

Important information from the GEV meeting on October 11, 2016:

The Charles Dickens now has **two new teachers**: Mr Cole and Frau Steines, plus **three new aides**: Frau Kluge, Herr Katebini, and Frau Klopsch.

The **Walk to School** campaign went well, with only about 20% of the children travelling to school by car during the two weeks. A comparison with a usual school week is not available. Herr Effenberger noted that the usual traffic jams in Dickensweg resumed, which continue to affect the safety of the children who walk to school.

Our **Book Week** appeal raised €3435.98 for the library. The **Summer Festival** raised €2215.45, which will be allocated to Herr Effenberger for sundry expenses.

The **new school diaries** have been well received.

The **school inspection** will be implemented on the 8th and 10th of November with interviews with teachers, parents, and students. Holders of certain offices were specifically chosen for these interviews, with the rest being chosen by random selection. Login details for an online survey were given to parents with children in the third through sixth classes.

The **LMF Book Fund** urgently needs volunteers. Please contact Christine Bonello for details.

The proposals made last year regarding potentially replacing the **teacher aides** with contract employees will not be going ahead.

There is a **new concept for the aides**, including reserves in case of illness, fixed inter-company offers, better transparency for pupils and parents (notes and information), plus improved networking between the Europe and German branches.

The **flea market** proceeded well, despite the rain, and raised €845. Another will be held next year.

A new framework curriculum is being released by the senate; children will be taught towards **levels** rather than grades. The senate does not yet have precise guidelines.

60% of the school are now members of the **Förderkreis**: 77.85% of the Europe branch, and 18.8% of the German branch.

Parents are asked to please hand in the sponsorship money for **Charlie's Run** as soon as possible, so that the school can begin purchasing and installing the new smart boards. Thank you to the 30 people who sponsored our Willkommensklasse children.

The Berliner Sparkasse branch on Theodor-Heuss-Platz is still offering a 25 euro donation on newly opened junior savings accounts. The accounts are free; please refer to the mail sent by Christine Bonello.

Charles Dickens will continue our annual appeal with **Laughing Hearts**. A Christmas tree will stand in the entrance hall in House 1 with gift wishes of orphaned children. People who are able to buy a gift for these children may take a wish from the tree and return both wish and present to the school. The children will then receive their gifts during an event organised by Laughing Hearts.

Charles Dickens will be organising 100 gifts this year.

The **advents bazaar** will be held on November 25 from 3.30-6pm. The committee is looking for volunteers who can help with the organisation of the event. Please contact Christine Bonello if you can help.

Our annual **appreciation dinner** will be held on February 16, 2017, and will be open to all school staff. More information will be emailed closer to the date.

In cooperation with charity, the school is collecting **toiletries bags** such as those given when travelling Business Class, on long-distance flights, or from some hotels. These will then be distributed to refugees.

The **Hans Litten School**, the upper secondary school of the Europe school system, have opened their first Europe class this year. The class has 15 children, five of whom come from the Peter Ustinov school.

The **SESB AG** are looking for new members who have an interest in advocating for the Europe schools system in Berlin.

The '**Schulengel**' link on the school's homepage can be clicked on prior to shopping online (eg. Hotel rooms, holidays, furniture, Amazon, and pharmacy items). The school then receives a percentage as a donation without any cost to you.

Please leave the **no standing zone** in front of the school free for our children. Please do not park there, or stop there, or obstruct it for any reason.

The school will celebrate **Halloween** on October 31. Children may be collected from 2pm, however supervision will be provided.

Your (new) GEV committee:

Jana Wendlandt, Max Linden, Jadwiga Krawietz und Christine Bonello