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Headmaster's Notes

First Half Term

Today is the last day of half term and marks the beginning of our autumn break. We return after the break on Monday 2nd November at the normal starting times – 08h45 Secondary, 09h00 Primary.

Before and After School

The situation in the School slip road is much improved, thanks to those of you who have followed the advice given in the last newsletter. Please remember that we are trying to drop off over 250 students in the bus stop in the morning. It only takes two cars to park there and the system breaks down, placing the safety of our students at risk. Picking up secondary age students 15- 20 minutes later makes things easier, too.



Early Drop Off / Late Pick Up

Before School: A number of pupils are dropped off extremely early in the mornings. Whilst we understand this is perhaps because parents are on their way to work, it is important to understand that the School will only take responsibility for children from 08h15 onwards, when Senior Staff are on the premises. Of course, this does not apply if students are involved in an early morning activity, such as senior fitness club, which begins at 07h30.



After School: There is a wealth of after school clubs throughout the week. Please ensure you know the finishing time of your child's activity and pick them up at that time. If your child is not involved in an organised after school activity, you should pick them up at the end of the normal school day. The School's legal responsibility finishes 30 minutes after the final bell for children who are not in an organised activity.



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Cafeteria or bring a packed lunch with them. Any student who leaves the campus at the end of the day is deemed to have left definitively and may not return.

Secondary Parents Evenings

Please check last month's newsletter, or the November diary in the centre of this newsletter, for the remaining secondary parents' evening after the mid-term vacation.

Days Off in November

They are two occasions in the coming month when the School is closed. Wednesday 11th November is Armistice Day and is a French public holiday. We are also closed on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November for staff training days (called INSET) – so enjoy the long weekend.

End of Autumn Term

The end of the autumn term is on Friday 18th December at 12h00. Details of events in December will appear in the next newsletter, but please note that we will be working up to the end of term and parents should avoid the temptation of leaving early. Book flights now to keep costs down. For the real forward planners, the calendar for the 2010/2011 academic year is now available from Elisabeth in the office.

Brian G. Hickmore
Headmaster

From the Desk of Sue Dunnachie

Christmas is round the corner, or virtually, and in order to facilitate your purchases of wine for the festive season **Fine Wine Works** are organising a **Tutored Tasting and Buffet** evening on **Thursday 3rd December** at Mougins School. You will also be able to participate in a wine based competition for a minimal sum which will go towards our Guide Dog for the Blind fund raising. **Scott Dunn Luxury Travel** will be collaborating on this event and are offering a **magnificent prize of a luxury weekend for two in one of the French wine regions**. Not only will this be an entertaining and informative evening for all wine lovers, but your participation will be aiding a charitable cause. **Tickets may be purchased from the Office from 15th No-**

vember: these cost 25€. We look forward to commencing the festive season celebrations with you and your friends.

As part of our Harvest Celebration, on Friday 16th October, students in Form 4 went to the Senior Citizens' Home at the Font de l'Orme laden with fruit and flowers, in order to sing to a very appreciative audience. Accompanied by Mrs Filer, Ms Holmes and Ms Dixon, our students gave an enchanting performance and their voices and gifts brought a great deal of pleasure to the residents. Next year we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of this event.

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CULTURE CLUB

November 3d, 10:00 - 15:00
St Paul de Vence



ART & CULTURE

When: 03/11/2009

Where: St Paul de Vence

Meeting Point:
Fondation Maeght Car Park @ 9:45

Museum Guided Tour 10-12
Fondation Maeght and the temporary exhibition: "Miro' in his garden"

Lunch : Le Tilleul 12:00 - 14:00

Village Guided Tour: The Artists 14:00 - 15:00



This months the Culture Cub features a 3-in-1 trip not to be missed!

The Fondation Maeght and the temporary exhibition "Miro' in his garden" 10:00 - 12:00
an amazing modern art museum located just a short walk from the medieval hilltop French village of St Paul de Vence.

« Miró en son jardin »
Temporary exhibition ending November 8th showcasing 250 works by Joan Miró illustrating the profound relationship between the Maeght family Miró. On display are major paintings and sculptures some of which have never yet been seen by the general public. The revered giant of XXth century art was closely involved in the creation of the Maeght Foundation. This display which takes up the entire space of the Foundation, including the gardens, conveys the strength of the link between the artist's work and this haven which was so special to him. For Miró, it was a holiday home, a place to meet people and to think – above all, the Foundation was his open air studio. This is a unique opportunity to meet "Miró in his garden" and to discover the secrets behind his creations.

Lunch at Le Tilleul 12:00 - 14:00

Village Guided Tour - The artists - 14:00 - 15:00

A very original guided tour tracing the lives and artistic creations of the Artists. Soutine, Léger, Chagall, Calder & all created paintings and sculptures with the village being their accomplice. We will walk through this beautiful and picturesque village looking at it with their eyes.

This time we will meet directly at the Fondation Maeght Car Park @ 9:45! Please be punctual as the tour will start @ 10 precise!
Looking forward to seeing you. Leila & Elisabeth.

For further information and reservation please contact:
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Visit Cost

Euro 22
including Museum Entrance and the two guided tours

NB: lunch is not included in the price

Booking Payment Requested
If you wish to join us leave 22 Euros cash in our brand new Culture Club Box at the reception.

Remember to include your name, email and mobile number

November 2009

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PTA News

Dear parents,
Our PTA is already very busy and active.

27th September we had the Faces to Names Picnic - 30 families were present. A great day was had by all in the Caussols area, as you can see from the pictures.

7th October - The Coffee Morning Club organized for Jinia Mukerjee Nath, a clinical psychologist, to give a presentation about the most common psychological issues regarding children and the cognitive behavioural therapy approach as the most valid and efficient approach to dealing with those issues. The presentation was very well appreciated. Thank you Anna Percy Davies, Lisa Caldon and Ilonka Gomez for taking care of Coffee Morning Club this year!

8th October - The Culture Club took 18 parents to the old town of Monaco. A visit to the cathedral of Monaco and to the Prince's Palace was organized. Afterwards the group had a glamorous lunch at the restaurant of the "Hotel de Paris".

17th October - The Mougins School Car Boot Sale took place. The school parking area and the campus were fully booked and the number of visitors broke all records. Thank you for all those who came very early in the morning to help us usher in the cars, and all those who stayed almost all

day working at the "buvette" and cleaning up afterwards.

Forthcoming Events in November

Tuesday 3rd November - Culture Club Outing. A visit to St Paul de Vence has been organized around a visit to the "Fondation Maeght" and the temporary Joan Miro exhibition - "Miro en son Jardin". A lunch at a good local restaurant will follow as usual. For more details, please refer to the advertisement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thursday 5th November - PTA meeting at 09h00 in the school cafeteria. Please come and have a good cup of coffee and get updated about all our forthcoming events and activities.

Wednesday 18th November - Theme Coffee Morning at 09h00 in the school cafeteria. Do not miss this great opportunity of having coffee with the PTA team ... and ...enjoying a very interesting presentation from one of the stars of the hit movie and self help phenomenon "The Secret".

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at all our events and wish you a fun and relaxing October break!

Best regards

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