



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

30 December 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at ACS (Junior), I bring you greetings of the Christmas season and hope that you had an enjoyable year-end break with your children. May your homes be filled with peace and joy, and may your families be blessed with good health in 2023.

My staff and I look forward to welcoming our new students in **Primary 1 on 3 January** and all the other students from **Primary 2 to 6 on 4 January**.

Theme for 2023 - Anchored in Purpose

1. To usher in 2023, we have chosen **Anchored in Purpose** as our new theme. The theme verse is taken from **Hebrews 6:19a** ***"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure"*** and is premised on the knowledge that God's love and grace is unchanging regardless our circumstances. Therefore, as we adjust to a new normal and prepare ourselves for a future that is unknown, let us take comfort and be assured of His promise.

Our theme verse reminds us to anchor ourselves to Christ the Rock, who is our source of hope and who sets a shining example of how we can stay stable and secure in this volatile and uncertain world. We lean on the strength of our Lord Almighty and build on this strong foundation so that we have the confidence to go forth and pursue wholeheartedly our God-designed purposes with passion and courage.

Staff Matters

2. The school warmly welcomes the following staff:
 - a. Ms Rachel Gayathri d/o Kunnasekaran (HOD EL)
 - b. Ms Goh Shu Hui (Music Teacher)
 - c. Mrs Vidya Suresh (Allied Educator)
 - d. Mr Lim Zhan Kuan Elton (SEN Officer)
 - e. Ms K Sujjitra D/O Kashinathan (Corporate Support Officer)

The school bids farewell to the following staff. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of them for their dedicated service and wish them all the very best as they embark on a new chapter in their life journey.

- a. Mr Zhang Yu
- b. Ms Kalvinder Kaur
- c. Mr Matthew Yap
- d. Mr Alfred Angeleri

We also want to congratulate the following staff on their appointment to new positions.

- a. Ms Noelle Selvadurai Chitrani on her redesignation as HOD/SEN
- b. Ms Michelle Lee Shuyun on her appointment as HOD/CCE
- c. Mr Teow Jing Ho on his appointment as AYH/Primary 1&2 (Internal)

Thanksgiving

3. We give praise and thanks to God for his continued blessings on ACS(J). Our graduating cohort has demonstrated great resilience in this crucial year of their primary education and kept pace with their learning and preparation for the PSLE. We have seen them practise new habits and become more socially responsible in the past three years as they adjusted to the constantly evolving COVID-19 situation and adapted nimbly to new routines and safe management measures. It is heartening to observe many of our boys watching out for their friends and finding ways to serve the community. They kept the faith throughout the year and truly, the ACSian spirit of love and service have characterised this cohort.

We rejoice with the class of 2022. 100% passed the PSLE with 89.6% qualifying for the Express Stream (including Express/NA). We congratulate our Primary 6 cohort of 2022 on the successful completion of their primary school education and wish them all the best!

School Hours for 2023

4. School Arrival

Punctuality is about discipline and a mark of respect. As a school, we inculcate this habit of being punctual every morning so that our boys are better prepared for a day of learning in school. Please ensure that your son gets sufficient sleep every night and reaches school before 7.30am. Students are expected to be in their respective classrooms by 7.30am every morning.

5. Dismissal

All students will be dismissed according to the staggered dismissal timings below. Primary 1 students will be guided to familiarise them with the staggered dismissal arrangements.

Time (pm)	Group
1.30	<u>Leaving by School Bus</u>
1.40	<u>Leaving on Foot</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting parents/siblings in the foyer; or• Walking home or taking public transport; or• Walking out of school to meet parents; or• Walking to the location where parents' cars are parked (e.g. Newton carpark, 10 Winstedt Road carpark).
	<u>Leaving by Car/ for SCC</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picked up by car at foyer (Gate 1 will open at 1.40pm)• Picked up by car at external lay-by (Cones will be removed at 1.40pm)• Proceed to ACS(J) SCC or External SCC

6. Recess and Snack Break

The staggered recess and snack break times are as follows:

Level	Recess	Snack Break
Primary 1	9.00am to 9.30am	11.30am
Primary 2	9.30am to 10.00am	12.00pm
Primary 3 and 5	10.00am to 10.30am	12.00pm
Primary 4 and 6	10.30am to 11.00am	12.30pm

A 10-minute snack break is given to sustain our students until school dismissal. We seek your cooperation to pack only healthy snacks (dry finger food) or fruits and to encourage your son to take responsibility to clean up after eating.

