Dear Parents,

As we are moving quickly towards the end of the first term, we are happy to see our children (and parents!) settled and eagerly learning in school! There are lots of school activities in store for the months of November and December so please make a note of them in your diaries.

Teacher Only Day

Friday, 6th November, will be a Teacher Only Day. There will be NO SCHOOL on that day for all our children. Teacher Only Day is our teaching staff’s continuing professional development training.
Gardening project
Mr. and Mrs. Pang kick started this gardening project on the 30th October. It is so exciting to see our students' enthusiasm about growing vegetables right here at Small World. We are very grateful to Andrew Pang’s parents who helped make this project possible. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn new skills, have fun and develop self-confidence by spending time in the garden tending plants and growing food. Hopefully, this will encourage our young children to appreciate nature, eat more vegetables and practice cooperation with their peers.

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” - Benjamin Franklin

IPC Topics
Each age band (or age group) will be covering different International Primary Curriculum (Early Years) units. You can find them in your child's individual class calendars posted on our school website http://smallworld.edu.hk/classroom-info/. Please also take note of any special focus areas or activities, such as 'show and tell' or field trips related to the topic.
Scholastic Books
We have sent a Scholastic book list/order form inside your child’s art folder on Friday, 30\textsuperscript{th} October. If you would like to place an order, please fill in the form, sum up the total U.S. dollar amount and multiply it by 12, which will cover the shipping cost and the exchange rate into Hong Kong dollars. Please return the order form and a cheque with the calculated amount made payable to “Small World Christian Kindergarten” or “SWCK” to the School Office no later than \textbf{Monday, 9\textsuperscript{th} November}. Thank you!

Playgroup—Bumblebee Class
Our pilot playgroup class ‘Bumblebee’ started on the 6\textsuperscript{th} October. This program is especially designed for children from 18 to 24 months old. It is conducted every Tuesdays and Thursdays (afternoon sessions only), facilitated by our teacher, Miss Jeanne. This is an adult-accompanied program where a parent/helper is expected to be in the classroom with the child.
If you would like to receive updates about this playgroup, you can sign up on our website under ‘Expression of Interest for Playgroup’.

Parenting Course - Raising Great Kids
This parenting course started on 28\textsuperscript{th} October; there will be 4 more sessions on Wednesdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Parents, who have signed up for this course, please arrive on time at our kitchen. Thank you!
Small World is turning 30!

Small World is turning 30 on 13th January, 2016! Parents who would like to help and support our on-site celebration and fundraising gala, kindly email Rita or Denise at office@smallworld.edu.hk. We appreciate all offers of help, as we are counting on your time and generous support to make this event a success!

Parent Volunteers

There are so many ways in which you can help and support us in school. One way is to be a part of the Parent Volunteer Team. Parent volunteers help the teachers with their class preparation art work (lots of cutting, colouring bible memory verses, etc.) and also with the children's library books (covering books, etc.). If you are interested, please email Rita at office@smallworld.edu.hk. We meet every Tuesday in the kitchen and there are two groups of parent volunteers. The Morning Parents team is from 9:30 AM to 11.45 AM and the Afternoon Parents team is from 1:30 PM to 3:45 PM.

Junior Kindergarten Intake

We will start processing our Junior Kindergarten School Year(SY) 2016/17 intake in October. Junior Kindergarten-aged students, who will commence attendance in August 2016, are those children born in 2013. Small World families who have children eligible for SY 2016/17, kindly send your application form to the School Office as soon as possible.
Children Leaving Small World

We are in the midst of preparing for the January 2016 intake. Please notify the office in writing if you will be leaving Small World next term; it would be of great assistance to us.

REMINDER: Two full months written notice is required prior to withdrawal to avoid a charge in lieu of notice.

Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC)

Our first PTC for AM classes will be held on Friday, 20th November and PM classes will be held on Friday, 27th November. Parents are invited to register for a 10-minute session, between 8:20 AM and 4:20 PM, on the scheduled date. There will be NO SCHOOL on these dates. To streamline the registration process, we have an online booking system hosted by P3O. This online booking will open on Monday, 9th November 2015.

To book a Parent Teacher Conference, please go to the Small World website at www.smallworld.edu.hk and follow these quick, easy steps:

1. Click on “Book a Parent-Teacher Conference”.
2. Click on “Obtain PIN/Password” (which is located on the right hand side directly above the ‘Log In’ button).
3. Enter the e-mail address that your Schoolgramme is sent to and click ‘Send email’. (If you have given us multiple e-mail addresses and your first attempt fails, please enter your other address - the system only allows one address)
4. Check your e-mail to retrieve your unique 5-digit PIN.
5. Return to the P3O web-site, log-in (you’ll just need your e-mail address and the 5 Digit PIN) and follow the prompts.
6. Find the time that suits you best and book it.

Should you encounter any technical problems, please contact Mrs. Rita at 2525 0922.
Christmas Play

Each class will hold their own special nativity play. Kindly take note of your child’s Christmas play schedule. The teachers will send you class related information at a later stage. We hope to see you during these special performances!

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Getting Dressed for Success
In order to cultivate independence and develop self-care skills, please dress your child in clothing that they can easily manage when using the toilet; for example, trousers with elastic waistbands instead of belts, suspenders and overalls, etc.

Changing Clothes
As the weather cools down, please change your child’s spare set of clothes in their cubby to winter clothes; and ensure that the items are labelled properly. If you are looking for any missing items, please check our lost and found rattan basket located between the Zebra and Dolphin classes’ cubbies on the ground floor.

Vigilance against Communicable Diseases
The Education Bureau has asked us to remind families to keep their children at home if they have been diagnosed with influenza, respiratory illness, chicken pox, HFMD (hand, foot, mouth disease) and other communicable disease. If your child is not well, please take them to a doctor and keep them at home to prevent the disease from spreading to others. Thank you for your cooperation.

“Like us” on Facebook
Small World Christian Kindergarten has a Facebook page! For our parents with Facebook accounts, we highly encourage you to like our page as it not only connects you with Small World alumni and friends but also provides timely school updates.

Blessings,

Tess Baguio
School Principal

“He who knows my commands and obeys them is the one who loves me.”

John 14:21a