

NEWSLETTER

ESF Abacus Kindergarten



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We are loving how settled and independent all of our children are already. They are able to hang their bags up, retrieve their snacks and the majority are very independent in the bathroom.

Please remember if your child has any medical needs such as an allergy, you will need to record this on Gateway and let the class teachers know so that we can make provision for your child to be safe.

Abacus is now taking applications for K1 next year for children who were born in 2023.

Please don't forget to apply if you have a younger child. The deadline is the **30th**

September otherwise your application will be considered a late application.

Frances Hurley



Important Dates

22-26 Sep	K1 Parent Conferences
1 Oct	National Day Holiday
6-12 Oct	Half Term Holiday
13&14 Oct 13th Oct	Teacher Training School Closed Flu Vaccinations
20-24 Oct	K2 Parent Conferences
29 Oct	Chung Yeung Festival Holiday
14 Nov	Sport's Day
8 Dec	Election Day Holiday
10 Dec	Winter Concert
11 Dec	Last Day of Term 1 - Party Day
7 Jan	Term 2 Begins - Children Return

Our public calendar link:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/abacus.esf.org.hk_gkql7pdhhjpino3pg7cieg8ihg%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics



Parent Support Group

Thank you to those parents who volunteered already. **However, we still need more volunteers!!**

Two years ago, we had a group of fantastic parents who met monthly to support the school with events and feedback on school matters.

Last year, we didn't really get this group off the ground, but this year, we would like to get things going again.

We have lots of fun events planned for the term and would like your ideas and support to make them even better for our families.

Two of these during this term are the Winter Concert and our Sports Day.

If you would like to help, please send an email to frances.hurley@abacus.edu.hk. No special skills needed, just some good ideas and time to spare. Thank you



IMPORTANT ! School Applications

K2 families should all now have had the app message about completing their transfer requests to ESF Primary schools.

Please follow the instructions in the email to choose your preferred schools. Also, please be reminded that whilst ESF tries to accommodate parents' requests, it also needs to balance the EDB requirements for the 70%-30% foreign passports in ESF schools, so you may not get your first choice of school.

DEADLINE 15th September

If you have any questions, please give us a call on 27195712 or email kinder@abacus.edu.hk



Tel: 27195712



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FLU Vaccination



The government health service will be offering free flu vaccinations for children at Abacus on Monday, 13th October, during the following times:

- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Consent forms have been sent to you today in your child's bag. Please complete and return the form to indicate whether or not your child will participate in the vaccination drive.

Deadline to return the form: 11th September

Eligibility: All students are encouraged to participate, except those with known contraindications.

Provider & Vaccine Type: Quality Healthcare Medical Centre Limited will administer nasal flu vaccines only (no injectable option), as designated by the Department of Health.

Dosage:

- 1 dose for previously vaccinated students
- 2 doses (4 weeks apart) for first-time recipients

Note: Students who received their first dose elsewhere must complete the second dose at the same clinic and cannot sign up for the second dose at the school.

Documentation required on the day of vaccination:

- Identity Proof of the child,
- Vaccination record card, if any.

Data Sharing: Information will be shared with Quality Healthcare Medical Centre Limited and the Department of Health.

Please note that participation in the vaccination program is entirely voluntary.

Communicating with school

We hope you have all managed to download the ESF app and login. Please remember to turn on the forward to email function. The ESF app allows you to view your child's portfolio and reports as well as report absence, read our messages and email your class teacher.

If you require any assistance please contact the admin office on 27195712



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Mid Autumn Festival



We will be celebrating Mid Autumn festival on 3rd October with a lantern parade for children around our playground. We invite parents to get creative with their children and make a home made lantern from recycled materials. This is a great way to teach the children about recycling as well as spending some quality time being creative with your child. You can send the lanterns in any day in the week leading up to the 3rd Oct and we will keep them in school until after the parade. Children can also dress up in Chinese dress or wear red on this day. We have enclosed some photo ideas from last year.



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