Orientation Programme

7. As our students start a new academic year, they will be engaged in a series of orientation activities during the first week of school. The key learning experiences will focus on character building, class bonding, team building and developing school spirit.

On the first day of school, they are to bring their **pencil case, colour pencils, a story book and a water bottle**. No school textbooks and activity books are required. The respective Form and Subject Teachers will advise our boys on when they should bring their books. Please ensure that your son's personal belongings are clearly labelled.

Information for Parents of Primary 1 Students

8. Details of the orientation programme for **Primary 1 students** on **3 and 4 January** are as follows:

Primary 1 (3 January 2023)	
7.00am to 7.30am	On Arrival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are allowed to come into the Foyer with their Primary 1 son. Students will be directed to their respective Primary 1 classrooms by teachers and student leaders. Parents will proceed to the PAH.
7.30am to 9.00am	1. Welcome session by Principal and Form Teachers for Primary 1 Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal's Welcome Message Sharing on English, Mathematics, Mother Tongue and Cyberwellness Sharing of Class Expectations by Primary 1 Form Teachers 2. Orientation Programme for all Primary 1 students will be conducted in the respective classrooms.
9.00am to 9.45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recess for all Primary 1 classes
9.45am onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are to leave the school after recess. Primary 1 students will continue with the Orientation Programme.
10.00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing for parents of Primary 1 students registered at Epworth School-based Student Care Centre.
1.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary 1 students will be dismissed by class.
1.30pm onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents will enter the School Foyer after the school buses have left the school compound.
Primary 1 (4 January 2023)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No parent will be allowed to enter the school compound. Primary 1 students will be guided to their respective classrooms from the School Foyer. 	

You may wish to prepare a healthy snack for your son for his snack break in addition to what you would like him to have for recess. This is to tide him over till school dismissal.

Information for Parents of Primary 2 to 6 Students

9. On the first day of school for all **Primary 2 to 6 students** on **4 January**, all students are to report to their respective classrooms to meet their Form Teachers. There will be staff and student leaders on-site to guide the students and provide assistance.

Meet-The-Parents (MTP) Sessions in January 2023

10. The school will be holding face-to-face meetings with **parents of Primary 2 to 6 students** in **January 2023**. The objective of the MTP is to provide information pertaining to school, level programmes, teaching and learning, and communication channels. The schedule of the MTP Sessions for the various levels are as follows:

Level	Day/Date	Time
Primary 2 & 5	Friday, 6 January	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Primary 3 & 6	Monday, 9 January	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Primary 4	Wednesday, 11 January	3.00pm to 4.30pm

The Form Teachers will share on class-related matters during the MTP. If there are specific student-related concerns, feel free contact them after the session. More details of each MTP session will be sent to you via PG closer to the date.

CCA Registration and Allocation

11. Having undergone the **Programme for Active Learning (PAL)** at Primary 1 and 2, we would like to strongly encourage all our **Primary 3 to 6 students** to participate in a Co-curricular Activity (CCA) to further hone their Social Emotional Competencies and to develop their character, even though **CCA is optional**.

Do note that **each student can only participate in 1 CCA**. Please refer to the following dates for CCA-related matters:

Dates	CCA-related Matters
3 to 9 January	CCA registration period
16 January	CCA allocation results will be announced via PG
25 January	CCA begins

Attire, Discipline, Safety, Security & Administrative Matters

12. Attire

All students will wear their formal **school uniform from Monday to Thursday**. The formal uniform comprises a white short-sleeved shirt (complete with name tag) and a pair of navy-blue school shorts. This uniform is to be worn with white shoes and socks. If track shoes are worn, they should be predominantly white.

