

## **NEWSLETTER – November 2016**

Greeting to all!

**Thakuma's birthday celebrations will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017.** We hope some of you will have the opportunity to attend and grace the occasion.

### **Independence Day**

Independence Day was celebrated, as usual on the 15 August 2016. As usual the children were very enthusiastic.

Earlier in the year, as usual celebrations were held for **Thakuma's birthday** and **Sarawwati Puja** with usual gusto of the children of Balkendra and the attendees from Kolkata.

Unfortunately, 3 of the 4 doyen Mashis were unable to attend due to poor health. It's perhaps a signal for the generation next to step up.

As part of the celebrations, most of the school children with their families (some bringing tiffin carriers!) were given a feast.

### **School – “Brahagma Ma” Balakendra – Established 2002**

The school continues to provide pupils from the neighboring community with the basics of learning and life skills. We employ 4 teachers to cover a number of subjects including English, Mathematics, Science and General Knowledge. During the mid-morning break, each child is provided with nourishing snacks. The children are thriving and show immense enthusiasm for learning.

### **Computer Classes**

The computer classes, which started in 2011, in the annex building (Santi Ashram) continue to provide basic computing skills. We are now however only 7 in attendance as we have a temporary tutor following the resignation of the teacher.

It is expected that the employability of these students will increase significantly.

### **Charities**

The trustees thank all the members and well wishers for their generous donations and support. We continue to seek your blessings, well wishes, feedback, suggestions and your donations. We further continue to ardently hope that more of you will soon find an opportunity to visit our Math.