

Welcome, Theresa & Anna

Christmas Market, review, Michaela

- Christmas Fayre & German Market was very successful and there were over 3000 guests presented on the day. The German Market made over 40,000RMB profit based on Asa's record. The Christmas Fayre raised 60,000RMB+
- Before the fair, in the PA meeting, Nicole suggest that for the parents who donate waffle batter we could give them a voucher to get a free waffle. However, there were concerns about the feasibility and cost of this. PA decided that in the future, we should plan in advance, not last minute and all affected people should be involved in the decision. Kitchen in school couldn't be used as promised as it was used as the Santa's Grotto, Andy Puttock promised that next year school should cooperate better by discussing such things in advance. Andy also mentioned that this is a very successful event. The guests number has been raised form 300 five years ago to 3000 now. There are now 2 famous German market in Beijing, one is in downtown, the other is our BSB one in Shunyi.

Santa's Secret Shop update, Pearly

- Shopping for preparing Santa's secret shop went well. Pearly is in charge of it. School will help on storage. It will be 3 days for children and the last day for parents and teachers.
- This year's Santa's secret shop will not make big money because we want to control the gift prices under RMB30 and will have money spending on wrapping so that kids will bring home very beautiful gifts. Plus, when parent went to Tianyi, they took school bus and the lunch covered, there are extra costs but we all agree we should do so for the parents who put a lot of efforts on this event.
- Some people signed up for the shifts but not in any wechat group, Pearly will figure this out later.
- This year, for adults on last day's shopping, we will charge 5RMB for wrapping.
- Ava has contact from Silk Market, if we cannot sell, we can return to them. This helps on after event storage.
- Andy Puttock will be the judge for Ugly Christmas Jumper Contest.

Chinese New Year, Taurus Wu

- Mr. Wu & Ms Lu introduced the CNY draft plan. Detail plan will be sent after the meeting.
- Pricing needs to be lower than last year. Students should be able to have a good time for 100RMB. Vendors will also be asked to make a donation to charity.
- The PA can help with some of the activities on offer for the children. 10-15 parents needed.
- For the first time this year teachers will follow up (and prepare) with CNY activities in class, for a more comprehensive experience.
- Secondary students will have 3 weeks leading up to CNY to spend on Chinese culture units, integrating language & culture in class with one hands-on activity per year group.
- Chinese PA reps to meet with Mr Wu & Ms Lu after meeting for details.

Firefly & Communication, Nicole

- There will have 3 ways for school/parents communication, email, firefly and socs.
- Parents feels really inconvenient for login in and out, especially for those who have more than 1 kid in school.
- Some parents said they just couldn't sign of ASA their kids want to attend for over 2 terms,

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Nicole asked for the detailed information and will see what school can do.

- Nicole checked the ASA registers and no child has been allowed in both block 1 and 2 for SwimFit. There may be confusion on this as the competitive swim team training is at the same time as the swimfit, using different lanes and coaches.

TA situation in Primary-feedback from Nonie, Andy

- Andy Puttock explained about the situation, generally speaking, up to Y3, there is 1 TA for 1 class, for Y4,5,6, 2 classes share 1 TA. Main reason is the size of the class is small this year, school think they would rather have smaller class with teacher than bigger class with TA. However, if some parents thought this will affect the teaching quality, parents are always welcomed to speak to school to review it in specific cases.

Upcoming Events and Tour 2017, Theresa

- Anyone who has any good suggestion are welcome to contact Theresa.

PA April Event Survey, Theresa

- Parents suggest to change the email title and send again. Then to see the result.

Next PA meeting January 17th, 10am

