



# International School of Bologna

## Parents Newsletter



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Week 14

Friday, 16 December 2011

### PARENTS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

#### Winter Concert

I am sure that all the parents join me in congratulating the students, teachers and particularly Miss Maija for the two wonderful winter concert performances on Tuesday. Much effort went into preparing for these performances and this was very clear from the results!

#### Farewell

I would like to say farewell to Gaia in ES 5. She is leaving the school when we break for the winter holiday and returning to California. I wish Gaia all the best and hope to see her again when she returns to Italy.

#### Happy Holidays

There will be no newsletter next week due to the shortened week. Therefore, I would like to wish everyone happy holidays. I hope that you enjoy the break and return to school, safe, happy and full of enthusiasm on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Calendar for 2012-13

Please find attached the draft calendar for the 2012-13 school year. As you will see, we plan to start two days earlier than this year. This is to allow school to begin mid-week which helps the students to transition into the new school year. In addition, this has given us two extra days which we have used to "make bridges" between a couple of national holidays and the adjoining weekend. In all other respects, the calendar is similar to our calendar for this academic year.

#### ANT Calendar 2012

Copies of the ANT Calendar 2012 are available from the front desk, they cost € 10 each and the funds go towards the ANT – National Tumour Association – to assist tumour patients and their families. The photos of our students are on the pages for the month of June!

#### Message of Thanks from Ruby's Parents

**As a school we have now raised an unbelievable 3500 euros for Ruby, and the way things have been going that number will probably be out of date by the time you read this! The Neptune mosaic will be staying at school, and should be framed and mounted early in the new year. Here is a message of thanks from Ruby's mum and dad, to go along with my warmest thanks to you all for taking Ruby to your hearts .**

We were just overwhelmed to hear that the school community at ISB has again been so thoughtful and given so generously towards Ruby's care. How wonderful it is to know our friends in Italy are still thinking about us, far away in wintery Philadelphia! Ruby has been making good progress here. In November she started at a special school, where they have designed a full time program of therapies for her. Ruby is now eating every day, learning to drive a power chair, riding a bicycle and saying yes and no. It's wonderful to see her progress. She has weekly hospital visits and is due for more surgery in February.

Thank you so much for everything you do for Ruby. Please keep checking the website [www.one4ruby.com](http://www.one4ruby.com) and keep in touch!

Merry Christmas from Catherine, Simon and Ruby x

#### After School Drama

After-school drama classes will continue on January 17: Tuesdays 3:30-5pm class: ES 4/5 and MS students.

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 class for ES 2/3.

All classes are based in movement, mime, comic acting with mask.

\*classes for Transition children will resume in spring/summer.

#### Parent Association News

- A sum of 500 euros raised from the Winter Festival was donated to the care of Ruby, the niece of ES4/5 teacher, Martin Newell.
- Read "Gabriela, Clove and Cinnamon" by Jorge Amado for the Ladies Book Club meeting on January 10, at 9:30 am.
- Next PA Meeting will be on January 17 at 9 am in the Mensa. Agenda is forthcoming.
- We wish everyone a Happy Holiday and an enjoyable break!

The Executive Committee

With best wishes,

Denise Walsh  
Head of School  
International School of Bologna

## Menu

Early Years  
19 – 20 December

### Monday

Pasta e fagioli  
Formaggio cacciotta fresca  
Carotine crude

### Tuesday

Tortellini ragù  
Prosciutto cotto  
Insalata

### Wednesday

**\*\*HOLIDAY\*\***

### Thursday

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### Friday

**\*\*HOLIDAY\*\***

## Menu

Elementary, MS  
19 – 20 December

### Monday

Pasta al pomodoro  
Coscia di pollo  
Patate al vapore

### Tuesday

Tortellini al ragù  
Prosciutto cotto  
Insalata

### Wednesday

**\*\*HOLIDAY\*\***

### Thursday

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### Friday

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