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Dear Parents/Guardians

End of Year Holiday Message from the Principal

We will be rounding off the school year on 20 November 2020 and it has been quite an extraordinary year indeed. 2020 will probably be remembered as the year when words like 'lockdown' and 'circuit breaker' become part of our common vocabulary, and for educators and parents, terms like 'Home-Based Learning' (HBL) and 'Safe Management Measures' (SMM) become synonymous with how we persevered to keep learning going on in a safe manner, despite the global pandemic.

While there is much for us to be grateful for, especially in how Singapore has managed to limit the overall COVID-19 infection numbers locally, we cannot take anything for granted in our continuous fight to ensure that our students remain resolute in their education journey without compromise. What has heartened me most is the manner in which our students have learnt to adapt in the ever evolving landscape. It is this special skillset of adaptability, flexibility and resilience in the face of adversity that will hold them in good stead for their future. Likewise, our teachers have continued to hone their skills in adapting their repertoire of teaching strategies to blend face-to-face teaching with online learning. I am proud of all our students and staff who have indeed risen to the challenge this year and it is on this backdrop that we prepare ourselves for what is to come in 2021.

We will continue in our endeavor to empower our students in their learning by helping them to develop positive habits and place emphasis on the school values. We envision our students learning to be more proactive and to own their learning, as well as to know how to prioritise their work by beginning with the end in mind. We desire for our students to learn to work with others by thinking win-win, and to synergise. These are also the reasons why we will be naming our 2021 classes Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Compassion, Bravery, Graciousness, Perseverance, and Synergy.

Finally, I wish to congratulate our graduating students on the completion of their primary school education. They will be going off to their respective secondary schools, but will always have a place in our hearts. I wish them every success, and reiterate what I shared with them at their Graduation Day recently, to always be grateful to their teachers, cherish the friendships they have forged, and

to be proud of Bedok Green Primary School. As our school song and motto says, Persevere, and you will Succeed.

As we end the school year, the following matters require your attention:

Report Books

Report Books (P1, P2, P3 & P5) will be released tomorrow. They are to be returned to the form teachers duly signed by Friday, 20 November 2020. As the Report Book is an important document, please handle them with care. In the event of a loss of the Report Book, an administrative fee will be imposed for the reprinting of result slips. Due to technical system limitations, not all past result slips can be reprinted.

Travel-Related Matters

MOH has advised Singapore residents to defer all travel overseas, with the exception of travel to an evolving list of countries, where COVID-19 is under control and the risk of importation is low. To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/ guardians to make a travel declaration on your child/ ward's travel plans for the year-end holidays, including graduating students. To make your travel declaration, refer to our Parents' Gateway message to you dated 4 November 2020. This exercise is important as it reminds us of our personal role in exercising social responsibility of your children.

Meaningful School Vacation

The school holidays will begin on 21 November 2020 and end on 3 January 2021. We would like to encourage parents to ensure that your child spends his holidays in a fruitful way. Besides ensuring that he has adequate rest, he is encouraged to read widely and regularly in both English Language and Mother Tongue Language. For students who have not mastered some concepts, they are advised to revisit and revise these concepts during the holidays.

As part of cyber-wellness, it would be good to limit your child's online time to a maximum of twice a day not exceeding 45 minutes each time. Do monitor your child's movement during the school holidays especially if you are at work. We would like to alert parents on youth's use of harmful products, including inhaling or ingesting everyday household products like handheld air purifier etc. and over-the-counter drugs, as they constitute a possible threat to students.

2021 Orientation for New P1 Students

P1 students will report to school on Monday, 4 January 2021 and they are to go directly to their new classrooms. We will conduct our orientation programme from Monday, 4 January to Wednesday, 6 January. The orientation programme will be designed for students to get to know their teachers and

friends in their class better through games and activities, and ease them into school routines as we set expectations and goals for the new school year. Students are to wear their PE attire to school during the first three days of school. We advise those who are purchasing PE attire for 2021 to buy three sets if possible. Students are to bring along their stationery, Student Handbook, an English Language storybook and a functioning oral thermometer.

NTIL Weekend Centre (WEC)

Our WEC for Hindi Language will continue on Saturdays in 2021. The community group will provide more details for students to register for Hindi classes in January 2021.

Collaborative Tuition Programme (CTP) and Mendaki Tuition Scheme (MTS)

In our school's efforts to support our students in their academic progress, we will start the Collaborative Tuition Programme (CTP) in collaboration with MENDAKI for eligible students from February 2021. The classes will be scheduled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We strongly encourage eligible parents to sign up for this should your child require this extra support.

The CTP was introduced as part of the collaborative effort with the other Self-Help Groups (SHG). The scheme is jointly organised by Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC), the Eurasian Association (EA), Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA) and Yayasan MENDAKI with the aim of improving students' academic performance. More details on CTP will be given in January 2021.

Our school is also conducting the Mendaki Tuition Scheme (MTS) programme for Malay Muslim students on Saturdays. The registration for MTS is online @ mts.mendaki.org. Please contact Ms Tety Sulaiman, our Admin Executive, at 64425416 if you have inquiries on CTP or MTS.

Attendance in School

Please ensure that your child attends school daily unless he is unwell or there is a family-related emergency at home. Getting your child to school really matters because **Absence is equivalent to Lost Opportunity**. You should also not take your child away from school during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

Safe Management Measures (SMM)

In view of the pandemic situation, the temperature-taking exercise will be conducted daily in 2021. We will continue to exercise vigilance in monitoring our students' health by conducting daily temperature-taking. Please ensure that your child/ ward has a thermometer that is clean and in

working order with him daily. If your child's/ward's thermometer is not working, a new one (\$4.50) or batteries can be bought at the school bookshop.

We would like to encourage parents to practice temperature-taking at home before your child/ ward heads to school, especially after the holidays to ensure that he is well for school that day. If your child/ ward is unwell, please take him to see the doctor and keep him at home to recuperate and fully recover before returning to school. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter, for the well-being of your child/ ward and others in the school. We will remind our students about this regularly as part of our efforts to encourage social responsibility.

Please remind your child to adhere to SMM in public places and continue to wear masks when leaving home over the school holidays. Do inform him to refrain from gathering in groups of more than five in malls and public spaces, such as basketball and sepak takraw courts. They should also cooperate and comply with the instructions of enforcement officers and SG Clean and Safe Distancing Ambassadors.

First Day of School 2021

In view of the COVID-19 situation, parents/ guardians may not be allowed to enter the school compound in January 2021. We have provided a self-guided orientation route for P1 parents/ guardians to familiarise themselves and their child/ ward with the drop-off points, classroom blocks, canteen, and dismissal points.

On a housekeeping note, please ensure that we have your email address and an updated contact number, as all school communication will be through Parents Gateway (PG), email or telephone.

I would like to wish everyone the best of health for the coming end of year holidays and look forward to welcoming students back in January to begin another school year full of joyful interactions and learning opportunities.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Mr Benjamin Yong
Principal