

January 2020



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Principal's Message

Happy New Year to one and all!

As we welcome the new year, we bade a fond farewell to 2019 with our improved PSLE results. Our P6 pupils had worked very hard under the guidance of our teachers and they had done exceedingly well. Most of our subjects were above national level and 100% of our Standard pupils qualified for the secondary schools. As we congratulate our P6 pupils, we would like to thank all our teachers for their dedicated guidance and parents for their generous support to enable our P6 pupils' excellent performance in the 2019 PSLE.

For our current cohorts of P6 and P5 pupils, we will continue to help them in their preparations with various customised support and programmes such as booster lessons, revision classes, Motivational Day and study skills coaching. We hope that our parents will continue to be our Partners-in-Education and help us monitor our pupils' learning and progress.

To enrich our pupils' school experience, we have planned many interesting and new programmes for all levels in 2020. Thus, our pupils can look forward to an exciting year ahead!

With the festive season around the corner, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all who are celebrating the festival, a Blessed and Abundant Chinese New Year! Cheers!

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Temperature-Taking Exercise

Frontier will be conducting a temperature-taking exercise on **Thursday, 16 January 2020** as part of our continued preparedness for national emergencies. Please ensure that your child brings his/her Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) for the exercise and that the ODT is labelled with your child's name and class and is in working condition.

Pupils who have either damaged or lost their ODTs can purchase a new one from the school bookshop at \$5.00 each.

PAL @ FPS

The school has a wide range of engaging Programme for Active Learning (PAL) modules to facilitate social emotional learning in lower primary pupils. The PAL schedule is shown below for your information and reference.

Level/Term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Primary One	SCATA (Stories Come Alive Through Arts)	DaMo (Dance and Movement)	Sports and Games	Speech and Drama (Mother Tongue Languages)
Primary Two	PAL Drama (Performing Arts)	Senses In Exploration (Outdoor Education)	RhyMo (Rhythm and Movement)	Coding





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P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2020

Every year, the Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education carries out the identification of P3 pupils for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP). The GEP provides opportunities for the intellectually gifted to develop their potential in an educational environment that is designed to stimulate intellectual growth. Pupils are identified for the GEP through two stages of exercises: the Screening Exercise (1st round) and the Selection Exercise (2nd round).

The tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2020 is given below:

GEP Screening Exercise (English Language and Mathematics) Shortlisted pupils will be invited to sit for the GEP Selection Exercise	19 August 2020 (Wednesday)
GEP Selection Exercise (English Language, Mathematics and General Ability)	20 & 21 October 2020 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Both exercises will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses.

a) **Screening Exercise (Mathematics)**

All topics in the Primary 3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for the topics of "Area and Perimeter", "Geometry" and "Time".

b) **Selection Exercise (Mathematics)**

All topics in the Primary 3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for "Angles" and "Perpendicular and Parallel Lines" in Geometry.

There will a notification letter to parents from the Gifted Education Branch in July 2020. More information will be provided in the letter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Chinese New Year Celebration

The school will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on **Friday, 24 January 2020**. Pupils are strongly encouraged to wear their Chinese traditional costume (with black school shoes) on that day. Pupils who do not have any traditional Chinese costumes will come to school in the usual school attire.



As 24 January 2020 is the eve of Chinese New Year, pupils will be **dismissed earlier at 10.15 a.m.** Pupils should report to school as per normal before 7.20 a.m. and will be engaged in a series of activities planned by the school to celebrate the occasion. There will be no lesson on that day.

Pupils will return to school on Wednesday, 29 January 2020.

P5 Interdisciplinary Project Work (IPW)

Frontier will kickstart the P5 Interdisciplinary Project Work (IPW) for our pupils in Term 1. IPW is a learning experience to enable pupils to synthesise knowledge from various areas of learning, and critically and creatively apply it to real life situations. Through IPW, pupils acquire skills like collaboration, communication and independent learning, which prepares them for lifelong learning and the challenges ahead.

Please refer to the table below for a brief overview of IPW for Primary 5. To sustain the momentum and continuity of our pupils' learning during the IPW process, please note that lessons will be suspended for IPW to take place over the days as reflected in the table below.

