



**Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)**  
*A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)*

3 February 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J).

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Meet-the-Parents (MTP) sessions for Primary 1 to Primary 6 in January. My staff and I are glad to have had the opportunity to meet and interact with you during the respective sessions. I hope that the MTP sessions have given you some insight into the level and class activities for the year, as well as the various learning experiences that your child/ ward will be engaged in to support his holistic development.

#### **Crafted for Goodness (Isaiah 64:8)**

1. Our school theme for 2024 – **Crafted for Goodness** – is inspired by the analogy of God as the Potter and our boys as the clay in Isaiah 64:8. Much like a skilled Potter shaping the clay with purpose and intention, we envision our school as a place where each student is uniquely moulded for goodness and to be the best that he can be. And just as clay is most usable when it is malleable, we encourage our boys to have willing hearts that are receptive to God's transforming works. Together, let us continue to remind our boys that, like clay in the hands of a skilled potter, each one has unique potential and talents waiting to be discovered and developed. We pray that our boys will emerge as distinguished ACSian gentlemen, poised for positive contributions to the society and nation.
2. Based on our school theme for the year, we have designed our student learning experiences to encourage our boys to **Start Right, Shape Up** and **Serve Others**. We started the new academic year with a series of activities that focused on character building, class bonding, team building and developing school spirit for all levels in the first week of school.
3. As part of the Orientation Programme, our boys reflected on the school theme and carried themselves with the right values to start the year. We were particularly heartened by the brotherly love shown by our older boys to their juniors. To welcome our Primary 1 boys, our Primary 3 boys engaged them in games, while the Primary 4 students supported them as recess buddies. The Primary 6 student leaders also planned and conducted bonding games for the Primary 1 and Primary 3 levels.
4. During ACSians Assemble to mark the start of Term 1, our Primary 6 student leaders shared on the ACSian values and encouraged all students to demonstrate the school values in their daily lives. We look forward to your continued partnership in 2024 as we work together to encourage our boys to form good habits, shape their character, and instil in them the value of serving others.

#### **Museum-Based Learning Experiences (January)**

5. As part of Museum-Based Learning for Character and Citizenship Education (CCE), our upper primary boys went on different learning journeys in January. Our Primary 5 boys visited the Indian Heritage Centre and its precinct where they learnt to recognise the contributions made by the Indian community in Singapore towards nation-building and appreciate how the different influences from the diverse cultures have shaped Singapore's multi-cultural heritage. The

learning journey also provided them with an opportunity to bond with their new form teachers and classmates.

6. Having learnt about the culture of Southeast Asia during their Social Studies lessons last year, our Primary 6 boys extended their learning when they visited the Asian Civilisations Museum. Through this experience, they developed a deeper understanding of the cultural and historical ties that influence the countries in Southeast Asia, and explored how Singapore's cultural heritage has evolved over time, influenced by the diverse mix of cultures.

#### Chinese New Year Celebration (Friday, 9 February 2024)

7. The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year (CNY) on 9 Feb (Fri). In the lead up to CNY, in addition to cleaning and decorating their classrooms, students can learn more about the festival and its traditional practices when they visit the library from 22 Jan (Mon). They can also look forward to singing CNY songs during their Music lessons and engaging in craftwork with our parent volunteers during their respective recesses on 7 Feb (Wed).
8. On the day of the celebration, students can report to school in their traditional costumes or school uniform. We strongly encourage our boys to come in their existing festive attire to add to the celebratory mood. The programme for the day includes a CNY concert for all staff and students, followed by differentiated class activities. Please note that **students should bring along their stationery and coloured pencils for the class activities, a storybook for silent reading and their water bottles**. The school will provide them with a snack at 10 am as there will not be recess for them on that day.
9. All students will be dismissed from **10.30 am**. The staggered dismissal timings are as follows:

Time	Group
10.30 am	Leaving by School Bus
10.40 am	<u>Leaving on Foot</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting parents/siblings in the foyer; or</li> <li>Walking or taking public transport home; or</li> <li>Walking out of school to meet parents; or</li> <li>Walking to the location where parents' cars are parked (e.g. Newton carpark, 10 Winstedt Road carpark).</li> </ul>
	<u>Leaving by Car</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Picked up by car at foyer (Gate 1 will open at 10.40 am)</li> <li>Picked up by car at external lay-by (Cones will be removed at 10.40 am)</li> </ul>
	<i>Note: School-based SCC will be closed on 9 Feb (Fri).</i>

10. The school will be closed on 12 Feb (Mon) and 13 Feb (Tue). Lessons will resume on 14 Feb (Wed).

#### Total Defence Day (Thursday, 15 February 2024)

11. The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on 15 Feb (Thu). Total Defence Day 2024 marks 40 Years of Total Defence (TD40). The focus for TD40 will be on Singapore's readiness and resilience in the face of crises and disruptions. All schools will conduct a TD40 Exercise, which seeks to create awareness on how staff and students can respond and help one another calmly and responsibly during disruptions.
12. On 15 Feb (Thu), our school will simulate a Water Disruption Exercise, during which taps and water coolers at the canteen will be cordoned off, and students will have the opportunity to practise water rationing during recess. To reflect on the experience, students will have class discussions on how everyone in Singapore can work together and play our part in Total Defence.

