



HSV International School Newsletter August 2017

Welcome to the start of the 2017-18 school year here at the Koningin Sophiestraat (KSS) location of the Haagsche Schoolvereniging. We have enjoyed catching up with you all this week and hearing about your holidays. Welcome to our new families, we hope that you will soon feel at home in our school. We have had an enjoyable *Launch into Learning* across the ID 1 to 6 classes this week. We are looking forward to welcoming the ID R children next week.

Staffing News

You may have noticed some new and maybe familiar faces around school. We welcome Mr Burford back to KSS. Mr Burford taught ID 6 a few years ago with us and for the past two years has been based at the VNS location. He now returns as the handicraft teacher for ID 4 to 6.

Mr Mark van Gasteren will teach gym on Mondays and Tuesdays. At the moment he is working at one of the other HSV schools and is not yet available for the Monday lessons, but we hope that he will join us on both days soon. In the meantime, class teachers will teach gym on Mondays.

Finally, we welcome Ms Catriona Burgess into ID 2. Catriona has been at the HSV for 7 years and has taught at both the Nassaulaan and Van Nijenrodestraat locations. On Wednesdays ID2 is being taught by Mrs Claire Smith, who worked previously at the VNS location in year 2.

Information Evening

Yesterday you should have received the times of the information evenings next Thursday 31st August. We apologise for the delay in sending these to you, but we had some issues with technology at the start of the week.

We look forward to welcoming you all to find out about the curriculum and year ahead for your child. We will also be looking to recruit class parents that evening. We hope that there is a lot of interest in this role!

Classes	Starting time	Finish
ID 3, 4, 5, 6	18.30	19.15
ID R, 1, 2	19.30	20.15

School Day

A reminder that lessons start at **08:30** for children in **ID 2 to 6**. Children in **ID R and 1** start their learning at **08:45**; however we recommend that children in those classes aim to arrive for 08:30 so that they are prepared for a prompt start at 08:45. Please note that the school has a duty to report families to the *leerplicht* (school attendance officer) whose children consistently arrive late at school.



Welcome back picnic

For the past few years we have held an international food fair early in the term. This year we want to try something different and really give you a chance to chat and meet the parents in your classes.



Therefore we would like to hold a welcome back picnic in the public park outside the front of the school on Friday 8th September. The school will provide drinks and class teachers will spend time with you and the children outside, but parents are responsible for their own children. We ask that all families bring their own finger food snacks to share with one another. We hope that our newly appointed class parents will encourage and help organise this event.

Safety in our School Street

A big thank you to all parents who have remembered the message from last year and not parked in the Koningin Sophiestraat in the mornings and after school time. We continually ask that parents do not drive up the road to the school as it is a narrow road and turning near the school endangers pedestrians and cyclists. Please park by the KPN tower and walk through the park to bring or collect your child.



Please remember that the staff carpark is not for the use of parents for events and drop off/pick up times.

Renovations at KSS

You may have noticed that we have a lovely new wooden shed in the playground- we are delighted with it and hope to have a big push this year on developing an outdoor learning area and having easier access to outdoor toys. We had hoped to move the gate in the playground but we are still awaiting permission from the Gemeente. Once this has been granted we can complete the work and move the bicycles to the side of the school giving more play space for the children. We also hope to work on playground markings to really brighten the space.

Our gym also had a transformation in the holidays. It is now much more attractive and bright and we are really pleased with both projects.

School Guide

Your child will have brought home a small annual update to the School Guide this week. Here you will find information about this school year. Please note especially the holiday calendar! New parents should have also received the updated longer School Guide. If you have not received these publications please let us know. They are also available on the [website](#) for easy reference.

Changes in your details

We send the Student Data forms to new families only. Please be sure to inform us of any changes in your address, telephone numbers, email addresses etc. This is particularly important with mobile

numbers- we had a number of occasions last year where we could not contact parents when their children were sick as we did not have the most up-to-date number.

