



Newsletter 2011 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

It was nice to see so many parents at the Parent Evening and Book Fair! The teachers put together informative presentations describing the use of curriculum and activities. Many thanks to class 3 parent, Dave Kelley, for demonstrating the educational use of Ipad applications. Thank you to all parents who purchased books at the Book Fair. With the proceeds, teachers were able to purchase many quality books for their classrooms.

Announcements

Student Updates: This month we bid a warm farewell to one of our delightful preschool children, Julia Farina. The Farina family will be moving to England in December. Julia will be greatly missed in the preschool.

In January, we will welcome Nicolas Ntjam to the Three Little Ships preschool class.

In addition, we extend a hearty welcome to Santiago Rodriquez who will join class 2 at Lighthouse this week.

The students in Class 3 had an art-filled field trip to Susanne's art studio earlier this month. The focus of the trip was an "Aboriginal art project" in which students decorated umbrellas and painted canvases to the Aboriginal theme.

The outcome was spectacular!



Staff Updates: Our very best wishes to Mrs. Jantien Knoester, LSE occupational therapist and psychologist, who will be on maternity leave from December 2nd - April 2012.

School Meetings, Events and Activities

The Preschool Advisory: The next meeting will be held on December 1st from 8.45 – 9.45.

Holiday Dates:

On **Monday 5th December** we are celebrating the Dutch Festival of Sinterklaas. **Please have your children to school at 8:25 that day.** School will close at 12:30 on that day. Please ensure that your children are collected promptly. You are welcome to join the children at KSS at 8:25 for the arrival of Sinterklaas.

On **Friday 23rd December** we finish school for the Christmas holiday. School will close at 12:30 on that day. Children **return to school on Monday January 9th 2012.**

Holiday Celebration:

The Three Little Ships and Lighthouse will have a Holiday Celebration on **December 14th from 11.00 – 1.00.** This is an opportunity to see your children perform joyful songs they have practiced during the holiday season. After the music performances there will be an opportunity to share a bit of cheer. Parents & staff are invited to bring their favourite savoury or sweet international dish to share with the group. Please join us in the fun!

Holiday Cards: The holiday cards have been ordered and should be ready the first part of December. Once we receive the cards, we will send them home in your child's backpack.

Charity for 2011/12:

This year we have two chosen charities. One is a Dutch Foundation "Het Nationaal Fonds Kinderhulp" for children in need. The second is a homework school in Peru called Urpi Songocha. This is situated outside Cusco in the town San Geromino. Mr. Mark Davis in VNS worked there for a month.

Website

With thanks to Mrs. Michela Quaglia, our websites are updated frequently and offer a quick way to keep up on school-related information. Please take a minute to browse our websites at www.lighthouses.nl and www.threelittleships.nl **Please refer to our websites for listings of school holidays, events and activities.**

Sincerely yours,

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