



08/10/2010

SWIMMING

OWIS is very fortunate to have such a great swimming facility on the doorstep and the children have really enjoyed their lessons at the SIA pool. Grade 1 to Grade 6 will have their last lesson of this swimming block on 18th October 2010.

Swimming for term 2 will be for EC 2 A/B and Prep only. This will be from 15th November until 6th December and then 10th to 31st January. In all there will be 8 sessions. Letters will go out to EC 2 and Prep parents regarding the requirements for swimming lessons. A third block of swimming will be arranged in Term 3 for EC2 and Grades 1-6 students.



HEALTHY EATING AND BRINGING IN SCHOOL LUNCH

The school believes that it is best for our children if they eat healthy food. Whilst we try to positively reinforce this when we see good examples of healthy food, we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child does not bring sweets or fried fast foods into school. Also, as a number of our children in the school have allergies, food should not be shared. If your child forgets lunch and you need to bring it into school, please drop it at the office rather than meeting your child during the school day. It is unfair to other children and your child will lose valuable time to socialize with his/her school friends. If there is a particular reason why you need to assist your child with mealtimes, please discuss this with the class teacher and head of school.

ENROLLMENTS : For parents whose children are attending school part time in the Early Childhood classes.

Please be advised that if you wish your child to attend full time next term, you should contact Karen (our Enrollment Officer) **now**. Her email is karen@owis.org. This will enable us to plan enrollment and classes effectively.

Please note that the school policy does not allow the exchange of attendance days.

FEEDBACK from the EVENTS COMMITTEE

Many thanks to those parents who attended our first meeting this week. It was very productive and we came up with a plan of events for the year to include a curriculum talk with cheese and wine, a Diwali outing, end of year celebrations, a school fair, sports days... and more to come. Whilst many events will just be for fun- and friend-raising, we will also be organising events to raise funds for charity. We would also like to raise some monies for school projects which would not normally be covered by development funds or the regular operational budgets and will give our children the opportunity of enjoying these at an early stage in the development of our school.

Celebration of United Nations Day

Advance notification!

On the last day of term, we will be celebrating United Nations day and our own "One World". As part of this we would like all children to dress up in national costume or colours representing their country. Parents are most welcome to dress up too!

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

If your child has a temperature please do not send them to school. Please note that we can only administer prescription medicines. Please do not send any medicines into school without a written explanation for the school nurse. We cannot give over the counter medication without consent.



Family Diwali Outing

Date: Wednesday 20th Oct 2010 Time: 3.30 – 8pm.

All children must be accompanied by parents or guardians.

Programme:

3.30 pm: Activities in the auditorium led by a group of mothers (henna painting, rice decoration, garland making, tasting of traditional sweets and savouries, traditional arts and crafts)

4.30pm: Forty-seater bus to Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple on Serangoon Road (No personal transportation will be allowed)

5.00pm : Guided temple visit/walk

5.45pm : Drive to Restaurant (<http://www.thebananaleafapolo.com/>)

6.00pm : Dinner and Bazaar (next to restaurant)

7.15pm : Bus through Serangoon Road and back to school

8.00pm: Arrive back at school

The total cost will be no more than \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (this includes transport and dinner). We need 40 participants to make this trip worthwhile. Would all parents/guardians please complete the reply slip below. Thank you/

PHOTOS

As a service to parents and provide possible Christmas presents, all children will have their individual photo taken on 11th November 2010. Class and whole school photos will be the following day. The photographer will be Karen of www.baobabphoto.com. Parents will be able to view photos on the website and be able to choose digital or print images. On these two days please ensure your child is extra smart in their uniform! If you wish to have a family photo taken, we will be able to schedule photo shoots in school on Saturday 13th November.

LIBRARY

If you are free to help in our library on a weekly basis, returning books to shelves, Anju at anju@owis.org would be delighted to hear from you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Last Swim Day for Term 1
Monday 18th October**

**Diwali Family Outing
Wednesday 20th October**

**United Nations Dress Up
and the End of term 1
Friday 22nd October**

**Term 2 begins
Monday 8th November**

**Morning Tea and Mandarin in
the Early Years Classroom
Tuesday 9th November
8:45-9:30am**

REMINDERS

If you change address, telephone or email contacts, please inform Jude in the office. judith@owis.org.

REPLY SLIP DIWALI FAMILY OUTING

(Please return by **Wednesday 13th October** or email karen@owis.org)

I would like to attend the family outing to celebrate Diwali

YES NO

Number of family members attending _____

Children over 2years

Adults

FAMILY SURNAME _____ GRADE _____