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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warmest greetings to all of you.

Term 3 is coming to an end. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the upcoming events/activities that will be conducted in the month of September 2023.

1. Citizenship and Character Education

For September, the 'Value of the Month' is **Respect**. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 4 Think Win-Win: I think about what other people want and not just what I want

Habit 5 Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood: I try to see things from the viewpoint of others

Habit 5 Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood: I listen to others' ideas and feelings

Skills like Making An Apology, Step In and I-Message are skills are taught in FTGP lessons. These skills help students practise respect and empathy. They are further emphasized during level camps where students reflect on how they have practised the skills in their interactions and experiences in camp.

Students are also taught to show care and respect to others online. In the P4 FTGP lesson – When Words Hurt, students learn actions that show kindness to others and pledge to carry them out both online and offline.

Please refer to [Annex A-1](#) for resources on the skills mentioned above. Do discuss them with your child and practise the steps with him/her at home.



2. School Holidays & Teachers' Day Holiday – Saturday, 2 September 2023 to Monday, 11 September 2023

- Some students may be required to attend supplementary classes during the school holidays. Parents will be duly informed by the teachers-in-charge.
- In view of the Presidential Election on 1 September 2023, which is a Public Holiday, Teachers' Day 2023 has been re-scheduled to Monday, 11 September 2023. It is a designated school holiday.
- School will resume in Term 4 on Tuesday, 12 September 2023.
- Every school day is important and we seek your understanding that there should be no extension of the school holidays unless supported by valid reasons.

3. Travel Declaration for September Holidays

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling for the holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS].

- Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by Friday, 1 September 2023**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG if there is a change in travel destination or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.

Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

4. P1 Home Helper Programme – Monday, 4 September 2023 to Friday, 8 September 2023

Values in Action (VIA) are learning experiences that support our students' development as socially responsible citizens. As part of our VIA Programme, our Primary One students will take part in the 'I am a Home Helper' Programme from 4 to 8 September 2023. This is a platform for our students to learn to be responsible as being responsible is part of our Habit 1: Be Proactive. They take an active role in being a home helper by doing simple household chores.

For more details, please refer to [Annex P1](#).

5. PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination – Friday, 15 September 2023

Please note: All P1 to P5 students need not attend school on Friday, 15 September 2023.

The reporting time for P6 students is as follows:

- Students taking Mother Tongue Language : 8.00am
- Students not taking Mother Tongue Language : 10.15am

If your child is sick, please call to inform the school office (Tel: 6256-7822) by 7.30am. A Medical Certificate (MC) is required and should include the following information from the doctor :

- Certify that the child is not fit to take the examination
- Diagnosis of the illness
- Duration of the illness
- Information on how the illness would affect / has affected the performance of the candidate

There will not be a make-up for PSLE Listening Comprehension if your child misses the examination. In the event of a train service disruption, please inform the school as quickly as possible, and your child should continue to make his/her way to school to sit for the paper. Please plan the journey to school earlier so that he/she has enough time to settle down.

The estimated dismissal time for the P6 students taking the examination is 12 noon.

6. Children's Day Celebration – Thursday, 5 October 2023

The Children's Day Celebrations will be held on Thursday, 5 October 2023. The school will function from 7.15 am to 10.30 am on 5 October 2023. Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own snacks and water bottles as the canteen stalls will not be open. Student Care Centre will operate from 10.15 am to 7 pm on 5 October 2023. Students may be in their House T-shirt (Falcon, Robin, Eagle, Swift, Hawk). Please note that Friday, 6 October 2023 is Children's Day and a school holiday.

Please note the following dismissal times on 5 October 2023.

P1 & P2: 10.15 am

P3 to P6: 10.30 am

7. 2023 Edusave Character Award (ECHA)

Since 2012, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has introduced the Edusave Character Award (ECHA) to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions.

We would like to invite parents / guardians to nominate students with consistent and exemplary character who are good role models for their peers. Please refer to Annex A-2 for the criteria and the selection process. Nomination can be done through the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/ftpps2023echa> by Thursday, 28 September 2023.

8. School Activities (1 September to 15 October 2023)

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Attachments / Reply Slips
1 September 2023 (Fri)	Public Holiday – Polling Day	All	
2 September (Sat) to 10 September 2023 (Sun)	September School Holiday	All	
11 September (Mon)	School Holiday – Teachers' Day	All	
15 September 2023 (Fri)	P6 PSLE Listening Comprehension	P6	
	P1 to P5 students need not report to school	P1 to P5	
18 September (Mon) & 20 September 2023 (Wed)	P5 Oral Examination (PM)	P5	
25 September 2023 (Mon)	P4 Oral Examination (PM)	P4	
25 September (Mon) to 27 September 2023 (Wed)	Pre-PSLE Study Break	P6	
27 September 2023 (Wed)	P3 Oral Examination (PM)	P3	
28 September (Thu) & 29 September (Fri) 2023	P1 Sports Education Programme	P1	<i>More details will be given on PG nearer the date</i>
28 September (Thu) to 4 October 2023 (Wed)	PSLE Written Examinations - P6 students who are not taking the Mother Tongue Language PSLE exam need not report to school on Monday, 2 October 2023. - P6 students who are not taking the Higher Mother Tongue Language PSLE exam need not report to school on Wednesday, 4 October 2023. P6 students will be dismissed after their PSLE papers unless requested by their teachers to stay back for extra lessons. (The dismissal time is estimated to be about half hour after the paper ends.)	P6	
	School will function as normal for P1 to P5 students during the PSLE written exams.	P1 to P5	

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5 October 2023 (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration <i>P1 & P2 students will be dismissed at 10.15am, P4 to P6 students will be dismissed at 10.30am.</i>	All	
6 October 2023 (Fri)	School Holiday – Children's Day	All	
10 October (Tue) to 26 October 2023 (Thu)	End-of-Year Examination (Please refer to EYE Timetable for details)	P3 to P5	<i>Ref to LTP dated 25 Jul 2023 (Annex P3/P4/P5)</i>

We wish all our all students and their families a fruitful and restful September holiday break.



Mr Chua Choon Guan
Principal