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## Headmaster's Notes

### A Well Earned Break

After a sixteen-week term, we have arrived at our Winter Vacation and the weather this week has certainly made it clear that winter is here! The term has been a busy one with the main focus being on the children's learning and progress, which we hope is reflected in their end of term reports.

### Farewell and Good Luck

As always at the end of the autumn term, we say farewell to a few families. We wish them well in their new environment and hope they have enjoyed and profited from their stay in France and Mougins School. We are also saying goodbye, and thank you for all his hard work, to Dr David Gifford, who is leaving to take up a Deputy Headship in the UK. In January, David's teaching commitment will be taken over by Mr Jeremy Daynes, who will be joining us for two terms. Jeremy previously taught in the British School of Paris in the Learning Support Department. We hope that all those moving on will stay in touch with us and keep us up to date with their news.

### Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs – Loosely Speaking!

Those of you who have been in Mougins School for a few years will know that we have adopted the tradition of putting on a pantomime every year. A pantomime is a strange British invention – a musical comedy, with larger than life characters, a script that varies from night to night, audience participation (don't worry – voices only) and many other surprises! This year we have taken the tradition one step further and are performing Snow White and the Seven Dwarf in January - "panto" is always in January in the UK. You will be able to buy your tickets for your special night out immediately after the winter vacation for any one of the three performances – Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd January. A fun way to see in the New Year!

### (I)GCSE Mock Examinations

Students in Form 11 will be sitting "mock examinations" in all their (I)GCSE subjects from Monday 11th January for two weeks. These examinations are extremely important and revision for them will certainly impact the forthcoming vacation. We wish the 37 students involved every success.

### Spring Term 2010

The Spring Term begins on Monday 4th January 2010. The teaching staff has a meeting at 09h00 and school begins for all students – Primary and Secondary – with registration at 10h15.

### However You Spend It – Enjoy

On behalf of my colleagues and for myself, I would like to wish you all a fantastic winter vacation – restful or active, at home or away, however you celebrate it, enjoy it. I also hope that 2010 brings you and your family health, happiness and everything you wish for.

Best wishes

Brian G. Hickmore

Headmaster

# Culture Club

Thursday, January 21, 2010 9am to 3pm

Once again a 3in1 event not to be missed!

This month the culture club will take you through an exotic experience without actually traveling. An inspiring visit to the **Asian Art Museum** will help you discover the museum emblematic oeuvres evoking the spirit of Asian cultures from an historical, ethnographical and artistic point of view. The Museum visit will be followed by two **demonstrations on Ikebana and the Tea Ceremony**.

**Ikebana** is the Japanese art of flower arranging; It was introduced in Japan in the 6th century by Chinese Buddhist missionaries, who had formalized the ritual of offering flowers to the Buddha. **Tea Ceremony** is a very traditional ceremony in the Asian cultures, but above all it incarnates a way of living. As spectator we will understand how an everyday object can be transformed into **objet d'art** and how an everyday routine can be considered as **recherche de perfection**.

Looking forward to seeing you all, Lella & Elisabeth

<p>When: Thursday 21/01/10</p> <p>Meeting Point: School Car Park @ 8:45</p> <p>Museum Visit: 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p>Ikebana Demonstration: 11:30 - 12:30</p> <p>Lunch: 12:30 - 14:00</p> <p>Tea Ceremony Demonstration: 14:00 - 15:00</p> <p>back to school: 15:15</p>		<p><b>Visit Cost</b></p> <p>Euro 22</p> <p><small>including Museum entrance and the demonstrations</small></p> <p><b>Kit:</b> lunch kit not included in the price</p> <p><b>Booking Payment Requested</b></p> <p><small>If you wish to book a table 11 Euros with a kit, lunch and Culture Club Euro 20 is required.</small></p> <p><small>Remember to include the name of the student teacher!</small></p>
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nizing such a fun coffee morning.

On December 4th, a PTA meeting took place at 9.am in the canteen to discuss future plans and future purchases. I was very pleased to hear everyone's opinion and to feel that more and more people are getting involved in future planning. Thank you all for coming.

On December 9th, Lower School Christmas Market took place in the school canteen. All the donated items were displayed for the kids to come and choose from. The kids came back absolutely delighted !! They were so proud of being able to do their little shopping .... and surprise everyone at home with gifts they have chosen so carefully and with so much love !!

Thank you again, Marie-Claude and Kaisa who have been organizing this event for so many years!

We also would like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the day and all the parents for their generous donations.