School Fees and Invoices

A number of families have asked about invoices for the school fees for this year, or have special forms that need to be completed to claim fees from their employer. Please note that these requests are handled by Ms Els Boer, the financial administrator at the Nassaulaan location. You can reach Els on 070 318 4950 or via email: eboer-flinterman@hsvdenhaag.nl.

Back to school reminders....

- We use the gate by the gym to enter the playground (and school) in the mornings and in all weather; please avoid ringing the front door bell. The gate is also used to leave school at the end of the day. Please remind your child to take their belongings, including bikes and scooters before leaving the playground as the gate is locked at 15:30.

We do not allow children in after lesson hours to use the toilets or fill up water bottles. Children who play in the park should remember to use the toilet before leaving school. We have had a complaint from one of the neighbours that children have been using the bushes by their houses as a toilet; please do not allow your children to do this.

- Children are collected from the back playground at 15:00 (12:30 Wednesdays). If someone else is collecting your child, please let the class teacher know in the morning whenever possible. Please make sure that you are prompt with collecting your child. After lesson hours teachers are busy in meetings or preparing for the next day.

- If your child is unwell and not able to come to school, please call before 08:30 on 070 324 3453. You will need to leave a message, which will be passed on to the teacher. Alternatively you can email the class teacher directly, but please copy Mrs Wittenberg into this too in case the class teacher is not in school. Class teacher email addresses can be found below.

- Gym kit needs to be in school on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please make sure that your child has indoor gym shoes that will not mark the gym floor. Yellow gym t-shirts can be purchased from Ms Joke for €7. Please make sure that gym clothes are washed regularly and the contents of the gym bags checked to make sure all items are there.

- Children need a healthy snack and lunch. We ask for your assistance in not sending in chocolate biscuits or sweets. A piece of fruit is preferable for snack time. Please remember to send in a labelled water bottle as well as utensils for lunchtime if your child needs a spoon or fork to eat their lunch.

Upcoming dates:

Friday 8th September- Welcome back picnic in the Sophiepark

Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th September: ID6/NA7 Camp at Gorssel

Tuesday 19th September – Prinsjesdag – school closed for state opening of parliament

Thursday 21st September: International Day of Peace

Thursday 21st September- Walk to School day

Wednesday 4th October: Study Day for teachers: No school for IDR, ID1, ID2 and ID3 pupils

9th-12^h October: Children's Book Week: Theme Griezelen- Spooky Stories

Friday 13th October- DIPS Study day for teachers- NO SCHOOL FOR ALL PUPILS

Staff Emails

A number of parents have been asking for the email addresses of their child's teacher. The full list for the KSS teaching team is as follows:

Class	Teacher	Email
ID R	Ms Marjon	mbakker@hsvdenhaag.nl
ID 1	Ms Jessica	jbryson@hsvdenhaag.nl
ID 2	Ms Catriona	cburgess@hsvdenhaag.nl
	Ms Claire	csmith@hsvdenhaag.nl
ID 3	Ms Hager	yhager@hsvdenhaag.nl
	Ms Clare	ckeogh@hsvdenhaag.nl
ID 4	Mr Adam	ajones@hsvdenhaag.nl
ID 5	Mr Beattie	nbeattie@hsvdenhaag.nl
ID 6	Mr Toby	thammersley@hsvdenhaag.nl
	Ms Alice	astokes@hsvdenhaag.nl
EAL (English support)	Ms Trish	tvputten@hsvdenhaag.nl
Learning support	Ms Anne	acriado@hsvdenhaag.nl
HCL (Dutch)	Ms Vivienne	vkoevoets@hsvdenhaag.nl
Gym	Mr Mark	mvgasteren@hsvdenhaag.nl
Music	Mr Tim	ttommassen@hsvdenhaag.nl
Handicrafts (ID 4 to 6)	Mr Burford	aburford@hsvdenhaag.nl

We look forward to another fruitful year here at the HSV KSS location. Please feel free to contact me when you have a question or concern. I am not in school on Wednesdays and this year Ms Marjon (IDR) will be the lead teacher on those days.

On behalf of the KSS team,
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