin. There is a bin at the end of the playground and several in the park. Please instil good habits in your child so that we can keep the school clean and tidy.

On behalf of the KSS team,

Lorraine Wittenberg

Head of School, KSS location

Staffing News

On Monday 9th January, the staff said goodbye to Mr Grijze, our Executive Director who has retired after more than 42 years in education. We also welcomed Mr Hans Van der Vlucht who will be the interim Executive Director. He visited the KSS location today and will pop by on regular occasions to see how things are going.

We have also recruited a cover teacher whilst Ms Katie is on maternity leave. Ms Manon van Pagee is Australian and has most recently been working at the AICS in Amsterdam. She will be covering classes whilst teachers work on special projects. We hope that she will enjoy her time with us here at the HSV.

Specialist Teacher Visit Week

During the week of 6th February, there will be an opportunity for parents to visit the gym, music, Host Country language lessons and for children in ID 4 to 6, the handicraft lessons. An overview of the timings of the lessons will be sent nearer the time, but make a note in your diary if you would like to see these lessons in action!

Reading Aloud Days

The [National Voorleesdagen](#) (Read Aloud Days) will run from 25th January until the 4th February. There are often many events taking place in the local libraries (in Dutch) and we will mark this event in school with lots of reading aloud as well as our annual reading aloud competition for children in ID 3 to 6.

School Times

A reminder that punctuality is monitored by the school attendance officer. Lessons start promptly at 08:30 for the children in ID 2 to 6 and at 08:45 for the children in ID R and 1. Please do make sure that your children are on time to school. If your child is late more than 9 times, this is reported to the school attendance officer for follow up.



School Disco

We will be hosting another school disco this year. It will be held in February and we hope that many children will want to come along and have a dance. More details to follow.

Forthcoming Study Day and Early Closure

Study Day

Our next study day is **Wednesday 1st February 2017**. On this day there will be no school for children in ID R, 1, 2, 3.

Early Closure

Please note in your diary that school will close at **12:30 pm on Friday 24th February** for the Crocus vacation. This is the last early closure before the Summer holiday in July.