



Dear Parents

December is always a busy time of year. Below are details of some main events for this month. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for making this term a great success. We wish everyone a very happy and restful holiday.

Years 5 & 6 Winter Performance



Years Five and Six at our Zekeriyaköy Campus have been rehearsing for their seasonal performance. The dress rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday 9th December and all of Zekeriyaköy Primary School students will be invited to watch.

The main performance is on Friday 10th December from 14:00hrs to approximately 15:00hrs at our Zekeriyaköy Campus.

EYFS Winter Singalong

The Pre School and Reception at the City Campus and Zekeriyaköy Campus have been busy preparing for their Winter Singalongs.



City Campus Pre School and Reception Winter Singalong will take place on Tuesday 14th December in the Alkent Hall and will be starting at 10:30hrs.

Zekeriyaköy Campus Pre School and Reception Winter Singalong will take place on Wednesday 15th December and will be starting at 11:00hrs.

Please come and join us for tea and coffee before the Singalongs start.

City Primary Winter Singalong



There will be two Primary Winter Singalongs on Tuesday 14th December. The Alkent Campus Primary student Singalong will start at 10:00hrs. The Etiler Campus Primary student Singalong will start at 14:45hrs.

Please come and join us for tea and coffee before the Singalongs start.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 10 th December	Years 5 & 6 Winter Performance (Zek Students)
Tuesday 14 th December	EYFS and Primary Winter Singalongs (City)
Wed. 15 th December	EYFS and after school Winter Singalongs (Zek)
Thursday 16 th December	City & Zek Winter Bazaar
Friday 17 th December	Interim Reports Issued
Monday 17 th January	Primary Ski Trip (17 th - 19 th)
Monday 17 th January	Poetry & Authors Week (17 th - 21 st)
Monday 7 th March	Creative Arts Week (7 th - 11 th)
Thursday 31 st March	Years 3 & 4 Winter Performance (Zek Students)

The school year calender is available on our website.

Zekeriyaköy Primary Choir

The Zekeriyaköy Primary Choir will sing at the Çırağan Palace on Sunday 5th December and Sunday 12th December. There will also be a Winter Singalong for all parents and children with the Choir on Wednesday 15th December at 15:45hrs at Zekeriyaköy Campus.



Winter Bazaars



City and Zekeriyaköy Campuses will be holding their Winter Bazaar on Thursday 16th December between 13:30hrs and 16:00hrs. All parents are invited. There will be a variety of stalls and the proceeds will go to our school funds. Please speak to one of the organisers if you are able to help on a stall.

Wacky Winter Wednesdays will take place on the 8th and 15th December. We are collecting for the Jar Jamboree, Tombola, sweet, stationary and small prizes.

End of Term Arrangements

End of term parties will take place on Friday 17th December and it will be a non-uniform day. We shall have party food and games.

This term will end on Friday 17th December at 12:00hrs. The Spring Term will begin on Monday 3rd January.

Staffing



We welcome Louise Brown to our Special Educational Needs Department. She will be working with students at both the City and Zekeriyaköy Campus.

We will be saying goodbye to Dilek Kavrazlı at the end of this term. Dilek has been working as a Teaching Assistant at our City Campus for nine years. We would like to say thank you for her commitment over the years and wish her all the best for the future.

Birthdays

☺ Happy Birthday to you! ☺



December

Pedram (2 nd)	Meila (4 th)	Alexia (7 th)
Alpay (8 th)	Atakan (8 th)	Douwe (10 th)
Sarvin (10 th)	Kwan Bin (13 th)	Sanya (15 th)
Batuhan (16 th)	Emre (16 th)	Nikolas (16 th)
Alara (21 st)	Ismar (23 rd)	Ariana (24 th)
Ashley (24 th)	Cleo (24 th)	Ege (25 th)
Kylin (25 th)	Ella (26 th)	Lara (26 th)
Mateo (28 th)	Robert (29 th)	Ailin (30 th)
Alexandar (30 th)		

If your child is missing off the list, please let us know via email and they will be included in next month's newsletter.

International Week



We had a very successful International Week. Events included dressing up in national costume, flag making and researching different countries around the world. The week ended with some excellent assemblies.

In addition to this, Alkent, Etiler and Zekeriyaköy Campuses held delicious International Food Courts which were organised by the parents. Thank you to them and to all those who were able to contribute.

December Reports



On the last day of term you will be receiving your child's report. They will give you clear statements about your child's progress and targets.

In addition to the report, which we ask you to read through with your child, there is a reply letter. **It is important that parents and children complete the reply slip and return this to school in January.**

Coffee Mornings



We would like to invite you to join us for coffee. The Senior Management Team will be available to discuss any current issues with you regarding the school. The dates are as follows:

December

Wednesday 1 st	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Etiler
Thursday 2 nd	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Alkent
Friday 3 rd	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Zek

January

Wednesday 5 th	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Etiler
Thursday 6 th	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Alkent
Friday 7 th	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Zek

Little Pine Cones Playgroup

Playgroups are held twice a week at both campuses. They are for all children up to 2½ years old, accompanied by a known adult. There is a charge of 10TL per session.

At Etiler

Monday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs
Friday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

At Zekeriyaköy

Tuesday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs
Thursday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

School Lunches

Our website has an on-line menu with details of each month's lunches for your child.



School Photographs



Please could you ensure that payment is made to your Campus Secretary by Friday 10th December. If you do not wish to purchase your child's photographs, please return them as soon as possible.

Communication

You are welcome to contact us anytime.

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With best wishes and Happy Holiday!

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