Level	Theme/ Brief Description	Objectives	Integration of Sub-jects/ Areas	Dates
P5	Young Explorer -To create an itinerary to host an overseas relative with a given budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To synthesise knowledge from relevant subjects and make use of budgeting skills to create an itinerary To enhance collaboration and oral communication skills through negotiation, discussion and presentation 	English Mathematics Social Studies Physical Education Health Education National Education	Term 1, Week 6 (10 Feb to 14 Feb 2020)

We look forward to providing an enriching IPW experience for our pupils.



ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS MATTERS

Safety & Security Matters

(i) Pick-up and Drop-off By Car

Parents may drive your car to the school porch **to drop off your children** when you send them to school.

After **school dismissal**, parents may drive in to pick up your children at designated times.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time parents can drive into school to DROP OFF children	7.05 a.m. to 7.20 a.m. only				
School Dismissal Time	1.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
Approximate Time Parents can drive into school to PICK UP children	1.50 p.m.	1.50 p.m.	1.50 p.m.	1.50 p.m.	1.50 p.m.

The buffer of 20 minutes after school is necessary to enable school buses to leave the school premises quickly and safely. For safety reasons, the school will **NOT** allow parents to drive into the school compound during school dismissal outside the timings indicated above.

(ii) Reporting Time by Pupils

Pupils are advised to be in school between 7.05 a.m. and 7.20 a.m. The school does not encourage pupils to be in school earlier than 7.05 a.m.

(iii) Reporting to Security Guard Post by Visitors

The school takes the safety of our pupils seriously. Hence, all visitors are required to report at the security post located at the main gate. Parents should not send your child's books, files, stationery, water-bottles etc to school as this will make it difficult to deter unauthorised persons from entering the school. We hope you will work with your child to cultivate the importance of responsibility for their own belongings by packing their bags daily.

For the purpose of visiting the school bookshop, parents are only allowed to enter the school via the security post from 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

(iv) Gates for Dismissal

Only Gates A and B, will be used for mass school dismissal at 1.30 p.m. on school days. Parents are advised to arrange with their children regarding the gate for pick-up.

(v) Jaywalking

The school would like to remind all pupils and parents to make use of the traffic lights located near the school gates when crossing the roads and not to jaywalk.

We thank all parents and caregivers who have been good role models for our children.



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Commitment to Quality Service

Frontier Primary School is committed to serving our stakeholders and adhere to the service standards set by the Singapore Civil Service.

If the query is straight forward, the school will respond to written queries within 3 working days. If the query is more complex and more investigation is needed, the school will respond within 7 to 14 working days.

Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance Plan 2020

MOE has arranged for an insurance policy to insure our pupils against accidents. Parents may visit link [1] below to find out more about MOE's GPA insurance plan for students, such as the coverage and claim submission process. Insurance claims can be submitted online via link [2] or to the General Office using hardcopy forms found on link [3]. Parents can also get a copy of the form from the General Office.

1	GPA NTUC Income Website	 https://www.income.com.sg/group-personal-accident-for-students
2	Online Submission of Claims	 https://studentgpa.incomegroupins.com.sg/
3	Step-by-Step Guide for Manual Claim Submission	 https://www.income.com.sg/claims/group-insurance/group-personal-accident-for-students-claim



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Application for Leave during School Days

Parents are reminded that taking pupils out of school during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Hence, except for absences due to medical reasons (medical leave or medical appointment), parents are required to submit a **Leave Application** form, together with all supporting documentation, at least 7 working days in advance via your child's Form Teacher.

Each application will be considered individually by the school for approval.

The leave application form is available online at the school website <http://frontierpri.moe.edu.sg/letters-and-forms/> or in hardcopy from the school's General Office.

Pupils' Well-Being

(i) School Bags

The school has collected most of the pupils' workbooks, files and materials and placed them in the classrooms. Pupils should use their timetable to guide them in packing their school bags so that they can better manage the weight. We seek parents' assistance in guiding your child in this matter. We trust that our collective efforts will ensure that our pupils' school bags are not too heavy.

(ii) Snack Break

The school permits pupils to have a 10-minute snack break in the classroom at the following period for all levels on **Mondays to Fridays**.

Levels	Time
P1 to P6	12:15 p.m. to 12.45 p.m.

