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Whole School Information

School photographs

On Monday, students in Early Years to Group 4 will be sent home with their individual and class photo in a sealed envelope with the payment instructions. If you do not wish to purchase the photos, simply send the complete envelope back to school. Please note that the Tikkie payment option is only available until next Friday. Students in Groups 5-8 will receive their photos later in the week; parents will receive an email to let you know when they are coming.

American Thanksgiving

Wishing a very happy Thanksgiving to the families in our school who will be celebrating this holiday next Thursday.

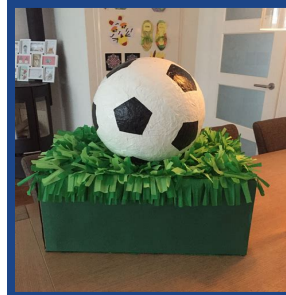
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Suitable coats

The chances of rain are far greater and, as much as possible, we like to send the children outside for fresh air during break times, even with a small amount of rain. However, some of the older children are reluctant to wear weather-appropriate coats. This then impacts all the other children if we can't go outside because too many of their peers are not dressed appropriately. Please help ensure your child comes with waterproof clothing (not just a hoodie) during these winter months, and that they understand they must also wear it!

Sinterklaas 'surprises' for Groups 5-8

In our parent newsletter on 11 November, you read all about Sinterklaas and the traditional celebrations that take place in the Netherlands. On Friday 2 December, students in Groups 5-8 will celebrate *Sinterklaas* in class.



In preparation, your child will come home with a wishlist (*lootje*) with the name of a classmate on it. This is a SECRET! You are kindly requested to help your child buy a small gift (€5) for their classmate, and wrap it in a special way: inside a *surprise*. A *surprise* is a creative way to present the gift, which makes it unique for the person who receives it. The *surprise* comes accompanied by a rhyme or poem, written either in English or Dutch. It is signed by either *Sint* or *Piet* and is placed in an envelope with the classmate's name on it.

Your child needs to bring the *surprise* to school with a rhyme or poem on Wednesday 30 November, hidden in a black bin liner (provided by the school). To keep it a secret, please don't put the name on the bin liner. On Thursday 1 December, all the *surprises* will be on display in the classrooms during *Kijkavond* between 16:00 - 17:00.

PSG

Winter Fair

A reminder that the Winter Fair is only one week away - Saturday 26 November!

- **Raffle donations** - If you would like to donate items for the raffle, please leave them at the office at each of the three IPS locations. Raffle tickets are now on sale for €1 each via the class reps.
- **Winter Fair crafts** - A reminder for children to bring their crafted artwork so that these can be displayed as part of the Fair by Thursday 24 November. Please click on the link for craft templates and inspiration: <https://linktr.ee/IPShilversumPSG>.
- **Vendors** - We are super excited to announce that there will be a number of vendors selling unique gifts and hand-made items for you to purchase. These vendors include: Primo, Ani's World, Verily Jewelry, Karoo Designs, Anne Alster, Silviaorganizes.it, Studio Tessa Speek Ceramics, BowBoutique, Pallavi Kotnala, Laura Notari Art, Elsje's Embroidery and Gifts, SSS Arts (Sasi Kala).

Pre-sale of Winter Fair tickets - To avoid crowds on the day of the Winter Fair, the PSG will be pre-selling tickets on the following days at pick-up time at each location:

- Rembrandt - 23 November
- Mondrian - 23 November
- Frans Hals - 24 & 25 November

If you require any further information about the Winter Fair, please email the Parent Support Group at psg@ipshilversum.nl.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Netherlands remains on **phase 2 green**. This means that we continue with basic measures with regard to hygiene and health, continue to ensure good ventilation, and pay extra attention to people at risk.

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