



VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

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To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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Welcome To The New School Year

To all our families who have returned after the long summer break, we hope you have had a lovely time relaxing and enjoying being with your family. We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us for the first time. We look forward to a long, warm and happy relationship with you as together to provide the best education for your child and see them develop into well-balanced global citizens.

Welcome To Our New Deputy

Hello!! My name is Ms Susan Christiansen and I am the new Deputy Principal here at SIS Van Phuc. I will be working closely with Ms Sue and the HOS as well as all the teachers and staff to continue the great efforts shown by all members of the SIS community to allow the students of SIS Van Phuc to reach their goals.

Already I have been impressed with the teaching and learning here at Van Phuc and by the students' desire to create, think and learn on all levels.

My door is always open and one goal of mine is to learn as many names as I can of our students and also to understand who they are as young people so I can assist them to reach their potential.

Helping Students be Self-Responsible

Parents please expect your child to prepare and care for their school things.

- Lost Property-after the weekly assembly lost property is displayed for collection. Please label all student belongings.



Fun and games in P.E



Enjoying books in the library



Working on technology in an ICT session

The school clubs have started. Please remind your children on the day of their club as well as any changes to after school pick-up arrangements .

Parent Nights

Many thanks to all the parents who came to school on such a wet and windy night to talk with the teachers. We had lots of feedback from parents and many suggestions of what parents would like to see happening in our school. Some of this we have responded to already (please see information below regarding the survey). Other items we have responded directly to the parents involved.

Survey

At the recent Parent Night a group of parents were concerned about children being hungry in the mornings due to the early bus times, and they asked the school to provide breakfast.

The survey results did not demonstrate a clear demand for change. Of the responses received, 47% wanted to change and 53% wanted to keep the current arrangements. Accordingly, the snack will remain as it is, however we will work with parents regarding ways to provide breakfast.

Coffee Date

It was wonderful to hear that so many parents attended the Coffee Date on Friday afternoon. I apologise for my absence as I was supporting the new school on Ha Long. Many thanks to Ms Susan, Ms Shirley and Ms Trang for the presentation. They tell me there were over 50 parents in attendance.

We intend having these on a regular basis and will be happy to have suggestions from parents for topics for learning.

Assessment

Soon parents will receive a soft copy of the Table of Specifications (ToS) emailed to them. This tells you all of the exam dates for the year, and the kinds of questions they will see on the exam papers. Year 1 do NOT have an exam in Semester 1, however their results will be based on learning throughout the Semester eg review tests, knowledge of spelling, vocabulary, reading level, speaking and listening.

Formative testing like this will also be used to make up 10% of the result for English of all other students.

In **early November** we will hold an Assessment Night to fully explain to parents about the structure of exams.