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## NEWSLETTER 13

Dear Parents

Please note that **Mid Year Reports** will be sent home next week on December 8<sup>th</sup> and there will be Parent Teacher Conferences on December 8<sup>th</sup> (18:00-20:00) and December 9<sup>th</sup> (15:30-18:00). There are notices in the entrance hall for you to sign up on, to make your appointments with teachers, or you can email Marta with preferred times, to fill it in on your behalf.

The Secondary tutor groups are all involved in fundraising for different charities in different ways. **Year 7** are having sale of **Christmas gifts and articles** (these are all things they have made themselves) and you will be able to purchase them on Thursday afternoon next week (at the same time as the Ski Wear Bazaar) and on Friday lunchtime. Please support them in their charitable work.

Practicing is well under way for the **Winter Concert**, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 13:30 at the Manggha Centre. It features a world premiere performance of 'Follow the Star', words and music by Merrett and Davidson, and we are all eagerly looking forward to seeing the students perform this new work. The whole school (including Secondary) will walk there and will be dismissed from there at the end of the concert. Parents are most welcome to join us for this occasion and we look forward to seeing you all there.

The second, and final, payment for **Ski Camp** of 700PLN must be paid by Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish to hire ski equipment the cost will be 130PLN and this, along with the Ski Equipment slip, must be given to the Office at the same time as the final instalment.

You can still see some photos of the IB performance of **The Importance of Being Earnest** on the school website at the following address –

<http://www.bisc.krakow.pl/photo-gallery/category/4-the-importance-of-being-earnest>

There were also photographs taken by our official photographer and these can be viewed and purchased at [www.martanowak.rozeta.pl/album/BISC](http://www.martanowak.rozeta.pl/album/BISC) login: bisc password: verbia2009

There will be a DVD of the video of the performance available for purchasing next week.

The **Advisory Board**, at its last meeting, discussed the need for a **Code of Conduct for Parents**. They would be interested to hear your response to this and your ideas on what should be included. To give you an idea as to the kind of things they mean, the Board has come up with the following principles so far:

- Parents should not criticise teachers in front of students. If a parent wishes to discuss something with a teacher then it is not necessary for the child to hear this criticism.
- If a child will not be in school then the office should be advised by a Parent before 8.30am.
- Parents should ensure that their children arrive in school on time.
- Sick children should be kept at home.

If you have other ideas for what should be included in such a Code of Conduct, or if you disagree with any of the above, then please let us know.

With all best wishes

Jonathan Merrett  
Head of School

The **IWAK Christmas Ball** is on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December and there is a flyer attached to this newsletter explaining all about it. It is a great opportunity for meeting up with old friends and making new ones and all the proceeds are sent to charity. Everyone is welcome!

## PTA Newsletter

Dear Parents and Teachers,

**Santa** is now ready and waiting for the children who have signed up. See you tomorrow at **Chelm, ulica Chelmska, 16** in Wola Justowska at **11.15**. We would like to have a nice buffet, so please do not forget to bring some finger food or a drink.

The **Disco** is being well organized by Ben, an IB student. He is collecting all the music that secondary students rave about. So get prepared for next Saturday night fever at Klub Bakalarz (12<sup>th</sup> December). You can still sign up!!

You have all received the list of items for the ski camp. So why not participate in our “**ski bazaar**” for a barter? Next **Thursday, December the 10th from 3.00 to 4.00** in the **lunch room**.

Y2 class are the chefs in charge of the next **Bake-a-cake, Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. All the profits of the sale will go to charity.

**The school lunches** served to our children were tasted (daily 2 weeks ago from Monday to Friday) by different people. A surprise visit was also paid, last Thursday, to the caterer. There is nothing to report - everything was in order!

**School field trips:** The PTA will contribute up to 50% of the expenditure, borne by each class, for their school trips, up to a maximum of 100PLN for each trip. I would like to request the class teachers to contact their class representatives (or Mr Merrett for Y11 onwards) if they would like financial support for a trip.

Have a nice weekend,

Best regards,  
Sylvie Ayivi.