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Dear Parents & Guardians,

2020 has been a challenging year for schools in Singapore due to the outbreak of COVID-19. As the term is coming to an end, we would like to express our appreciation to all parents/guardians for your support and partnership to allow learning to take place despite the pandemic.

As we move into the last few weeks of the school term, we would like to keep you informed of some important events. Please find the last ILB for 2020 herein.

1. Prize Giving Day

White Sands Primary will be having her Annual Prize Giving Ceremony on two days; 12 November for Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils and 20 November for Primary 4 to Primary 6 pupils. The theme for this year's Prize Giving Ceremony is "Soaring to Success". It signifies the flight to achieving excellence.

The details for the respective Prize Giving Ceremony days are as follows:

12 November 2020	<p><u>Little Achievers Awards Day 2020 (For Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils)</u></p> <p>All pupils are to report to school at the usual time (by 7.35 a.m.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Prize Giving Ceremony for Primary 1 to Primary 3 will be from 8 a.m. to 12p.m.. All Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils will be attending the ceremony at the allocated timing in class via live streaming.Dismissal will follow our current staggered dismissal timing and the school bus transport will function as usual. <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1480 1310 1727"><thead><tr><th>Levels</th><th>Dismissal Timing</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Primary 1</td><td>12.45 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 2</td><td>12.55 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 3</td><td>1.15 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 4</td><td>1.05 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 5</td><td>1.25 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 6</td><td>1.30 p.m.</td></tr></tbody></table>	Levels	Dismissal Timing	Primary 1	12.45 p.m.	Primary 2	12.55 p.m.	Primary 3	1.15 p.m.	Primary 4	1.05 p.m.	Primary 5	1.25 p.m.	Primary 6	1.30 p.m.
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20 November 2020	<p><u>Big Champs Awards Day 2020 (For Primary 4 to Primary 6 pupils)</u></p> <p>Only Primary 4 to Primary 6 pupils are to report to school at the usual time (by 7.35 a.m.). <u>Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils</u> are <i>not required</i> to report to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Prize Giving Ceremony for Primary 4 to Primary 6 will be held from														

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	<p>8 a.m. to 12p.m.. All Primary 4 to Primary 6 pupils will attend the ceremony at the allocated timing in class via live streaming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dismissal will follow our current staggered dismissal timing and the school bus transport will function as usual. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Levels</th> <th>Dismissal Timing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Primary 4</td> <td>12.50 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Primary 5</td> <td>1.10 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Primary 6</td> <td>1.15 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Levels	Dismissal Timing	Primary 4	12.50 p.m.	Primary 5	1.10 p.m.	Primary 6	1.15 p.m.		
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**Prize winners will be notified separately.*

We would like to congratulate all pupils for putting in their best effort in their learning. We also wish to recognise parents, teachers and non-teaching staff for their dedication and hard work in supporting our pupils' growth and development.

2. Arrangement for 2020 PSLE results release

MOE and SEAB have recently shared the arrangements for the release of the 2020 PSLE results so that your child will be able to return to school to collect his/her results safely (link below). The key arrangements are:

- Students are expected to comply with Safe Management Measures (SMM) in schools.
- Collection of results will be done in smaller groups in classrooms.
- Only one parent/guardian will be allowed to accompany their child/ward; they will have to wait at designated common areas in the school and observe the SMM.

If your child is unwell, on Quarantine Order, Stay-Home Notice or Leave of Absence on the results release day, he/she should not return to school. In this case, you may appoint someone to collect a physical copy of the results and the Secondary 1 Option Form on your child's behalf within 3 working days (inclusive of the day of results release). If you are unable to do so, you can contact the school for assistance.

In addition, students will be able to view their PSLE results online via SEAB's results release system, on the day of the PSLE results release. We will issue your child with a password for the results release system from 12 Nov 2020. More information on accessing the system will be shared soon.

MOE and SEAB will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates if there are further changes to the arrangements for the release of 2020 PSLE results. More details will be given through the Parents Gateway nearer the PSLE release date.

Choosing a secondary school for your child

To support you and your child in this journey of choosing a Secondary School, MOE has prepared an article with a step-by-step guide, along with a list of Secondary Schools virtual Open Houses. You can also access SchoolFinder to conveniently explore, filter and shortlist schools. Links are provided below.

