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Dear Parents

The upcoming week will be the last week of the school year and the following are some reminders:

1. Events for Term 4 Week 10 & School Holidays

Day / Date	School Holidays / Celebrations
Mon, 14 Nov 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">E-Parent-Teacher Conference (e-PTC)HBL for P1 – P6 Students
Thu, 17 Nov 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Promotion & Level Awards Day (Last Day of School) School Hours: 7.30 am – 10.30 am
Fri, 18 Nov 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Awards Day (Only for P1 to P5 Prize Winners & Performers) School Hours: 7.30 am – 10.30 amP6 Graduation Day (Only for P6 Students) School Hours: 11 am – 1.30 pm
Sat to Mon, 19 Nov 22 – 2 Jan 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Holidays
Tue, 3 Jan 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Reopens (Only P1/2023 Students Report)
Wed, 4 Jan 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Start of School for P2 – P6 Students

2. Advisory For School Holidays

With the Nov/Dec school holidays approaching, the school would like to remind all parents to exercise vigilance in the care and supervision of your children to ensure that they stay meaningfully engaged and not get into trouble/ mischiefs/ bad company or fall prey to online scams/ predators.

Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) have jointly provided an advisory to remind students to stay away from crime and drug/inhalant abuse. The advisory alerts students to dangers of common crimes such as online scams and encourages them to protect themselves from becoming victims of crime. Health Science Authority (HSA) and Health Promotion Board (HPB) have also prepared an additional advisory on the laws and harms of vaping. Please see attached PDF for the advisories.

Our teachers will reiterate these messages and we hope that parents will continue to monitor and watch over the safety of your children.

3. Student Well-Being

We hope that your child can continue to be engaged meaningfully during the school holidays. The school has compiled a set of learning and self-management resources and sites to help your child to reinforce key concepts/ skills taught and bridge learning gaps. These resources will be accessible via SLS on Mondays of Week 2 to Week 5 of the school holidays. Please support and encourage your child to access and use these resources.

School holidays should also be a time for your child to explore sports and the outdoors or to pick up a hobby or new skill. Following are some suggestions:

- ✓ Encourage your child to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activities for about 60 min a day as recommended by HPB. These can be in the form of exercises such as swimming, cycling, jogging or walking on the park connector, Kranji Marshes, Bukit Timah Hill, playing some outdoor games, etc.
- ✓ Learn to cook or bake or eat healthily as a family.
- ✓ Visit the nearest community library and borrow a range of books. For the school holidays, the quota of books that can be borrowed is usually increased.
- ✓ Do revise on the areas, which your child needs to work on for the respective subjects. Start your child reading on new topics to be taught in the new level.
- ✓ Get your child to do mini research on culture, places of interest, historical background, geographical structure, famous people, etc. to widen his/her general knowledge.
- ✓ Get your child to identify an area of self-management that he/she would like to improve on and actively work on it this holiday, e.g. cultivating the habit of cleaning after himself/herself, packing his/her work and play areas, sleeping and waking early, etc.

4. Cyber Wellness

It is essential for parents to work hand in hand with educators to nurture students in developing a culture of digital citizenship. There is no denying the importance of digital technology in enhancing students' 21st century education. As children spend more time online, whether for entertainment or home-based-learning, it is important for parents to be vigilant and monitor their children's digital interactions closely. This is to ensure that the children are not victims of cyber bullying, or worse, become cyber bullies themselves.

Please inculcate the right mindset and attributes in your child by going through the following resource with him/her at home: <https://www.betterinternet.sg/Resources/Resources-Listing/Be-Kind---Cyberbullying-Tipsheets>

5. Updates of Personal Particulars

To ensure the school's database is up to date, please inform the Form Teacher or Staff in the General Office whenever there are updates pertaining to your child, e.g., **contact address or phone numbers**. Latest information is especially crucial during emergencies.