If pupils wish to have a snack break during this period, they are to inform the subject teacher. In the event that the snack break period is a Physical Education (PE) lesson, the PE teacher will communicate with the subject teacher before or after that period to allow the pupils to have their snacks.

Pupils can bring along their own dry snacks such as biscuits and energy bars. Pupils are permitted to consume the dry snacks during lessons with the consent of the teacher. Sugared drinks and other food will not be allowed due to potential hygiene issues in the classroom.



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Change of Uniform Sale Hours

The sale of uniform in school is scheduled to take place every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. (excluding school holidays) for 2020 instead of the last Wednesday of each month in the previous year.

Parents are only allowed to enter the school via the security post from 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. to purchase the necessary from the uniform vendor.



PPC SPOTLIGHT

Introduction to the PPC

The Parent Partnership Community (PPC) aims to build strong parental collaboration between the school, parents and pupils. PPC also provides a channel for parents to play an active role in their children's school.

We look forward to the support of more parents to make the children's life more meaningful at Frontier Primary. If you are interested to join our PPC, do visit our website at

<http://ppc.frontierpri.net> to find out more. You may also wish to connect with us through our Facebook at **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/522660034492404/>**

Upcoming Event : Fund-Raising Sale of Chinese New Year Goodies

It's time for us to usher in the next zodiac animal - the Rat. Once again, Frontier's Parent Partnership Community (PPC) is looking forward to our annual fund-raising event for the pupils. To celebrate the coming Chinese New Year, the PPC is organising a sale of Chinese New Year goodies from **16 to 21 January 2020 during recess** at the school canteen.

Each packet of goodies (halal) such as cookies and love letters will be sold at \$1. Do support this fund-raising event generously if you can!





ICT Matters

It is the start of a brand new school year. Did you encounter difficulty managing your child's use of his/her digital device after the holiday break? Is your child spending too much time online?

Read the following tips to find out how you can help your child to use digital devices responsibly.

HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE EXCESSIVE INTERNET USE

What is Excessive Internet Use?
Excessive Internet Use happens when an individual who uses the Internet to the extent where he/she experiences problematic outcomes that negatively affect his/her life.

What are the signs of Excessive Internet Use?

- ! Needs to spend an increasing amount of time using the Internet before achieving satisfaction
- ! Becomes irritable or violent when disrupted from the use of digital devices
- ! Academic performance and health are affected
- ! Tries to go online less often but is unsuccessful
- ! Prefers digital device / Internet use to social events or offline activities that may lead to strained relationships with family and friends
- ! Constantly listens out for the phone when away from it, feels distressed when it cannot be found

What can parents do to help their children manage their use of digital devices?

- ✓ Talk about the consequences of Excessive Internet Use with your child
- ✓ Set screen time limits, tech-free family times (e.g. meal times) and zones (e.g. bedrooms)
- ✓ Organise tech-free family activities and promote tech-free hobbies
- ✓ Promote and role model balanced Internet use

KEY MESSAGES TO PARENTS

Resource from https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents/guides-and-tips/helping-your-child-manage-excessive-internet-use?fbclid=IwAR0W3qP89bEi3-Dd3TJuarYnAlqeVBQuKc-zuUvhg_S-FcCi8Utqc27_IGs



We want to hear from you!



To ensure that we continue to serve you with relevant and up-to-date articles and information, we want to hear from you! What topic would you like us to cover under 'ICT Matters' in the next iN-Touch? Email your responses to liyanna_johan@moe.edu.sg. We hope to hear from you soon!



School-Home Partnership

Help your child succeed in life

Our children do best when schools and parents work hand in hand to support them. Here are some tips to make this happen...

Work with the school to know and support your child

- Have regular conversations with teachers in both academic and non-academic areas – this will help you better guide your child's development.
- Check the teachers' preferred mode of communication – they are not required to share their mobile numbers.
- Understand that teachers may not be able to respond to your queries immediately.

Help your child relate to others

- Work with the teachers to help your child respect differences and resolve disagreements amicably.
- Let the school verify the facts in any incident before taking action to ensure a fair, objective outcome for all parties.

