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CEO Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I have seen so much Christmas enjoyment at school over the last two weeks and I have to say that I now do feel that Christmas has started in Taiwan. On what was a wet, cold Wednesday (quite like many summer days in my country) I was really lifted by musical performances. The open carol singing of the BPS Key Stage 1 students, supported by BPS Key stage 2 student musicians was a real treat. On Wednesday evening the secondary school treated us to a full orchestral concert at the secondary campus. It was truly amazing and for me was indistinguishable from a professional orchestra. Thank you students, staff and guests for such a fabulous start to Christmas. I also cannot forget the Early Years classes performing in the amphitheatre on video, they are sooo cute! Thanks to all the students, staff, guests, parents for keeping up our very strong musical traditions at TES.

As we enter a much deserved rest period over the Christmas break, please remain safe and observe the precautions of COVID-19 protection. Masks, hand hygiene and social distance are the three key things to remember. Please keep in mind that if any of your household members quarantines at home, then anyone in the same house should not come into school until the end of the self-health management period. As a school we will be as supportive as possible, we will keep the students updated with the work missed and expect assignments to be completed if they cannot attend school. However, no online lessons will be delivered during this period.

We will start collecting the result of the student travel and health declaration form in the first week of January. Message will be sent out to all parents on 4 January. Please make sure you complete the form for your child before 7 January.

When we come back there will be news shared about the continued efforts of the school in areas of communications. We will be increasing information systems capabilities and this should significantly enhance the parent experience. The goal is less blanket emails and more accessible information. The continued development of the PowerSchool School management system - adding further functions for parents on a staged schedule - and the introduction of a new TES website, with a Parent Portal where information and news will be securely kept for parent access. With a view to fewer and shorter emails from the school/section - as information and news will be accessed in one entry point - our website. We hope!!!!

So head off to your holiday, have a great relaxing time, have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,

David Gatley
CEO
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