Students may wear their corporate T-shirt on Friday. The corporate T-shirt is to be worn with a pair of black corporate shorts or navy-blue school shorts. CCA attire can only be worn during CCA sessions.

The official school PE or House tank tops must be worn during PE lessons. The tank top should be worn under the white shirt on PE days. If PE lessons fall on Fridays, the students will wear their corporate T-shirt for PE. There is no need to change into the tank top for PE lessons on Fridays.

13. Discipline

Please be reminded that **no adult/parent is to engage directly with any student on issues related to discipline and behaviour**. Any matters of concern are to be brought to the attention

of our staff for review and resolution. For the safety of our students, no boy is allowed to leave the school premises during their lunch break unless he is supervised by his parents/guardians.

14. Road Safety

Student safety is a priority of the school. The safety of students using roads leading to and from the school is the responsibility of all. We need motorists to play their part by slowing down as they approach the vicinity of the school, and parents to reinforce the importance of road safety to their sons.

Students walking to the school are to use the appropriate traffic lights and zebra crossings, and to enter the school via Gate 3. They are not allowed to walk across the Parade Square as vehicles will be moving in and out of the school.

During peak traffic periods such as arrival and dismissal times, students arriving to school by car are to alight at the lay-by along Winstedt Road or the drop-off zone in the school compound in front of the Foyer. Our staff and security guards will be deployed to facilitate the flow of traffic and enforce road safety behaviour. We seek your support to cooperate with them.

Please use public car parks at Newton Food Centre Carpark or 10 Winstedt Road as parking is not available within the school premises during reporting and dismissal time for students. Please refrain from parking inside the estate at 50 Monk's Hill road as it is reserved for residents only. Unauthorised parked vehicles will be towed away by the estate management. Motorists should also not park their vehicles along Monk's Hill Road, Winstedt Road and Clemenceau Avenue North as this will cause obstruction to the flow of traffic and inconvenience to the residents nearby. LTA Enforcement Officers had been contacted by irate residents in the past and summons were issued.

15. School Security

For the safety of our students, the school has a Security Pass System to monitor and manage the movement of visitors on our school premises. Parents/Caregivers have to display their security pass at all times when they are in the school. To apply for the Security Pass, please obtain an application form from the General Office. Each Security Pass application will only allow up to two family members/caregivers to be registered.

Do note that the teaching blocks as well as the corridors linking them are strictly out of bounds to all visitors (including parents and caregivers). Visitors are to remain in the foyer when they drop off or pick up the students from school. Parents/guardians will be allowed to enter the school and meet their sons at the foyer at dismissal time.

16. Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

Although Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in schools have been eased, we seek your support and understanding to continue to be socially responsible to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in school. Students who are unwell or have a positive ART result should not report to school.

Primary 2 to 6 students are reminded to bring their Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school for daily temperature-taking. Primary 1 students will be given the ODT by their Form Teachers on the first day of school.

17. Student's Companion

The Student's Companion will be distributed to **all students** on **5 and 6 January**. Your son is encouraged to write details of his homework in it. You may also wish to use it to communicate with your son's teachers.

18. Application for Access Arrangements (AAs)

[For students with learning or physical disabilities requesting for access arrangements for internal examinations]

Students with new diagnoses may wish to apply for Access Arrangements (AAs), such as extra time for their internal examinations. AAs are granted as needed in consultation with the subject teachers, and through observations made during lessons and school-based assessments.

Please note that the closing date for all new AA applications for (a) **Primary 3 to 5** for the **End of Year Semestral Assessments**, and (b) **2024 PSLE** is **28 August 2023**.

