Happy New Year to all! We hope everyone had a wonderful time over the holidays and has come back rested and refreshed. We are hardly back into school again and already we are starting preparations for the upcoming Chinese New Year at the end of the month! Classes have settled back well and our new children are becoming familiar with their teachers, making new friends and learning the rhythm of their group.

Christmas Fair
A very big thank you to all parents who made food donations and helped out with the Christmas Fair. It seemed everyone had fun and we all managed to raise over HK$30,000 for Crossroads and their relief effort in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan. A great success!

Parents Day
Parents Day is coming up on Wednesday 22nd January. All Nursery, Bilingual and Kindergarten families should have already received a letter/email inviting them for individual parent consultations. This is a great opportunity to get some private time with your child's teacher and strengthen lines of communication. If you have not yet received information, please let your child's teacher know immediately so that convenient time slots can be arranged for you.

Please note that there will be no school on this day for the Nursery, Bilingual or Kindergarten classes. The Seedlings and Sweetpeas (Parent/Carer & Child) classes will go ahead as usual.

Chinese New Year
Your child's teacher will give you details of how they will be celebrating this wonderful festival in class. We are all looking forward to the traditional songs, story and crafts as well as some festive snacks! The last day of school is on Thursday 30th January. School will begin again on Monday 10th February.
Dates to Remember

**Parents Day**  
School for Nursery, Bilingual or Kindergarten classes. Seedlings & Sweetpeas Parent/Carer & Child Classes will go ahead as usual

**Last day Before Chinese New Year**  
**First day After Chinese New Year**

**Picnic Outing**

Our School picnic outing (for Kindergarten, Nursery and Seedlings children) will be on **Wednesday 5th March**. Please mark this date in your diary and more details will follow in a separate letter.

**Extended Day Creative Activities**

We are looking to re-start the Creative Activities extended day programme (12 - 2.30pm) on Tuesdays & Thursdays (for children aged 2 ½ upwards) after the Chinese New Year holidays. These classes are a great opportunity to allow your child the chance to experiment with creative materials in a smaller group setting. We gently encourage the children to work with a variety of projects both short and long term and ensure that they build confidence in their artistic ability. The classes are relaxed and fun with the chance for children to also experience a sociable lunch with children from different classes.

If you are interested in joining this class please contact the office on 2849 6336.

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**Thursday 30th January**  
**Monday 10th February**  
**Wednesday 5th March**  
**Saturday 12th April**  
**Monday 28th April**