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# NEWSLETTER

ESF Abacus Kindergarten



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,  
Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you all had a restful break and some time with your families.  
With the colder weather here it is a good idea to dress your child in layers so that they can adjust to the different temperatures inside and outside the classroom. We will still play outside but will remove water play when it is really cold. Our mud kitchen has been fixed over the holidays by our fantastic caretaker, Mr Sang and we look forward to the new mud arriving so the children can begin playing in there again. We look forward to sharing some photos when it reopens.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Kind Regards,



*Frances Hurley*

## Important Dates

Friday 17th January	Hearing screenings- Sign up details below.
Friday 24th January	Celebration for Chinese New Year for children only-details below
Monday 27th Jan to Monday 3rd February	School closed for the Chinese New Year holiday
Monday 3rd February	ESF wide professional learning day- School closed
Thursday 6th February	Whole school theatre trip- all families to meet at the theatre
Week of 24th February	K1 Celebration of Learning- details via App message
Week of 3rd March	Parent teacher conferences- details to come out after CNY

Please see the school's Google calendar for upcoming events this term. Link below.



# CHINESE NEW YEAR



Over the new two weeks the children will be building on their existing knowledge of the celebration of the Lunar New Year. The children will be listening to stories, doing lots of art and learning some of the vocabulary associated with the celebration in Mandarin through songs and games. There are lots of connections that can be made between this learning and the children's current inquiries into "Who We Are".

One of the traditions the children explore is hanging or throwing wishes in wishing trees to hope for health and happiness in the new year. We are going to make our own wishing tree at Abacus and if your child wants to do so they can use a recycled lai see envelope or similar to write their wish on (with your help of course) to bring into school.

On Friday 24th January we will have a special day to celebrate the Chinese New Year with the children. The children are invited to wear festive coloured clothing or traditional Chinese dress. The Chinese teaching team have planned lots of exciting learning experiences for the children to choose from.

We would love to invite some parent volunteers to school on this day to support the children's learning. If you would like to help out please complete the form by Monday 13th January.  
<https://forms.gle/68V2FQJQqt7q7YVv6>

## HEARING SCREENING SESSIONS

Every year we offer a series of screenings for our families. These are optional but often useful for picking up any issues with hearing, vision and motor abilities.

Next Friday is our hearing screenings session. Many children have temporary hearing loss between 0-5 years old often due to wax build up or glue ear and this is a great way of identifying any issues with hearing your child may have. Details, cost and the sign up can be found here.

<https://www.eventbrite.hk/e/esf-abacus-hearing-screening-tickets-1054673088599> Sign up closes midnight Friday 10th. Please note that your child will be accompanied to the screening by a member of their teaching team. Thank you.

## THEATRE TRIP

Don't forget our theatre trip to see 'The Way Back Home' is on 6th February. The majority of children and their families will attend with all of our teaching team. This is usually a fabulous whole school event. We don't send tickets out before the day and will meet at the theatre at 11.40am in class teams to enter the theatre and sit in our class groups.  
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### Would you like to make a wish for the Year of the Snake?



To join, please reuse an old lai see envelope, a container lid, or a piece of brightly coloured paper.

Write a wish for your family or friends at home.

Don't forget to add a hook so you can hang it on our Abacus Wishing Tree!



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# Photos by Jenna Louise Potter



## OUR PUBLIC CALENDAR LINKS

If you would like to add our public Google calendar to your devices, the link is here.

Google Calendar Link:

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=abacus.esf.org.hk_gkql7pdhhjpino3pg7cieg8ihg%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Asia%2FHong_Kong)

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