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Headmaster's Notes

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Swine Flu – Grippe A – H1N1

Following my letter to you all at the beginning of September, we would like to thank you for observing our request and keeping your children at home when their health has not been 100%. We believe your actions have positively contributed to the trouble free period we have had up until the end of November. Many schools in the Alpes Maritimes have already had greater problems.

However, we are not a protected haven and therefore we are likely to have cases of Swine Flu during the winter period. We have received instructions from the "Inspection de l'Académie" (State Organisation for Education – Alpes Maritimes and Var) requesting that we give them statistics of **medically confirmed cases**. They will then notify us of the options open to us.

As you will know, there are many conflicting reports from many sources. Professionals within the medical profession itself have varying opinions, particularly with regards to vaccinations. In theory, you will all receive a "coupon" for your vaccination through your letter box. The choice is then yours. The French media has informed the public that vaccinations will be available in schools (most sources say Collège and Lycée - Form 7 to 13) at some stage after the 25th November. Mougins Town Hall informed us (when we asked two weeks ago) that they did not envisage putting that in place in our commune and that families would be asked to go to specially designated centres, if they chose to be vaccinated.

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For the time being, we would ask you to continue to follow the measures laid out in our first letter:

- encourage your children to wash their hands thoroughly at regular intervals
 - equip them with a pack of tissues so they can sneeze, cough or blow their noses and then immediately dispose of their tissue in a bin
 - use the alcohol based gel dispensers in School, particularly at the entrance to the cafeteria
 - keep them at home if they are unwell
- Finally, if you your child(ren) is/are **medically diagnosed** with

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Scott Dunn

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swine flu, please inform the School Office so that we can follow the instructions given to us by the Inspection de l'Academie". It may be necessary to close classes, although more recent information is that it makes little difference if the flu is everywhere. If further information needs to be forwarded to you before the end of term, I will use the class parents' e-mail communications lines. If not, I will give you an update in the newsletter distributed in three weeks' time, on the last day of term – 18th December. Presumably, the closure of the School for two weeks over the winter vacation will also serve to reduce the spread of the virus (depending on what you all do over the vacation period!).

World Aids Day

This coming Tuesday – 1st December - is World Aids Day and, as is our custom every year, we will be selling metal "pins", arm bands and ball point pens throughout the day. Everything is priced at 2€, so please remember to provide your child/ren with a few euros to enable them to contribute to this important cause. All the money we raise will be sent to Sidaction, the major French organisation raising money for research into the AIDS virus. There will also be Senior Students in the car park before and after school to enable parents to make their contribution too. These students will be wearing badges so you can identify them. Thank you in advance of your generosity.

Posters in Cannes

In connection with World Aids Day, the GCSE Art students in Form 10, under the guidance of Ms Jane Hart, submitted a number of posters to the local council to advertise Aids Day in Cannes. One of the posters has been professionally printed and will be visible throughout the Cannes area (and in Mougins School). Well done "les artistes de Form 10".

American Universities in Europe

We are pleased to welcome representatives from eight American Universities in Europe to talk to parents and students about the courses on offer in each of their universities for next year and beyond. They will be giving a presentation on Tuesday 1st December in the Examination Room at 18h00. Parents in Form 11 to 13 have received individual invitations, listing the universities attending, but parents and/or students in other classes, who are interested in knowing more about these institutions, are welcome to attend.

End of Term Reports

The new computer Management System, currently being installed at School, will not yet permit us to use the new reporting system for this term's reports. This means the grading on reports will remain as it has been for several years. The new grading system, as shown in the Family Guide, will therefore not apply until we notify you in advance. The grades for attainment, effort and behaviour are clearly printed on the inside of the report cover.

Winter Concert

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find the dates for the end of term assemblies for

Mougins School Classifieds


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For further details of this and other properties, please check our website : www.HilaryLarkin.com
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also a Feng Shui master, shared with us some very interesting points and practiced a few demonstrations that were really astonishing. What was really amazing though, was the number of parents who attended. The car park was full and the canteen was packed! Well done Anna, Elisa and Ilonka!

19th November - An extra PTA meeting was held for the Class Representatives. We tried to ensure each Class Parent has a complete list containing all the names and contact details of the parents in his/her class. With the kind help of Elisabeth Ward, we were able to get almost all the missing names and contact details. However we still have a few gaps. If you happen to be one of the few who hasn't yet submitted his contact details to his Class Parent, please send them to me so I can forward them to your Class Parent.

Forthcoming Events for the month of December

Next Culture Club Visit - Date and venue to be announced by e-mail

Next Themed Coffee Morning - A Christmas dinner cooking demonstration by Bridie at Anna Percy-Davis' house. Date and further details will be forwarded by e-mail.

Christmas Market for Lower School - Wednesday 9th December - 9am to 12.30 in the Cafeteria

It has become an annual tradition just before Christmas that Marie-Claude Yaghil and Kaisa Torma, with the help of many parents, organize this special event for lower school children. On that day, children up to Form 6 will be able to come to school to shop - buying gifts for all the members of their family.

