



## Dear Parents

It's been great to see the students quickly settling into their new classes and really getting off to a good start. Please ensure that your child is at school on time as lateness is very disruptive to the class. Also, it would be very helpful if parents who drop off their children could leave the school grounds by 09:00hrs. At the end of the day, please come onto the school grounds to collect your child. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Holiday Reminder



Don't forget that the school will be closed on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October for the Istanbul Independence Day. School recommences on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The school will also be closed on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October for the half term break. School recommences on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Autumn Festival

It is traditional in many cultures to donate food at this time to those less fortunate than ourselves. This year we will be collecting food for the needy people in Istanbul. We will be asking for **dried or tinned foods** such as cheese, olives, oil, pasta, fruit or vegetables. Further details will follow soon.



## Parent/Teacher Meetings

These are coming up at Alkent, Etiler and Zekeriyaköy Campuses. You will receive forms asking you to indicate your preferred time to meet your child's class teacher. Specialist subject teachers will also be available.



## Halloween



Please allow your child to come in fancy dress costume on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate Halloween.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Festival
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Teacher Consultation- Alkent
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Teacher Consultation- Zekeriyaköy
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Teacher Consultation- Etiler
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	KS2 Athletics Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	KS1 Tabloid Sports Day
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Celebrations
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	International Week (8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> )
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Pre School & Primary School Winter Bazaars
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 & 6 Winter Performance (Zek Students)

*The school year calender is available on our website.*

## School Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting on the following days:

<u>Zek</u>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
<u>City</u>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October



Please ensure that your child comes to school in their school uniform and not their sports clothes.

## Water Bottles

Please send in a named reusable drinking bottle for your child. In the morning the children will take the bottle out of their bag and put it in a tray/basket inside the classroom. They can use this bottle of water throughout the day and refill it, if necessary. They will take it home at the end of the school day.



## BISI Reading Bag



These are blue canvas bags with the school logo on. The children can use them to carry their reading books, homework books and letters. The bags can be purchased through the school for 15YTL each. They can also be purchased directly from Sibel, the uniform supplier.

## School Uniform

The children have returned looking very smart indeed. Can we please remind you to label all clothing, as it considerably reduces the amount of lost property. May we also remind you that the only jewellery that may be worn by the children are watches and small gold or silver stud earrings, and that all nail varnish should be removed. Please would you also support us in ensuring your child has the correct clothing for P.E.



## Birthdays

☺ Happy Birthday to you! ☺



### October

Jae Kwon (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Berke (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	James (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Jeong U (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Eren (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Hakan (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Melissa (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Seo Yeon (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Alyn-Alara (12 <sup>th</sup> )
Eren (13 <sup>th</sup> )	Atila (15 <sup>th</sup> )	Ece (15 <sup>th</sup> )
Ana Clara (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	Maksut (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	Akanksha (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Ricardo (25 <sup>th</sup> )	Si Won (26 <sup>th</sup> )	Tomas (26 <sup>th</sup> )

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

## School Lunches

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



## Clubs

The following clubs are being offered this term.

### Alkent

<i>Mon</i>	- Ballet - Singing
<i>Tue</i>	- ICT - Mask Making - Modern Dance
<i>Wed</i>	- Seasonal Art - Games - Construction
<i>Thu</i>	- Tennis

### Etiler

<i>Mon</i>	- Taekwondo
<i>Tue</i>	- Chess - Paper Mache - Badminton - Sharing
<i>Wed</i>	- Table Tennis - Jewellery
<i>Thu</i>	- Football
<i>Fri</i>	- Bosphorus Running

### Zekeriya köy

<i>Mon</i>	- Art - Ballet - Card Making - Chess - ICT - Movie - Playdough - Swimming - Timestables - Ballet - Puppets
<i>Tue</i>	- Beads - German

<i>Tue</i>	- Lego - Rugby - Lego - Taekwondo
<i>Wed</i>	- Hapkido - Ocarina - Science - Cricket - Swimming - Dance - Playdough
<i>Thu</i>	- Drama - Beads
<i>Fri</i>	- Ball Games



## 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:



### October

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Zek
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Alkent
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Etiler

### November

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Etiler
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Alkent
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Zek

## Calendar of Events



The year's calendar of events is now available on our school website. Please note that some dates may need to be amended due to unforeseen circumstances.

## Security

We often use a SMS messaging system to announce unscheduled school closures or other important information. If your contact details change, please contact your Campus.



The Home/School Communication Book is an important tool for passing on information to your child's class teacher. In particular, you must inform the school in writing if your child's pick up details change.

## Communication

You are welcome to contact us anytime.

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We will endeavour to reply to your message within 24 hours.

With best wishes

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