



**DEAR PARENTS,**

Welcome ! I hope that you have all had a restful summer vacation.

A warm welcome to all the new children and their families. We are looking forward to interacting with you and getting to know you better.

Our school calendar, which you will receive along with this newsletter, gives you a glimpse of the exhilarating year ahead, that our team has planned for your children.

**New teachers :**

Welcome to our new teachers in the Aman Setu family:

Betty maima, Suraiya mamma, Bawaji, Bano, Afshan apa , Anjali , Khushnum didi and Nitisha didi.

**Teacher Preparation and Training:**

In the months of May and June our teachers were fully engaged in preparing themselves for the learning/teaching programme for the year 2011-2012. This involved essential discussions, reading of the curriculum together, collaborating to plan the year's schedule in such a way that everything flows smoothly and seamlessly with team members holding hands across subject and class boundaries .

We also had some experts coming in to do workshops on Systems Thinking, Mindfulness, Emotional Freedom techniques and Circle Time. We were privileged to have a whole day's interaction with Jose Paul of New Delhi who is a chief mentor and ideological fount for the work at Aman Setu.

In spite of the hard grind we had quiet , reflective time to get to know each other, work thoughtfully on our individual planning and enjoy laughter, meals and movies together.

**News!**

We also had a nail biting time worrying about whether our new campus would be ready on time. Well, here we are, about to begin and *almost* ready. Anyone who has moved into a new house knows just how stressful it is! So do bear with us through the initial teething and adjustment problems. Rest assured that we have taken care to ensure the safety and comfort of our young learners.

You will be delighted to see our marvelous mural mosaic at The Butterfly Garden. It was executed under the guidance of Neha didi , by Rajyashree didi, Charvi didi, Priyanka didi and Neha and others through several days of planning, imagining and hard labour.

### **Class teachers for the academic year 2011-12**

Sr. no.	Class name	Class teacher
1	Golden Eggs [Play group and Jr.Kg.]	Suraiya mamma
2	Silver Eggs [Play group and Jr.Kg.]	Priya masi
3	Speckled Eggs [ Sr.Kg.]	Bano
4	Spotted Caterpillars [ Stds.1 & 2 ]	Shellidi
5	Striped Caterpillars [ Stds.1 & 2 ]	Charvi didi
6	Chrysalis [ Stds.3 & 4 ]	Afshan apa
7	Topaz Butterflies [Std.5 ]	Anjali
8	Emerald Butterflies [ NIOS ]	Betty Maima

### **New Features:**

**Birthdays celebrations:** On the last day of every month all the birthdays that occurred in the month gone by will be celebrated at a birthday party in each class from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Children may wear party clothes on that day .Parents are welcome to come to school and be a part of the celebrations. We have planned it to coincide with the Open Afternoon so that parents are encouraged to visit us once a month and appreciate class displays and meet teachers.

**Pencil box:** Children in classes 1 and above are expected to carry a simple pencil box containing 2 sharpened pencils, an eraser, a sharpener and a small ruler. Std 5 and above to carry one topped up fountain pen please.

**Shoes:** There has been some difficulty with availability of school shoes. Children may therefore wear: red or beige Bata Softies, red Crocs (the cheaper variety under the brand names Spiderman and Superman are freely available) . Children above Std 5 have the extra option of black Action floaters.

### **Dates for your diary:**

25<sup>th</sup> June,2011, ( 9.45 am to 1pm)-Orientation for parents-The Nest. [Pre-primary]

16<sup>th</sup> July,2011-( 9.45 to 1pm) Orientation for parents-The Butterfly Garden .[Primary and Middle school.]

Attendance is compulsory.

Warm regards,  
Shilpa Desai.  
Head