13. On 16 Feb (Fri), our boys will be engaged through a series of interactive activities during recess to learn more about how they can contribute to the various pillars of Total Defence. Through this array of learning experiences, we hope that our young gentlemen will understand their role in keeping Singapore strong.

#### **138<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Thanksgiving Service and Academic Awards Presentation (Friday, 1 March 2024)**

14. Our 138<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Thanksgiving Service and Academic Award Presentation will take place on 1 Mar (Fri) from 8.30 am to 11 am. The Guest-of-Honour is Mr Richard Seow, Distinguished Old Boy and Chairman of the ACS Board of Governors. **Only Primary 6 students and prize recipients** are to be present for the event. Primary 1 to Primary 5 students do not need to report to school on 1 Mar (Fri).

#### **138<sup>th</sup> ACS Founder's Day Dinner (Friday, 1 March 2024)**

15. The ACS Old Boys' Association (ACSOBA) is organising its annual gala dinner in conjunction with the ACS 138<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day. This dinner will allow all ACSians to have the opportunity to re-connect with one another as an ACSian community.

Date: Friday, 1 March 2024  
Time: 6.15 pm to 10.30 pm  
Venue: Shangri-La Hotel (Island Ballroom)  
22 Orange Grove Road, Singapore 258350  
Cost: \$1886 per table (10 pax per table, regular)  
Sales Period: 17 January to 23 February 2024

To register and purchase your ticket(s), kindly complete and submit the form through the link: <https://go.gov.sg/138acs-foundersdaydinner> by 23 Feb (Thu). We strongly encourage payment via online transfer. For any further enquiries, please contact the school at 6733 7911 or email us at [acsj@moe.edu.sg](mailto:acsj@moe.edu.sg).

#### **Primary 3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise**

16. The tentative schedule for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise in 2024 is appended for Primary 3 parents' information.




Stage	Date	Participants
GEP Screening Exercise	Thursday, 15 August 2024	Primary 3 students enrolled in the school
GEP Selection Exercise	Tuesday & Wednesday 15 & 16 October 2024	Primary 3 students shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise

More details, including content coverage matters, will be shared at a later date.

#### **Affirmation of ACS(J) Teachers**

17. The Inspiring Teacher of English Award, the Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award and the Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers' Award acknowledge and affirm teachers who have been instrumental in igniting a love for the languages and are effective in helping their students communicate better. In the process of engaging their students, they have used innovative and engaging pedagogical approaches that considered their learners' readiness, interests and learning profiles. These teachers also demonstrate a keen interest in students' well-being and inspire students to be self-directed and engaged learners.

If you know of such a teacher in ACS(J) and would like to nominate him/her for the following award(s), please follow the instructions accordingly.

Award	Organiser	Details of nomination	Closing Date
Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2024	The Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times with the support of the Ministry of Education	<p>Download nomination forms from <a href="https://www.languagecouncils.sg/goodenglish/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information">https://www.languagecouncils.sg/goodenglish/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information</a></p>  <p>Email completed form to Ms Ng Xinyi at <a href="mailto:ng_xinyi@schools.gov.sg">ng_xinyi@schools.gov.sg</a></p> <p>For more information, please email SGEM at <a href="mailto:nhb_speakgoodenglishmovement@nhb.gov.sg">nhb_speakgoodenglishmovement@nhb.gov.sg</a></p>	6 pm on Monday, 25 March 2024
Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award 2024	Malay Language Council, Singapore, Malay Language Teachers Association, Berita Harian and the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee	<p>Nominations can be made online at <a href="https://go.gov.sg/aqab2024">https://go.gov.sg/aqab2024</a></p>  <p><a href="https://go.gov.sg/aqab2024">https://go.gov.sg/aqab2024</a></p>	Monday, 1 April 2024
Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers' Award 2024	Tamil Murasu, Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee (TLLPC) and the Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union	<p>Nominations can be made online at <a href="https://go.gov.sg/mitt2024nominationformel">https://go.gov.sg/mitt2024nominationformel</a></p>  <p><a href="https://go.gov.sg/mitt2024nominationformel">https://go.gov.sg/mitt2024nominationformel</a></p>	Monday, 1 April 2024

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### Road Safety and Consideration for Others

18. Thank you, parents and guardians, for observing road safety and traffic rules when sending your child/ ward to and from school. We have observed a smooth flow of vehicles entering and exiting ACS(J) in the morning and at dismissal time these past weeks. Please continue to ensure that your child's/ ward's bags are with him so that he can alight quickly at the foyer and external lay-by. Please also encourage your child/ ward to alight on his own in the morning, if he is able to, and to board the vehicle quickly during dismissal time as a consideration for others in the queue. We seek the understanding of our parents/ guardians that some of our boys do need more support to alight from and board their vehicles, and we thank you in advance for your patience and graciousness as we give them more time to familiarise themselves with the routine.
19. On the matter of road safety, we will continue to educate our boys on the importance of staying vigilant while crossing the roads and raise their awareness of near miss incidents. We seek the support of parents/ guardians in reminding their children/ wards to cross only at designated traffic pedestrian crossings and to practise the kerb drill - looking out for oncoming traffic before they cross and raising their hands to increase visibility while using the pedestrian crossing.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for ACS (Junior). To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee  
Principal