

NEWSLETTER NO.4

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Dear parents,

I am writing to you with warm greetings shortly before the beginning of Advent and I would like to wish you a peaceful and healthy time with your families. I bring a summary of several recent events and an invitation to the upcoming ones. Thank you for your large attendance at the quarterly parent-teacher conferences and for your suggestions, which were conveyed to us through class teachers. I would also like to thank you for your support of charitable collections at our school. Next week, we will be handing over presents from the *Shoebox* and *Joy Packages* initiatives to the organizers.

In November, several interesting events took place, from which our pupils took away unconventional experiences. Our creative and active kindergarten and primary school teachers organized an unforgettable night at school for the first, second and third graders. Through writing their expressions of gratitude and through thematic lessons, they gained an understanding of Thanksgiving Day, and by applying discount coupons in lessons, they learned about Black Friday events. During the first project day, within the year-long *Ostrčilka Has Got Talent* project, we searched for the first talents in music and dance.

Our second-stage pupils received not only the results of the Cambridge test pretests but also feedback from their teachers, along with support and guidance before the regular exams, which traditionally take place in spring. I have tentatively agreed on a May date with the organizers from the Cloverleaf language school.

Furthermore, I would like to extend an invitation to three upcoming events. The first is the opening of the pre-Christmas exhibition of nativity scenes, titled *Angels in the Hall*, taking place at the City Hall of Moravská Ostrava and Přívoz, which will be formally opened on 3rd December at 4 pm. Visitors can enjoy a delightful cultural program suitable for both children and adults. The exhibition will continue in the following days, displaying a few nativity scenes made by some of our classes.

Regarding the other two events, we look forward to seeing you at our school. The first is the traditional Christmas market on December 5th, and the second is Coffee morning. I am sure that our class teachers have already informed you about their dates. For completeness, let me remind you:

December 12th, 8.00 am – 9.40 am: 3.E1, 3.E2, 4.E

December 13th, 8.00 am – 9.40 am: 1.E1, 1.E2

December 14th, 8.00 am – 9.40 am: 5.E1, 5.E2

December 15th, 8.00 am – 9.40 am: 2.E1, 2.E2

On the day of the school market, classes will be shortened as follows:

- First stage: end of classes at 11.40 am after the lunch break, followed by the after-school care centre.
- Second stage: end of classes at 12.35 pm.

We hope that you and your children, and perhaps even your entire family (grandparents are also welcome), will soak up the beautiful pre-Christmas atmosphere and enjoy the event. Children will be cared for in the after-school care

Future Events:

December 4-17
7th graders,
mountain camp

December 5
Christmas market

December 6
St Nicolas gifts (1st
stage pupils)

December 12-15
Coffee morning (1st
stage classes)

December 19
Project Day
“Christmas
Carolling” (1st
stage pupils)

December 21
Assembly for the
1st stage pupils

December 22
class Christmas
parties

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centre until they are collected before you visit the market together. Please note that the Bell Hop will be unavailable from 2.15 pm onwards, so kindly collect your children from the care centre.

In the first half of December, our seventh graders will spend two weeks in the mountains. We wish them plenty of snow, especially during the second week when skiing is planned.

We are also looking forward to Christmas carolling as part of the second project day and class Christmas 'parties' on the last school day of this calendar year. On this day, classes will be shortened as follows:

- First stage: end of classes at 11.40 am after the lunch break, followed by the after-school care centre.
- Second stage: end of classes at 12.35 pm.

On behalf of the entire bilingual team, I wish you a wonderful pre-Christmas period and look forward to seeing you soon.

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