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Dear Parents

The upcoming week will be the last week of the school year and the following are some information to note:

1. Events for Term 4 Week 10 and School Holidays

Day/ Date	School Holidays / Celebrations
Fri, 10 Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">E-PTC for P1 – P5 (No School for All Students)
Mon, 13 Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deepavali Off-in-Lieu (Public Holiday)
Wed, 15 Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Promotion & Level Awards Day (Last Day of School for P1 – P5) School Hours: 7.30 am – 10.30 am
Thu, 16 Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">P6 Graduation Day (Only for P6 Students) School Hours: 7.30 am – 11 am
Fri, 17 Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Awards Day (Only for P1 to P6 Award Recipients & Performers) School Hours: 7.30 am – 10.30 am
Sat to Mon, 18 Nov 23 – 1 Jan 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Holidays
Tue, 2 Jan 24 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Reopens (Only P1/2024 Students report to school) <u>Dismissal for Term 1, Week 1</u> Tue to Fri, 2 to 5 Jan 24: 12.30 pm
Wed, 3 Jan 24 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Start of School for P2 – P6 students <u>Staggered Dismissals</u> P1: 1.25 pm (From 8 Jan 24) P2 & P4: 1.30 pm P3: 1.25 pm P5 & P6: 1.35 pm

2. Year-End Holiday Travel Declaration

You would have received via Parent's Gateway (PG) to submit your child's travel declarations if you intend to travel with your child during the year-end school holidays. Please kindly submit your travel declarations via PG by **Wed, 15 Nov 23** if you have not done so.

3. Updates of Personal Particulars

To ensure the school's database is up to date, please inform the Form Teacher or Staff in the General Office whenever there are updates pertaining to your child, e.g., **contact address or phone numbers**. Latest information is especially crucial during emergencies.

4. Recognizing Efforts of Your Children

As we draw nearer to the end of the school year, we feel it is opportune to share these insights. Understandably as parents, we expect our children to do well in school and achieve a reasonable level of academic performance. However, inevitably there will be some who may not have performed as anticipated and feel disappointed. They may also experience difficulties managing unmet expectations and emotions.

Be observant and supportive. Recognise your children's strengths and weaknesses. Instil in them the resilience to learn from their experience and confidence to continue forging on. While we set high expectations to stretch our children's potential, be realistic about their abilities. There are multiple pathways to reaching their goals in life. For primary students, PSLE is but one of the many milestones in their educational journey and the results alone do not define who they are or determine their future.

The school has prepared a specially designed card that will be passed to you through your child. The cards are also attached for your own printing should you require more. We recommend that you take the time to pen words of encouragement and affirmation to your child on the card. Show that you value his/her efforts and regardless, your love for him/her will not be any lesser. For the parents of the P6 students, we suggest you do it before the release of PSLE results.

We encourage you to take pictures of the card or pictures of you and your child with the card and upload to <https://shorturl.at/CEQU2>. We would love for such meaningful cards and moments to be shared with the rest of the school community.

5. Student Well-Being

We hope that your child can continue to be engaged meaningfully during the school holidays. The school has compiled a set of learning and self-management resources and sites to help your child to reinforce key concepts/ skills taught and bridge learning gaps. These resources will be accessible via SLS from 27 Nov 23 to 18 Dec 23 of the school holidays. Please support and encourage your child to access and use these resources.

School holidays should also be a time for your child to explore sports and the outdoors or to pick up a hobby or new skill. Following are some suggestions:

- ✓ Encourage your child to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activities for about 60 min a day as recommended by HPB. These can be in the form of exercises such as swimming, cycling, jogging or walking on the park connector, Kranji Marshes, Bukit Timah Hill, playing some outdoor games, etc.
- ✓ Learn to cook or bake or eat healthily as a family.
- ✓ Visit the nearest community library and borrow a range of books. For the school holidays, the quota of books that can be borrowed is usually increased.
- ✓ Do revise on the areas, which your child needs to work on for the respective subjects. Start your child reading on new topics to be taught in the new level.
- ✓ Get your child to do mini research on culture, places of interest, historical background, geographical structure, famous people, etc. to widen his/her general knowledge.
- ✓ Get your child to identify an area of self-management that he/she would like to improve on and actively work on it this holiday, e.g., cultivating the habit of cleaning after himself/herself, packing his/her work and play areas, sleeping and waking early, etc.

6. Advisory For Coming School Holidays

The school would like to remind all parents to exercise vigilance in the care and supervision of your children to ensure that they stay meaningfully engaged and not get into trouble/ mischiefs/ bad company or fall prey to online scams /predators.

Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) would also like to remind students of the dire consequences of committing crime and drug/ inhalant abuse, as well as to take measures to avoid being victims of crime (please refer to attached advisory). Our teachers will reiterate these messages and we hope that parents will continue to monitor and watch over the safety of your children.

7. Cyber Wellness

It is essential for parents to work hand in hand with educators to nurture students in developing a culture of digital citizenship. There is no denying the importance of digital technology in 21st century education. As children spend more time online, whether for entertainment or home-based-learning, it is important for parents to be vigilant and monitor their children's digital interactions closely. This is to ensure that the children are not victims of cyber bullying, or worse, become cyber bullies themselves.

