



## Newsletter 1/23

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Dear AIS family

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the newsletter.

This is a short, welcome back newsletter.

Happy Reading!

Graham

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## 1. Welcome new students and families

It was wonderful to welcome 12 new students to AIS on Tuesday. So, we say a big hello to **Nicolas** (Chipmunk), **Noeline** (Snail), **Zahra, Timothe** and **Ernest** (Rabbits), **Fatih** and **Maxence** (Lions), **Lorenzo** and **Arthur** (Tigers), **Rafaela** and **Henry** (Unicorns), **Sofia** (Kraken).

All of these young people settled beautifully and have added a great deal to their classes, making new friends and bringing new experiences to the AIS family. It is great to have you with us!

Welcome also to their families, please get in touch with school if we can help with anything.

In February we will welcome a further two new students as AIS continues to grow.

These pictures of Nicolas and his friends summed up how well the new students settled this week. We had tears on the first day, but by day two Nicolas was fully engaged with the exciting life of Chipmunk class. He really enjoyed P.E. with his new friends in Snail class too!



Happy times at AIS!

We also welcome Ms Elizabeth to AIS. Ms Elizabeth is the teacher of our new, Tiger Class (Y5). Elizabeth has joined AIS with her three sons. Ms Elizabeth's husband Jason is also a teacher and he is kindly supporting in school this term as a volunteer in our English as an Additional Language Department.



## 2. 2023 Ski Trip Update

We are all very excited and looking forward to our first big AIS adventure of the year when we head off to Muju Resort for our overnight ski trip at the end of January.

Please note that the deadline for the return of the paperwork and the payment is next **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.**

**If we have not received the forms and payment by the end of school on the 18<sup>th</sup> we will assume that your child is not coming with us.**

We need to confirm final numbers with the resort and accommodation by 18.00 on the 18<sup>th</sup>.



### 3. CIS Community Survey

AIS is going through the final stage of an accreditation process with the Council of International Schools. Part of this process involves a survey of all of the different groups in the AIS community.

Please could you spend 10 minutes completing the survey? We very much want to hear your views about our school and the progress we are making.

The survey is open until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

Please complete 1 survey for each child you have in school.

Here is the link:

<https://survey.cois.org/s3/Parent-Guardian-2022-2023-Atherton-International-School>

**Thank you for your support!**

### 4. Thursday Tunes moves to Tuesday

Our popular morning concert series is changing day this term with Thursday Tunes now becoming Tuesday Tunes. Please encourage any musicians in your family to play on a Tuesday and do come along and listen at 08.15 if you have time. We have some very talented musicians at AIS and this mini concert is a highlight of my week!



## 5. **Welcome Back Coffee Morning – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 08.15**

We will be hosting the first AIS Community Coffee morning on Wednesday after drop off from 08.15 until whenever you like.

Come along for a coffee and a pastry, make some new friends or re-connect with some old friends.

We will have information about some parent language and cooking classes and the new P.E. kit samples will be available for you to view.



## 6. **SKAC Volleyball Tournaments**

We are very proud to be hosting the SKAC Middle School and Primary School Volleyball tournaments next week.

The Middle Years event is on Wednesday and the Primary event on Thursday. The games will be played in the gym and play will start at 09.00.

Please come along and watch if you have time.





## **7. Seollal Holiday – 21-24<sup>th</sup> January**

We will be observing the Korean New Year Holiday next week. The Lunar holiday falls over 4 days this year from the 21 -24<sup>th</sup> January.

School will therefore be closed on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.



## **8. Dates for your diary**

**AIS Community Coffee Morning – 19<sup>th</sup> January 08.15**

**Seollal Holiday – School Closed Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**2023 AIS Ski Trip – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**Half Term Break 25<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Term 2 ends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12.05**

**Term 2 events to be confirmed:**

**AIS Movie Night – Movie and Popcorn – Feb 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>**

**AIS Curriculum Information Evening**

**AIS Open School 2**

**AIS Spring Concert**

**AIS Sports Day**