To apply for AAs, please download and complete an application form from our School Website and send it to the following Special Education Needs Officers (SENO)/Teacher in charge:

(a) For Primary 3 and 4 students, please contact Ms Angela Tan (SENO/LBS)
at tan_lian_hui@moe.edu.sg

(b) For Primary 5 students, please contact Ms Lauren Ng (SENO/LBS)
at lauren_ng_miaw_shan@moe.edu.sg

(c) For PSLE Access Arrangements, please contact Ms Kim Quek (Senior Teacher/Special Education Needs) at quek_soo_kim@moe.edu.sg

19. School Calendar

Please find the **School Calendar for Semester 1 2023** at the end of this letter. The information is also available on the **School Website**.

As we count down to 2023, I would like to wish all of you a blessed and joyous New Year. I wish all our boys a fruitful year of learning and self-discovery. May they continue to forge strong and lasting friendships.

To God Be The Glory. The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

Day/Term	Date	School Calendar 2023 - Semester 1
Term 1		
Sunday T1W1	01-Jan	New Year's Day Public Holiday
Monday T1W1	02-Jan	Public Holiday in lieu of New Year's Day
Tuesday T1W1	03-Jan	Primary 1 Meet-the-Parents – 7.45 am
Friday T1W1	06-Jan	Primary 2 Meet-the-Parents – 3.00 pm
		Primary 5 Meet-the-Parents – 3.00 pm
Monday T1W2	09-Jan	Primary 3 Meet-the-Parents – 3.00 pm
		Primary 6 Meet-the-Parents – 3.00 pm
Wednesday T1W2	11-Jan	Primary 4 Meet-the-Parents – 3.00 pm
Friday T1W3	20-Jan	Chinese New Year Celebration
Monday T1W4	23-Jan	Chinese New Year Public Holiday
Tuesday T1W4	24-Jan	Public Holiday in lieu of Chinese New Year's Day
Wednesday T1W7	15-Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration
Tuesday T1W8	21-Feb	Primary 3 and 4 English Language Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 1
Wednesday T1W8	22-Feb	Primary 5 Higher Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 1
Thursday T1W8	23-Feb	Primary 3 and 4 Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 1
		Primary 5 English Language Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 1
Friday T1W8	24-Feb	Primary 5 Mathematics Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 1
Monday T1W9	27-Feb	Primary 3 and 4 Science Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 1
Wednesday T1W9	01-Mar	Founder's Day Celebration
Thursday T1W9	02-Mar	Primary 5 Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 1
Friday T1W9	03-Mar	Primary 3 and Primary 4 Mathematics Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 1
		Primary 5 Science Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 1
11-Mar to 19-Mar		School Holidays
Monday	13-Mar	Primary 3 and 4 Children's Bible Camp
		Primary 4 STEAM Enrichment (am)
Tuesday	14-Mar	Primary 3 and 4 Children's Bible Camp
		Primary 4 STEAM Enrichment (am)
Term 2		
Thursday T2W3	06-Apr	International Friendship Day Commemoration
Friday T2W3	7-Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday
Saturday T2W5	22-Apr	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday
Monday T2W6	24-Apr	Public Holiday in lieu of Hari Raya Puasa

Monday T2W7	01-May	Labour Day
Tuesday T2W7	02-May	Primary 5 Higher Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2
Wednesday T2W7	03-May	Primary 3 and 4 English Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2
Thursday T2W7	04-May	Primary 3 and 4 Mathematics Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2 Primary 5 Science Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2
Friday T2W7	05-May	Primary 5 English Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2
Monday T2W8	08-May	Primary 3 and 4 Science Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2
Tuesday T2W8	09-May	Primary 5 Mathematics Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2
Wednesday T2W8	10-May	Primary 3 and 4 Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2 Primary 5 Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2
Wednesday T2W10	24-May	Junior Superstars
Thursday T2W10	25-May	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference / Home-based Learning Day 1
Friday T2W10	26-May	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference / Home-based Learning Day 2
27-May to 25-Jun		School Holidays
Wednesday	21-Jun	Primary 5 STEAM Enrichment (am)
		Primary 6 Supplementary Lessons (8.30 am – 1.00 pm)
Thursday	22-Jun	Primary 5 STEAM Enrichment (am)
		Primary 6 Supplementary Lessons (8.30 am – 1.00 pm)