Please inculcate the right mindset and attributes in your child by going through the resources with him/her at home: <https://www.betterinternet.sg/Resources/Resources-Listing/Be-Kind---Cyberbullying-Tipsheets>. Additionally, do take note of the following information and guide your children accordingly:

Online App / Social Media Platform	Legal Age Requirement
WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, etc.	<i>At least 13 years old</i>
Telegram	<i>At least 16 years old</i>

Kindly access <https://www.betterinternet.sg/-/media/Resources/PDFs/Parents-Guides/Social-Media-Parent-Guide.pdf> for the Social Media Guide where seven broad questions and tips are shared on how to raise children to be considerate, compassionate, confident and responsible digital users.

8. School Schedule 2024

We have appended next year's schedule below for your planning. Do note that there will be a snack break in addition to the 30-min recess break. If your child needs a bite, please ensure that he/she brings along his/her snack. The timings for snack breaks will be communicated by the Form Teacher.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7.30 am	Flag Raising & Pledge-Taking				P3 – P6 CCA
8.30 am	P2 Recess				
9 am	P6 Recess				
9.30 am	P5 Recess				
10 am	P4 Recess				
10.30 am	P1 Recess				
11 am	P3 Recess				
1.30 pm	School Dismissal	School Dismissal	School Dismissal	School Dismissal	School Dismissal

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 pm – 3 pm (curriculum time)	FEL for identified P5 & P6 students			* Curriculum Lessons for P4 to P6 students	FMA for identified P5 & P6 students ----- HMTL Lessons for identified P3 to P6 Students
2 pm – 3 pm/ 3.30 pm (After-school)	<i>E2K Programme (MA or SC for identified P4 to P6 students (2 pm – 3.30 pm))</i>	<i>Remedial Lessons for identified P1 to P4 students & Supplementary Lessons for P5 & P6 students. (2 pm – 3 pm)</i>		<i>Remedial Lessons for identified P1 to P3 students (2 pm – 3 pm)</i>	
3.15 pm – 4.45 pm		<i>Competitive CCA</i>		<i>Competitive CCA</i>	

***For P4 – P6 Students**

- To observe the additional weekly period for Character & Citizenship Education (CCE) stipulated by MOE from 2023, all P4 to P6 students will end lessons at 3 pm on Thursdays for scheduled weeks. This will take into consideration the loss of curriculum hours in view of oral examination periods and holidays.
- Thursday lessons will start in Term 1, Week 2.
- For the well-being of the students, lunch break is mandated for lessons beyond 1.30 pm. Hence, the lunch break for students will be:
 - ✓ P4: 1 pm – 1.30 pm
 - ✓ P5: 12.30 pm – 1 pm
 - ✓ P6: 12 pm – 12.30 pm

- P1 remedial lessons will commence only in Semester 2.

- The schedule for Competitive CCA on Tue or Thu will be confirmed later.

Please note that **all after-school activities/lessons will commence later**, and the teachers will furnish the details at appropriate junctures.

9. Student Dismissal Plan 2024

For better management of crowds and safety, dismissals of all students are staggered and at different points. Please refer to the table for the various venues and observe the following during dismissals:

Time	Side Gate 1 & 2 (Front)	Side Gate 3 (near Block 672)	Back Gate (near School Field)
1.25 pm	P1	P3	P1 & P3
1.30 pm	P2	P4	P2 & P4
1.35 pm		P5 & P6	P5 & P6
After 1.45 pm	P1 – P6		

Parents/Caregivers

- Wait at the appropriate dismissal venue regardless of weather conditions.
- Wait at the appropriate dismissal venue of the younger/youngest sibling. Arrange with and inform your children where they should be picked up.
- Pick up P1 & P2 children at the designated waiting area within the school.
- Do not crowd outside Gate 3 but keep the pavement clear for the students. Wait at the sheltered HDB void deck.

Students

- Bring an umbrella to school every day.
- Can be dismissed via Side Gate 1 & 2 if they have a sibling at P1 or P2 or be dismissed collectively via a gate that is convenient for the family. Dismissal points **should not vary** on a day-to-day basis so as not to confuse the students and teachers.
- Wait at the canteen for siblings before proceeding to the appropriate dismissal gate if they are going home together without any adults.
- Walk along the pavement instead of on the road and not dash across the road.
- Comply with road safety regulations. Exercise the kerb drills and safe pedestrian practices. Be considerate road users.

10. Silver Zone along Choa Chu Kang Crescent

The entire Choa Chu Kang Crescent along which the school is located will be redesignated as a Silver Zone before the end of 2023 and there will be enforcement (please refer to attached advisory) against vehicles that are parked outside the main gate from 2024. All parents and visitors will have to drive into the school to drop off/pick up students/passengers.

11. Temperature-Taking Exercise in 2024

In line with the revised guidelines from MOE, temperature-taking will be conducted at the beginning of each semester. The temperature-taking exercise for Term 1, 2024 will take place on **Wed, 10 Jan 24**. Please ensure that your child brings a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school every day.

12. Adjustment of School Canteen Prices

School canteen stallholders are facing challenges with rising costs, especially with costlier ingredients for healthy meals. In view of the prevailing rising costs and the GST increase in 2024, our canteen stallholders will adjust the food prices upwards by \$0.10 to \$0.20 to keep afloat. The school will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that the prices are reasonable, within market rates and kept affordable for the students.

13. Appreciation for Family Support

As the academic year comes to an end, we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all parents for journeying with us unwaveringly in support of your children's learning and development.

We would like to wish all Hindu families 'Happy Deepavali' and to all families a well-deserved holiday and happy bonding with your loved ones. Keep healthy and safe. See you when school reopens in 2024!

Yours sincerely
Mrs Lee-Koh SC
Principal