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Dear parents/ guardians,

We have come to the end of Term 3 and below are some important information for your attention when school reopens in Term 4.

1. PSLE Listening Comprehension

There will be no school for Primary 1 – Primary 5 pupils on **15 September 2023**, **Friday** as it is the PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination.

2. Pre-PSLE Study Break for Primary 6 Pupils

As informed via Parents Gateway (PG) on 25 Aug, there will be a three-day study break for all Primary 6 pupils from **25 September 2023, Monday to 27 September 2023, Wednesday** to support their well-being prior to the PSLE. During the study break, P6 pupils are strongly encouraged to remain at home and do their revision.

3. Implementation of Home-Based Learning (HBL) during the PSLE Written Examinations

Our Primary 6 pupils will be taking their PSLE written papers from 28 September to 4 October 2023. As such, the school will be conducting two days of HBL for Primary 1 to Primary 4 pupils between 28 September to 3 October 2023.

There will be no HBL for Primary 5 pupils and they are to report to school as usual during the PSLE. All levels to return to school on 4 October 2023. Please refer to table below for more details.

Date / Day	Levels on HBL (Not required to report to school)
28 & 29 September (Thursday & Friday)	P1 & P2
2 & 3 October (Monday & Tuesday)	P3 & P4

Teachers will assign either SLS work or hardcopy work to the pupils during the two HBL days. There will be no online lessons between the teachers and pupils as teachers will be carrying out their duties for PSLE Written Examinations.

a) Recesses for P1 - P5 Pupils

In order to ensure a conducive examination environment for our P6 pupils, we have arranged for the P1 – P5 pupils to have their recesses in their classrooms during the duration of the written papers. The P1 – P5 pupils are strongly encouraged to bring packed food from home. Arrangements will be made for pupils who are unable to bring food from home to purchase food from the canteen. To encourage recycling, pupils who are purchasing food from the canteen are encouraged to bring their own containers and cutlery.

We thank you in advance for your support to our P6 pupils.

4. Learning Journey to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden for Primary 1 Pupils

As part of the Student Development Experiences, the school will be organising a learning journey to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden for the Primary 1 pupils during school curriculum hours. The learning journey will be on 20 and 21 September 2023.

More details on the learning journey will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the dates.

5. Learning Journey to Thow Kwang Pottery Jungle Dragon Kiln for Primary 3 Pupils

The Primary 3 pupils will be going on a learning journey to Thow Kwang Pottery Jungle Dragon Kiln as an extension of their Art curriculum in learning about Ceramics.

The learning journey to the kiln can offer pupils a unique and memorable experience, providing them with the opportunity to learn about the art of ceramics in a site-specific context. By providing pupils with a unique and immersive learning experience, it will help them better understand the history, techniques and values associated with clay and ceramics in an authentic setting. Please see the schedule below.

Class	Date	Time
3A	19 September 2023, Tuesday	
3F		
3B	25 September 2023, Monday	12.00pm - 3.45pm
3E		
3C	26 September 2023, Tuesday	
3D		

More details on the learning journey will be shared via Parent Gateway (PG) nearer to the dates.

6. Growth Mindset Nuggets #7: The Power of Yet

Can I help to change my child from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset?

Yes! An easy way to shift to a growth mindset, is through the use of the word **YET**. This word, though little, means that some learning needs time and effort as results come only from hard work. Giving up is not an ideal option.

As parents, we can help to change children's daily statements from "I can't do this" to "I can't do this **YET**". Here are 8 steps on how you can instill the Power of Yet at home.

- 1. Allow retries.
- 2. Praise the process, not just the outcome.
- 3. Speed doesn't equal learning.
- 4. Use failure as a learning tool.
- 5. Encourage creativity and alternative methods of learning.
- 6. Model growth mindset at home.
- 7. Get your child to reflect.

Embrace the word **yet**, use the word **yet** with your child to let them know that they could make a change. Take advantage of the mistakes your child makes; be ready to praise him/her for his/her efforts but also point out any issue in the approach and brainstorm better ways to handle the situation with him/her.

For more information you can also refer to:

We would like to encourage you to try at home using the little word, **YET**, to encourage your child to keep trying and never give up easily.

7. Major Events and Holidays for Term 4

Date	Event	Remarks
1 Sep (Fri)	Polling Day for Presidential	Public Holiday
	Election 2023	
2 Sep (Sat) –	September Term Break	P6 supplementary classes on 7 Sep – 8 Sep.
10 Sep (Sun)		Details have been sent to parents via PG.
11 Sep (Mon)	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
15 Sept (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P1 – P5 pupils need not report to school.
	Examinations	SCC will be open.
28 Sept (Thu) -	PSLE Written Examinations	28 & 29 Sep – HBL for P1 & P2 pupils
4 Oct (Wed)		2 & 3 Oct – HBL for P3 & P4 pupils
5 Oct (Thu)	HeArts Shine Fiesta cum	Reporting and dismissal time as per usual.
	Children's Day celebration	
6 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day	School Holiday
10 Oct (Tue) -	P3 & P4 Oral	Within curriculum hours.
11 Oct (Wed)		
12 Oct (Thu) -	P5 Oral	After school hours. More details will be sent via
13 Oct (Fri)		PG nearer the date.
16 Oct (Mon) -	PSLE Marking days	All pupils need not report to school.
18 Oct (Wed)		SCC will be open.
23 Oct (Mon)	SA2 (Eng Paper 1 & LC) P3 - P5	
24 Oct (Tue)	SA2 (MT Paper 1 & LC) P3 - P5	
26 Oct (Thu)	SA2 (Eng Paper 2) P3 - P5	
27 Oct (Fri)	SA2 (Math) P3 - P5	
30 Oct (Mon)	SA2 (MT Paper 2) P3 - P5	
31 Oct (Tue)	SA2 (Sci) P3 - P5	
1 Nov (Wed)	SA2 (HMT Paper 1 & 2) P5 only	
8 Nov (Wed)	Results Processing Day	All pupils need not report to school.
		SCC will be open.
12 Nov (Sun)	Deepavali	-
13 Nov (Mon)	Deepavali	Public Holiday
15 Nov (Wed)	Prize Giving Day (P1 & P2)	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
16 Nov (Thu)	P6 Graduation party	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
17 Nov (Fri)	Prize Giving Day (P3 – P6)	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
18 Nov (Sat) -	Year-end holiday	School will re open on 2 Jan (Tue) 2024
1 Jan (Mon)		School will re-open on 2 Jan (Tue) 2024.

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information. We wish your child a restful September school break!

Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong Principal