On December 15th, 7pm in the Hall, the PTA assisted the school at the Christmas Concert by taking care of the refreshments and snacks stand. Thank you for all those involved in organizing such a wonderful and memorable concert and thank you Michele and Peter Fraser for organizing the refreshment stand.

On the 18th December, 12am-1.30pm. in order to wish everyone Happy Holidays / Merry Christmas and say goodbye on a cheerful note, the PTA organized a festive stand where hot chocolate, mulled wine and cake were offered to parents, children and staff! Thank you Ingrid Honan, Carol Mueller and Liz Doug-

las for organizing it.

#### Forthcoming events

**Wednesday 13th January**, 9am in the canteen, Themed Coffee Morning . The nutritionist Deborah Marzohl will be talking about "Balancing the family blood sugar levels". Please try not to miss it as Deborah's advices on nutrition will benefit not only you but all your family as well.

**Tuesday 12th January**, 9am in the canteen, PTA Meeting, All parents are PTA members , therefore everyone is very welcome to join the meeting , get involved and updated . There is always a warm cup of coffee waiting for you!

**Thursday 21st January**, Culture Club visit to Nice, for more details please refer to the advertisement elsewhere in this newsletter. All welcome! Friends / relatives can come along too. Every outing is another insight into the very rich cultural heritage of the area so please do not hesitate to come and discover more of it with Culture Club!

The PTA Team and I would like to wish you the best for the coming holidays and the New Year and for those who are celebrating Christmas we wish you a very merry Christmas and a great New Year 2010!

Kindest regards,

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## From the Desk of Sue Dunnachie

Mrs Byles, Form 5 class teacher, would like to acquire an **Apple Mac Computer** in order to work on an editing programme with her students. If any parent is upgrading their computer and would be happy to make a donation to the School of their old one would you be so kind as to contact Mrs Byles or the Office. Many thanks.

At the end of the year when we reach the season for giving, it is nice to look back and see what Mougins School has given to **charity** during the 2008/9 period:

Sidaction 600€, Red Nose Day 1,590€, Ligue contre le Cancer 150€, Readathon 693€, Guide Dog 6,080€, Resto du Cœur 150€

We will be adding another 1,100€ to **Paws for Thought** this month and, in lieu of sending Christmas cards we will be giving 450€ to the Telethon and 150€ to the Resto du Cœur. This year we will continue to work towards the completion of the fund raising for a Guide Dog for the Blind, we are almost half way there.

This year the gifts which were not sold at the Christmas Market will be distributed to **Lenval**, the children's hospital in Nice, the Red Cross and local social services. The new gifts brought in by children will go to seriously ill children in intensive care at Lenval. We would like to thank our parents and students for their generosity on behalf of all those whose Christmas will be improved by these donations.

Our congratulations go to **Lis** in the office who courageously ran the **Nice-Cannes marathon** this year and raised 1,500€ towards Sidaction and cystic fibrosis. Supported by many parents and staff, Lis achieved the excellent time of 4hrs 38mins 21secs.

On **Thursday 14th January** our chef will be cooking a **Brazilian** lunch for students and a group of **Brazilian musicians** will serenade them. If any students who do not normally eat in the canteen wish to participate, they can inform Corinne – no later than Monday 11th January.

The beautiful scene of the church of Mougins and the village fountain is a panel created by Forms 1 and 2 under the direction of Mrs Filer, Mrs Warwick and Mrs Nightingale. This will be hung in the Lavoir of the village of Mougins during the festive



season. I can highly recommend a visit to the Lavoir to see the stunning nativity scene created by the municipal services and discover the artwork of all the Primary Schools in Mougins.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy festive season, succulent food, indulgent chocolates, sparkling champagne and precious moments shared with loved ones and may 2010 bring you good health, happiness and success.

# January 2010

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## PTA News

Can you believe this is already our winter break!!

Well done everyone for helping the PTA make life in Mougins School as busy as possible!

Although the month of December was very short and very busy with school events, the PTA managed to squeeze in a few events of its own .

On December 2nd, the Coffee Morning Club invited everyone to the beautiful house of Anna Percy-Davis for a Christmas canapés demonstration by the well known Bridie Roberts. Twenty two ladies were present as Bridie did a great job , simplifying the art of canapé making and encouraging everyone to try her excellent



recipes over the coming holidays! Thank you Bridie Roberts for offering your skills as a professional caterer to that event and thank you again Anna Percy Davis, Elisa Caldon and Ilonka Gomezfor orga-