Please see below the links you can access for more information:

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Website Link	Link Description
https://go.gov.sg/resultsrelease2020	2020 National Exams Results Release
https://go.gov.sg/schoolbag-secondary-school-open-house-2020-pg	Guide to choosing Secondary schools
https://go.gov.sg/schoolfinder-pg	SchoolFinder

3. Post-PSLE Programmes organised for P6 pupils

In continuing our effort to provide a holistic education for our graduating cohort, the school has planned a range of Post-PSLE programmes and activities (during curriculum hours) to give your child/ward a wide exposure and opportunities to discover and develop his/her talents. Below are the planned programme for your information:

Item No	Item Description	Date
1	NE Quiz	12 – 16 Oct
2	Social Entrepreneurship Workshops	12, 15, 23, 30 Oct & 2 Nov
3	Aesthetics Enrichment Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual & Performing Arts 	26 – 29 Oct
4	Virtual e-Secondary Schools Highlights@WSPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUNMAN SECONDARY • MERIDIAN SECONDARY • Ngee Ann Secondary • TAMPINES SECONDARY • PASIR RIS CREST SECONDARY 	26 Oct 28 Oct 29 Oct 30 Oct 2 Nov
5	Code4Fun Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 & 9 Nov – 6A • 10 & 11 Nov – 6D & 6G • 12 & 13 Nov – 6B & 6C • 17 & 18 Nov – 6E & 6F
6	Graduation Party	19 Nov <i>(P6 Pupils will be dismissed at 11.45 am)</i>

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4. P4 Malay Language Day Camp

As part of the school's continual efforts to expose students to Malay culture and traditions and to deepen students' engagement in the learning of the Malay Language, the Malay Language department will be organising a Malay Language Day Camp for all P4 students who are currently studying Malay Language as their official Mother Tongue language on **Wednesday, 11th November and Friday 13th November 2020**. The day camp activities will be conducted during Malay Language lessons.

The Day Camp aims to provide students with a more authentic learning environment. The various experiential learning experiences will also provide students with:

- an immersive environment for learning and using Malay Language
- activities that allow them to appreciate the Malay culture, traditions and history
- opportunities in developing their confidence in communication and oratorical skills

5. Deepavali Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Deepavali on **Wednesday, 11 Nov 2020**. Dismissal for pupils celebrating Deepavali at 10.15am and **consent would have to be given by parents**. On that day, there will be a pre-assembly programme and fun-filled activities planned for the students. Through the Deepavali celebration, the school aims to provide authentic opportunities for students to experience different aspects of the Indian tradition and culture. Following the tradition of living out our school values, Deepavali celebration is a sign of respect towards our Hindu friends. Students learn the importance of demonstrating openness towards a culture, which is different from their own.

6. MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) Application for Year 2021

Parents are reminded to apply early for the 2021 MOE FAS. Application forms are available from the General Office.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Pupil must be a Singapore Citizen.
- Family's Gross Household Income (GHI) does not exceed \$2,750 per month or Per Capita Income (PCI) does not exceed \$690 per month.

Please note that if you have children studying in different Government or Government-aided schools, you need to submit only one application form for all your children to one of the schools. The school receiving the application form will inform you of the outcome for all the children.

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7. Donation of School Uniform and PE attire (Primary 6)

We would like to appeal to the parents of our Primary 6 pupils to donate your child's school uniform or the PE attire to the school if they are still in good condition. The donated uniform/PE attire will be used as spare sets for pupils who may require a change of attire during the school day. You may leave the neatly folded uniform/PE attire with the General Office after the release of the PSLE results. Do remember to remove the name tag from the uniform / PE attire.

8. School curriculum hours 2021

The table below shows the tentative schedule of planned after-curriculum activity for your early planning.

You will be informed in January 2021 should there be any changes to the after curriculum hours schedule. However, please note that there may be ad-hoc learning journeys, activities or outside school competitions planned on some Thursdays and Fridays. For such activities, we will provide you with ample notice for your pre-planning.

Day	Curriculum hours*	After curriculum hours
Monday	7.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	Pupil related sessions, for example, Enrichment, Pupil Leaders' meeting
Tuesday	7.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	HMT, Remedial classes
Wednesday	7.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	P3 – P6 CCA (2.00pm – 3.30pm)
Thursday	7.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	No Planned Pupil Programme
Friday	7.45 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.	No Planned Pupil Programme

* Should there be a need to exercise staggered dismissal on the first day of school in 2021 due to Safe Management Measures, we will post the information via our school website or via Parents' Gateway by 30 Dec 2020.