6. Back-To-School (2023)

Day / Date	Students
T1W1 Tue, 3 Jan 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only P1/2023 students to be in school <u>Dismissal</u> Tue to Fri, 3 to 6 Jan 23 : 12.30 pm Thereafter : 1.25 pm
T1W1 Wed, 4 Jan 23 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P2 – P6 students to report back to school <u>Staggered Daily Dismissal</u> P2 & P3 : 1.30 pm P4 : 1.25 pm P5 & P6 : 1.35 pm

7. School Schedule 2023

We have appended next year's schedule below for your planning. Do note that there will be a snack break in addition to the 30-min recess break. If your child needs a bite, please ensure that he/she brings along his/her snack. The timings for snack breaks will be communicated by the Form Teacher.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7.30 am	Flag Raising & Pledge-Taking				P3 – P6 CCA
8.30 am	P2 Recess				
9 am	P6 Recess				
9.30 am	P5 Recess				
10 am	P4 Recess				
10.30 am	P3 Recess				
11 am	P1 Recess				
1.30 pm	School Dismissal				
2 pm – 3 pm/ 3.30 pm	FMA for P5 & P6 Students (2 pm – 3 pm) ----- E2K Programme (MA or SC) for identified P4 – P6 Students (2 pm – 3.30 pm)	Remedial Lessons for identified P1 to P4 Students (2 pm – 3 pm) ----- Supplementary Lessons For P5 & P6 Students (2 pm – 3 pm)		Remedial Lessons for identified P1 to P3 Students (2 pm – 3 pm) ----- Lessons for *P4 to P6 Students (2 pm – 3 pm)	FEL for P5 & P6 Students (2 pm – 3 pm) ----- HTML Lessons for identified P3 to P6 Students (2 pm – 3 pm)
3.15 pm – 4.45 pm		Competitive CCA		Competitive CCA	
*For P4 – P6 Students <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To observe the additional weekly period for Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) stipulated by MOE from 2023, all P4 to P6 students will end lessons at 3 pm on Thursdays for scheduled weeks. This will take into consideration the loss of curriculum hours in view of oral examination periods and holidays.• Thursday lessons will start in Term 1, Week 4 after Chinese New Year (CNY) and Form Teachers will provide the schedule in due course.• For the well-being of the students, lunch break is mandated for lessons beyond 1.30 pm. Hence, the lunch break for students will be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ P4: 1 pm – 1.30 pm✓ P5: 12.30 pm – 1 pm✓ P6: 12 pm – 12.30 pm					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 remedial lessons will commence only in Term 2.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The schedule for Competitive CCA on Tue or Thu will be confirmed later.					

Please note that all after-school activities/lessons will commence in **Week 4 after CNY** and the teachers will furnish the details at appropriate junctures.

8. Family Values Card Games

As we approach the year-end school holidays, we would like to encourage parents to spend time with your children to foster stronger family ties through some fun card games developed by Families for Life (FFL) in support of the Year of Celebrating SG Families (YCF) led by Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF). Primary 1 to 3 students will receive *The Family Race* & Primary 4 to 6 students will receive *In a Home-Beat*. You can access the instructional video on how to play the game via the link below, which can also be found at the back of the card game box.

- How to play *The Family Race*:
<https://go.gov.sg/thefamilyraceinstructionvideo>
- How to play *In a Home-Beat*:
<https://go.gov.sg/inahomebeatinstructionvideo>

You may also engage your children on the core family values of love, care and concern, commitment and respect using the conversation starters that can be found in the rulebook (contained within the card game decks).

9. Recognizing Efforts of Your Children

As we draw nearer to the end of the school year, we feel it is opportune to share these insights with you. Understandably as parents, we expect our children to do well in school and achieve a reasonable level of academic performance. However, there will inevitably be some who may not have performed as anticipated and feel disappointed. They may also experience difficulties managing unmet expectations and emotions.

Be observant and supportive. Recognise your children's strengths and weaknesses. Instil in them the resilience to learn from their experience and confidence to continue forging on. While we should set high expectations to stretch our children's potential, be realistic about their abilities. There are multiple pathways to reaching their goals in life. For primary students, PSLE is but one of the many milestones in their educational journey and that the results alone do not define who they are or determine their future.

The school has prepared a specially designed card that will be passed to you through your child this week. The cards are also attached for your own printing should you require more. **We recommend that you take the time to pen words of encouragement and affirmation on the card for your child and give it to him/her. Show that you value his/her efforts over just results, and regardless, your love for him/her will not be any lesser. For the parents of the P6 students, we suggest you do it before the release of PSLE results.**

We encourage you to take pictures of the card or pictures of you and your child with the card and upload to <https://tinyurl.com/49b45p8k>. We would love to share such meaningful cards and moments with the rest of the school community.

As the year ends, we would like to thank all parents for your partnership and support in educating our children. We wish all families a well-deserved holiday and happy bonding with your loved ones. Keep healthy and safe. See you when school reopens in 2023.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Lee-Koh SC
Principal