

## Newsletter September 2008

### Lost & Found

Many of our children left various items in the classrooms – water bottles, toys, hairclips, sweaters, etc. Please do come into the office anytime to check if they belong to you. For hygiene reasons, we hope to return all items to owners by Sept 17.

### Eating in class

In order to keep our classrooms clean, we seek your cooperation in not bringing food into the classroom. Children are most welcome to finish their snacks on the benches outside before entering the class. Thank you for reminding your child.

### Breastfeeding

We seek your understanding and cooperation in **NOT** breastfeeding during class. This message is relevant for our "Mums & Tots" class and we welcome mums to nurse their child outside the classroom.

### New Teachers

Welcome to 3 teachers who have joined us – Yang, Jin and Chen Laoshi. They are all very experienced in teaching children from non-Mandarin speaking families and have worked with children from various International schools. Do drop by to say 'hi' to them.

### Little Mandarins at Hollandse School

We are proud to be part of the curriculum at the Dutch International School! Teaching children from 3 - 12 years old, our teachers continue to teach Mandarin in the same fun and effective way through games, hands on activities and speech.

### New! Mums & Tots at American Club

As you are aware, Little Mandarins has been teaching at the club for almost 2 years now. We are proud to be invited to increase the number of classes to include "Mums & Tots" – meant for tots from 18 mths to 3 years. Do sign up at this alternative location if you are a member!



### Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

We are pleased to report that none of our children have been exposed to the virus. However, we will continue to be vigilant in ensuring high hygiene standards in our school and ask for your kind cooperation in NOT sending your child to Little Mandarins if they are unwell. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that we are all happy and healthy as we learn Mandarin!!!

### Dear Parents

Welcome back to a brand new term/academic year at Little Mandarins. How time flies – Little Mandarins is now officially 1 year old in Dempsey and in operation for almost 2 years!!! We thank you for your tremendous support all these months and are happy to announce that we have now more than 50 classes weekly in our Dempsey school, in addition to the outside classes held in various locations in Singapore.

Do read on for more important announcements concerning classes with us:-

### Summer 08 Holiday Camp

More than 70 children joined us over 6 weeks of summer camp and we had a blast! Selected fun photos from our recent camp are now available on our website – which by the way has been updated yet again!! Do check out the fun cookery classes, tennis & hip hop clinics, music & drama fun, science experiments, arts --- the list just goes on.

Our next camp will start again in Nov 17<sup>th</sup> right up till end Dec – for a total of 7 weeks!! It promises to be even **Bigger and Better** with lots of new programmes! Our aim remains unchanged, and that is to teach Mandarin in a most unconventional way – by having loads and loads of fun!!

Camp is available for weekly sign-ups, so do call Jaime soon to avoid disappointment! Camp size : 16 children (4-10 years)



Summer Camp - Tennis clinic by professional coach!

### Refundable Deposit

**Please be reminded that notice period for withdrawal from classes is one month prior to the end of term.** This deposit is required because some parents enrol their child for classes but do not take up the reserved place, without giving any notice of withdrawal. Your child's place in any new term following enrolment is automatic to ensure continuity and minimise administrative inconvenience to you. The deposit covers the space reserved.

The deposit will be **forfeited** if:

1. Your child fails to take up a reserved place in a class.
2. Written notice of withdrawal from the next term is not given one (1) month prior to term ends. This is because a place is automatically kept for your child in the next term unless you specifically withdraw.
3. Your child is withdrawn during the current term.
4. Your child is absent for the first two weeks of term without notification. We will then assume that you wish to withdraw him/her from the class. However, we will hold your child's place if you have paid fees in full for the term.

**Please refer to our website under "registration" and "FAQ" for details.**



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### New Books for Term 1

Our topic for the next 4 weeks will be "Fruits", and we will have covered 4 new topics by the end of term in Dec. We will continue to inform you of our progress by sending you emails when we finish teaching each topic, to allow you to revise and practise at home with your child. We strongly encourage you to ask the children to read the books out loud to you. You will be very impressed!!! Lots of encouragement and hugs will certainly give them more confidence going forward.

For those of you who missed lessons over summer, we will revise those topics to help your child keep up with the rest. Rest assured that games and fun will continue to be our main aim when teaching Mandarin.

### Progress Reports

The Term 3 progress reports are now ready for collection. We are pleased to report that a total of 5 children were promoted to the next level – well done! We have also decided to streamline some of the items to make it easier on the eye. Do watch out for the changes in next term's reports.

Please do take some time to read through the reports and **Sign and Return** them to us. We invite you to come in to chat about your child's progress with the respective teachers. Just give us a call and we will arrange a suitable time for all.

### Adult Conversation Class

We are very happy to welcome Yi Laoshi to Little Mandarins. She has taught Mandarin for many years in Singapore, particularly to expats adults. She also teaches Business Mandarin in various corporations/ banks here and has trained personnel from the Singapore Government. At Little Mandarins, she will conduct Basic Conversation, Intermediate Chinese, and Business Mandarin to our Adult students. Do sign up with your friends to learn a new language today.

你好!

你会讲华语吗?



### Policy on Replacement Classes

We understand that children do miss classes from time to time due to various reasons. However, we are unable to refund for missed classes but are happy to arrange for a make up class (same level and age group) **within the same term ONLY** - on a best effort basis. We will however maintain the maximum class size of 6 in order to ensure continued success learning for all.