Therefore, we would like to ask you to do-

nate, as every year, items that are still new, that can be bought by the kids as gifts for their mother, father, brother or sister. Items that are suitable for a gift would be: perfumes, colognes, gadgets, decorative items, scarves, jewellery, toys, games, etc... Please don't forget to give your child(ren) some money to buy their presents on the day.

Festive Stand with Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate, Cakes and Music on the Last Day of Term - Friday 18th December – 12h00 to 13.30pm - Outside the Office or the Hall

To celebrate the last day before winter break, parents are welcome at the stand to help or enjoy the music, the hot beverages and the cakes. Please feel free to donate as many cakes as possible to the PTA on that day and to come and enjoy the last day with us all!

For any inquiry please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Kind regards,

Lea Assi / PTA president



Culture Club

the different sections of the Primary School and other end of term events. An additional date for your diary is that of the Winter Concert, to be held on Tuesday 15th December at 19h00. Watch out for posters advertising the sale of tickets and may I suggest you book early to avoid disappointment – this wonderful musical evening is extremely popular!

Best wishes,
Brian G. Hickmore
Headmaster

From the Desk of Sue Dunnachie

It is not too late to purchase tickets for the **Fine Wine Works Tutored Wine Tasting Evening on Thursday 3rd December at 19h00**. A great opportunity to discover new wines, have the chance to win a luxury weekend in one of the wine regions of France and place orders for your Christmas wines and champagnes. Tickets on sale in the office at 25€, includes delicious finger food.

From 21st to 27th November, eight of our students from **Form 13**, who are studying Spanish, were able to enjoy an exceptional experience in **Zaragoza, Spain**. Accompanied by their teacher, Madame Burgues, they spent a week participating in the school life of students at the British School of Zaragoza. Extra curricular visits were also organised and the students also spent one day teaching children in the primary school at Zaragoza. When not in school the students boarded with Spanish families which permitted them to enjoy a total immersion in the Spanish way of life. This experience will be reversed when the Spanish students come to Mougins School in the Spring.

On Friday 13th November, two of our students from Form 9 participated in an **International Speech Competition**, together with students from ISN, Monaco and CIV.

Sophie Telfer and Natalie Thibado were our contestants and Alexandra Licciardi was their reserve. Our performers during the musical interlude were Myles McLeod, Joshua Thornton Allen and Alexander Jeremy. Our students acquitted themselves admirably.

Continuing the theme of Performing Arts, Mougins School will be hosting a **Drama Festival** in March of next year. This is a non-competitive celebration of theatre and dance involving twenty students aged 11 - 15 from each school. Workshops will be held with professional actors coming from England and there will be two public performances of Words Alive, one at ISN during the day and an evening performance at Mougins School. In order to realise this challenge, financial requirements need to be met. The anticipated budget is 3,000€- 4,000€ and sponsoring would be an ideal solution. Should any parents or companies be interested in backing this prestigious Drama Festival which, it is hoped, will continue and develop, please contact me in the Office. An association with the development of the Performing Arts in international schools on the Côte d'Azur could be both worthwhile and fulfilling.

December 2009

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From the desk of Dr Gifford

Dear Parents,
The following dates have been fixed to help you get organised in the run up to Christmas and the end of term. Christmas assemblies will all take place in the final week of term in the school hall. We hope to start each performance once the children have been registered after 9 o'clock. Parents of children in these classes are invited to attend.

Monday 14th December: Early Years, Reception, Form 1 and Form 2.

Tuesday 15th December: Forms 5, 5/6 and 6.

Thursday 17th December: Forms 3 and 4.

In addition, on **Thursday 10th December** the Primary Choir will be performing at Valbonne Church. More details to follow soon from Mrs Wyborn.

Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 17th December, in the morning for Early Years and Reception classes, and in the afternoon for all other classes.

Finally, following several incidents *within the primary section we are asking that children do not bring I-Pods, PSP type games and mobile phones to school*. They are not needed at school and are causing upset, when they go missing or are misused. If children do need to be contacted or need to phone home during the school day, they may go to the office and with permission, use the school phone.

PTA News

I would like to share with you what we have done during the month of November and the events and activities that are planned for December, so you can mark them in your diaries.

November Events

3rd November - The Culture Club visited the charming village of St Paul de Vence. It was



a delightful experience for everyone! The guides took the group to admire the village and the beauty of its outdoor sculptures on a sunny day. They also visited the Maeght Foundation, where the amazing work of contemporary artists such

as Miro, Chagall, Bonnard, Braque, Leger, Giacometti and Calder were waiting to be

admired! Afterwards an exquisite lunch was awaiting the parents in a gorgeous little restaurant.

The group thanked Leila and Elisabeth for such a fine day!

18th November - The Coffee Morning Team arranged for Marie Diamond to give a presentation. The guest speaker, who also happens to be a mother in our school, is a Master Teacher in the Global Hit Movie "The Secret". Marie explained her unique approach to what is called "The Law of Attraction", a concept that has been used by so many famous people. Marie, who is