Daily Assembly and punctuality

The flag-raising ceremony begins at 7.35 a.m. All pupils are to be present in the hall/classroom for the ceremony. Pupils who are not present for the flag-raising ceremony in the hall/classroom will be considered as late for school. We seek parents' cooperation to send your child to school by 7.30 a.m. so as to allow your child enough time to settle down and start the day right.

Recess and snack break

The timings for recess and snack break timings are as follows:

Levels	Recess Timing	Snack Break Timing
P1 & 4	9.15 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.	12.05 p.m.
P2 & 5	9.45 a.m. - 10.15 a.m.	
P3 & 6	10.15 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.	

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9. First Day of School for 2021

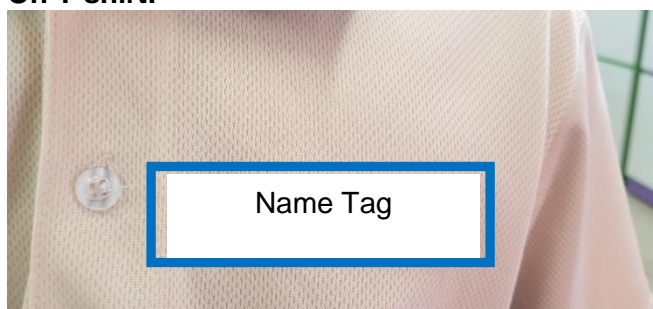
School re-opens on Monday, 4 Jan 2021. We look forward to seeing our pupils well-groomed and properly attired when they return on the first day of school next year.

Please ensure that your child brings along a working oral digital thermometer (ODT).

10. Name Tag for pupils

We have observed that some pupils still do not have their name tags on their school shirt/blouse or PE T-shirts. Please note that the name tag is part of the school attire. Hence, we like to remind parents/guardians to ensure the adherence to this school rule. Below is a guide to display the name tag.

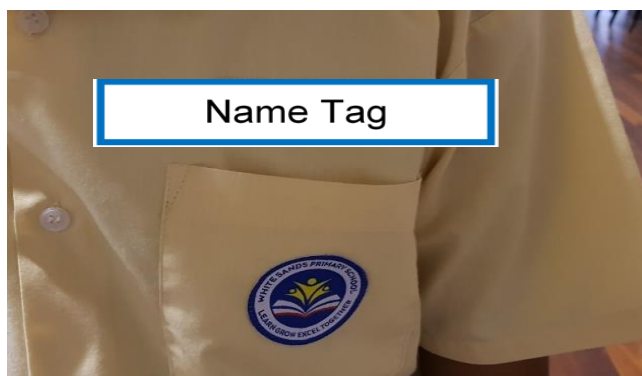
On T-shirt:



Name tag on T-shirt is in line with the lowest button on the placket.

It should be placed centrally on the left body of the T-shirt.

On shirt (For Boys):



The base of the name tag and the top of the pocket is 1 cm apart.

The name tag should be placed centrally above the pocket.

On blouse (For Girls):



The base of the name tag and the top of the school crest is 1 cm apart.

The name tag should be placed centrally above the crest.

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Please purchase the name tag from the school's bookshop during term time and from the uniform supplier during the year end uniform sales. Once the order is placed, together with payment, the name tag should be ready for collection in 2-3 weeks' time.

11. Reminder on dismissal arrangements for 2021

Parents are reminded to wait outside the respective school gates when fetching your children during school dismissal. Parents are not to enter the school or wait at the foyer to fetch your children. To facilitate an orderly dismissal, access to the school bookshop and the school-based Student Care Centre will not be permitted 15 minutes before and after school dismissal time.

For parents who drive to fetch your children, please note that you are allowed to drive into the school compound 5 mins after dismissal to fetch your children from the school foyer. Please inform your child of the timing you will be arriving to fetch them as you will not be able to park or wait within the school compound during school dismissal due to the very limited space. Alternatively, you could consider fetching your children 15 min after dismissal to avoid the heavy traffic.

Parents are also reminded not to park your vehicles illegally or cause obstruction when waiting at the nearby HDB flats. We have occasionally received calls from residents staying in the nearby blocks on such inconsiderate acts.

We hope to have your understanding on these arrangements. Let's work together towards a more considerate and kind community.

On behalf of my staff, I would like to wish all our Hindu pupils and their families a Happy Deepavali in advance and to all pupils and their families a lovely school holiday ahead!

Thank you once again for your support and taking time to go through this bulletin.

Your partner-in-education,



Ms Audrey Wong
Principal

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