# Highgate House School—Monthly Note



Happy New Year to all! We hope everyone had a wonderful time over the holidays and has come back rested and refreshed. We are hardly back into school again and already we are starting preparations for the upcoming Chinese New Year at the end of the month! Classes have settled back well and our new children are becoming familiar with their teachers, making new friends and learning the rhythm of their group.

### **Christmas Fair**

A very big thank you to all parents who made food donations and helped out with the Christmas Fair. It seemed everyone had fun and we all managed to raise over HK\$30,000 for Crossroads and their relief effort in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan. A great success!

## January 2014

### **Parents Day**

Parents Day is coming up on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. All Nursery, Bilingual and Kindergarten families should have already received a letter/ email inviting them for individual parent consultations. This is great а opportunity to get some private time vour child's teacher with and strengthen lines of communication. If you have not yet received information, please let your child's teacher know immediately so that convenient time slots can be arranged for you.

Please note that there will be no school on this day for the Nursery, Bilingual or Kindergarten classes. The Seedlings and Sweetpeas (Parent/Carer & Child) classes will go ahead as usual.

# **Chinese New Year**

Your child's teacher will give you details of how they will celebrating this wonderful festival be in class. We are all looking forward to the traditional songs, story and crafts as well as some festive snacks! The last day of school is on Thursday 30th January. School will begin again on Monday 10th February.





### **Picnic Outing**

picnic outing (for Our School Nursery and Kindergarten, Seedlings children) will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please mark this date in your diary and will follow in а details more separate letter.

### Extended Day Creative Activities

We are looking to re-start the Creative Activities extended day programme (12 - 2.30pm) on Tuesdays & Thursdays (for children aged 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> upwards) after the Chinese New Year holidays. These classes are a great opportunity to allow your child the chance to experiment with creative materials in a smaller group setting. We gently encourage the children to work with a variety of projects both short and long term and ensure that they build confidence in their artistic ability. The classes are relaxed and fun with the chance for children to also experience a sociable lunch with children from different classes.

If you are interested in joining this class please contact the office on 2849 6336.



### Dates to Remember

Parents DayWednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – (NoSchool for Nursery, Bilingual or Kindergarten classes. Seedlings & Sweet-<br/>peas Parent/Carer & Child Classes will go ahead as usual)Seedlings & Sweet-<br/>Date and as usual)Last day Before Chinese New YearThursday 30<sup>th</sup> JanuaryFirst day After Chinese New YearMonday 10<sup>th</sup> FebruaryPicnic OutingWednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March<br/>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> AprilLast day Before EasterSaturday 12<sup>th</sup> April