May 2014

Staff Leaving
We will be saying goodbye at the end of this term to Catherine Lau from Jasmine class who plans to continue her studies. We thank her for all her help and for the loving care she has extended to every child. Everyone at Highgate wishes her all the best.

May Day
The May Day Festival was a very enjoyable event held on Saturday 3rd May and what wonderful weather we had! It was lovely to make the most of the beautiful surroundings and for us all to spend time together. Unfortunately it is not the easiest place to access by car and we are looking at possibly holding the festival on a week day next year when we can have a school bus to help out.

Midsummer Drinks
We warmly invite parents to join us for our informal mid-summer drinks get together in the garden on Wednesday 4th June, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. This is a relaxing time for teachers and parents to mark the end of the school year. Please do drop by if you have the chance. We will be sending out an invitation with RSVP shortly so we can get an idea of numbers.

Classes
In the new school year, the 2 day (Tuesday/Thursday) morning nursery will become a bilingual class (English & Mandarin).

There will be an option to increase to 3 days by adding a Saturday morning. Any child aged 2 to 4 attending Highgate House may join this additional bilingual class on Saturday mornings held from 9.00am to 12.00pm. If you are interested in the Saturday Bilingual class please contact the school office.
**Teaching Staff**
We have now confirmed the lead teachers for the classes in the new school year. The lead teachers for the next school year are:

- **Orchid Morning Kindergarten** - Nisreen Muchhala
- **Lotus Morning Kindergarten** - Gandiva Mohinani
- **Daisy 5 day Morning Nursery** - Jessica Li
- **Lavender 3 day Morning Nursery** - Kriti Gurung
- **Lavender 2 day Bilingual Nursery** - Kriti Gurung & Jessie Li
- **Jasmine 3 day Morning Nursery** - Amy Punton
- **Bilingual Afternoon Class** - Kriti Gurung & Jie Gao

Please be reminded that the Kindergarten classes will each have a native mandarin speaker to enable all children to have the opportunity to listen and speak mandarin throughout their sessions in school.

**Summer School**
Hopefully everyone has received application forms for the summer school programme by now. If you have not yet received one and would like to enrol, please ask your teacher or the office for a copy. Our Summer School programme is filled with fun activities both indoors and outdoors, crafts, music, stories and puppetry. If you would like your child to attend please return the form to school as soon as possible as places are filling up and assigned on a first come first served basis!

**Dates to Remember:**
- **Public Holiday** - Monday 2nd June
- **Mid Summer Drinks** - Wednesday 4th June
- **Last Day of Term** - Friday 27th June (no extended day classes)
- **Summer School** - 30th June to 2nd August