Help your child develop good habits

- Create a conducive home environment for your child to enjoy reading and to finish his/her homework by himself/herself.
- Encourage your child to live a healthy, balanced life with time for sleep and play.

Help your child manage himself/herself

- Guide your child in managing his/her time.
- Encourage your child to help out with household chores.

Our children succeed when parents and schools work hand in hand.



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SchoolBag

Back to school: Expecting the unexpected

6 January 2020

The excitement of the first two days of school is over and lessons will be on in full swing. It's finally time to breathe a little easier, and let your child ease themselves into the pace of school again. You've been prepping them for a week before school started so it'll be a breeze for them to settle right in, right?

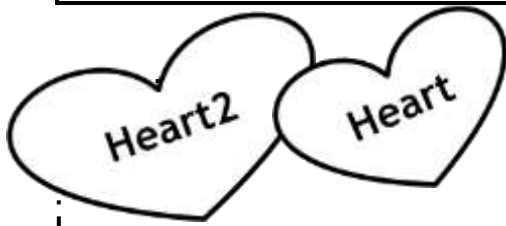
The truth is, despite your best effort, some unexpected situations may still crop up. These situations can be frustrating, for both parents and children. Here are a few tips on how you can handle these situations:

- ◆ Helping your child learn best through making mistakes and sorting out his/her own problems
- ◆ Helping your child acclimatize to the new school year
- ◆ Helping your child develop healthy habits
- ◆ Guiding and monitoring your child
- ◆ Supporting your child in every way possible

Read more on how you can help your child ease back into school at

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/back-to-school-expecting-the-unexpected>





Fun and Learning for Parents and Children

Children are learning all the time. Our home environment presents many opportunities for learning in the everyday life in each room of your home, outdoors, and away from home. The more you enjoy playing with your children, the more they may be able to learn.

Your children's abilities to learn many skills in the early years will depend on their stages of development and their individual interests. In addition, their learning will depend on the opportunities and support that the family offers them at home and in their surroundings.

Here are a few helpful hints to assist you in planning and doing the activities with your children in the following areas:

- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Outside the home
- In the community



Read more at <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/parenting/article/fun-learning-parents-children-activities-handbook>





Important Dates for Term 1 2020

Please see below a summarised calendar for the Term 1 that contains all the important event dates for your reference. You may also wish to refer to our school website for the detailed version of the Term 1 calendar.

January		
Thu to Wed	2 – 8 Jan	P1 Transition Programmme
Mon	6 Jan	Start of Coding for P4
Sat	11 Jan	P4, P5 & P6 Parent-Teacher-Meeting 8.30am to 10.30am
Mon	13 Jan	Start of CCA (P4 to P6)/SCCA (P3)
Thu	16 Jan	Temperature-Taking Exercise
Tues	21 Jan	Start of Remedial (P3 to P5)/Revision (P6)
Wed	22 Jan	Start of P3 Swimsafer 2.0
Fri	24 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebration (All pupils are to report from 7.20am to 10.15am)
Mon & Tue	27 & 28 Jan	Chinese New Year School Holiday
February		
Sat	8 Feb	MK@ Frontier – Open House
Mon	10 Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration
Mon to Fri	10 – 14 Feb	P5 Interdisciplinary Project Work (IPW)
Sat	15 Feb	P2 & P3 Parent-Teacher-Meeting 8.30am to 10.30am
Sat	22 Feb	M ² (Mother Tongue & Mathematics) Learning Fest for Parents (8.30am – 12nn)
March		
Mon	2 Mar	P6 Common Test: EL/ FEL Paper 2
Tue	3 Mar	P6 Common Test: MA/ FMA Paper 1 & 2
Wed	4 Mar	P6 Common Test: MT/FMTL Paper 2
Thu	5 Mar	P6 Common Test: SCI/ FSCI
Fri	6 Mar	P6 Common Test: HMTL Paper 2
Mon	9 Mar	P3 CCA Fair
Mon to Fri	9 – 13 Mar	P4 Internationalisation Trip to Jakarta
Tue to Fri	10 – 13 Mar	P3 CCA Selection Period
Fri	13 Mar	P3 to P6 Sports Carnival Home-Based Learning (HBL) for P1 & P2
March Holiday (16 to 20 March 2020)		