



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

2021 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 2021 herein.

### 1. Prize Giving Day

We will be having our Annual Prize Giving Ceremony on 19 November 2021 for Primary 1 to Primary 6 pupils. The theme for this year's Prize Giving Ceremony is "Reaching for the Stars". It signifies our pupils striving for excellence.

Invitations will be sent out to all parents via Parents Gateway. Zoom details will be provided in the invitations as well. School hours will be as usual.

19 November 2021 (Friday)	<p><u>Little Achievers Awards Day 2021 (For Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils); Big Champs Awards Day 2021 (For Primary 4 to Primary 6 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"><li>All Primary 1 to Primary 6 pupils will be attending the ceremony at the allocated timing in class. Live coverage in class will be telecasted via Zoom at the following time slots:</li></ul> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Levels</th><th>Time</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Primary 1</td><td>11 a.m. to 12 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 2</td><td>11 a.m. to 12 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 3</td><td>9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 4</td><td>9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 5</td><td>11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Primary 6</td><td>8 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.</td></tr></tbody></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dismissal will be based on our current staggered dismissal timing and the school bus transport will function as usual.</li></ul>	Levels	Time	Primary 1	11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Primary 2	11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Primary 3	9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.	Primary 4	9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.	Primary 5	11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.	Primary 6	8 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
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We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to all pupils in achieving their best this year. We also wish to recognise parents, teachers and all staff for their dedication and commitment in supporting our pupils' holistic development. Well done, everyone!

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## 2. Deepavali Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Deepavali on Wednesday, 10 Nov 2021. On that day, there will be fun-filled activities planned for the students during CTGP periods. 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. Pupils who are celebrating Deepavali would be dismissed at 10.15a.m. if consent has been given by the parents.

## 3. 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.

## 4. School curriculum hours 2022

We are including the tentative schedule of planned after-curriculum activity for your early planning. You will be informed in January 2022 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.	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.	Higher Mother Tongue Classes

## Daily Assembly and punctuality

The flag-raising ceremony will begin at 7.30 a.m. in 2022. 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.

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## Recess

To ensure that all pupils could have their recess in the canteen aligned to SMMs, we will introduce six recesses in 2022. There will also be a 10 min snack break for the pupils in class. Please find the timings for recess and snack break below.

Levels	Recess Timing	Snack break
P6	8.45 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	12.05 p.m.
P1	9.15 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	12.05 p.m.
P2	9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	12.05 p.m.
P5	10.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	8.35 a.m.
P4	10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	8.35 a.m.
P3	11.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	8.35 a.m.

## Dismissal (Tentative)

The current arrangements for staggered dismissal will continue in 2022 until further notice.

Level	Dismissal timing
P1 & P2	1.00 p.m.
P3 & P4	1.15 p.m.
P5 & P6	1.30 p.m.

## 5. First Day of School for 2022

School re-opens on Tuesday, 4 January 2022. 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) and the TraceTogether token. A packing list for first week of school will be sent to you via PG nearer the school re-opening.

## 6. Reminder on dismissal arrangements for 2022

Parents are requested to wait outside the respective school gates when fetching your children during school dismissal. Parents are reminded 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 to fetch your children from the school foyer. However, you will not be able to park within the school compound during school dismissal due to the very limited space. For

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safety reasons, parents are also not allowed to wait in your vehicles in front of the school foyer for your children.

To facilitate a smooth flow of traffic at the school foyer, parents are advised to make arrangements with your children on the timing you will fetch them. 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 parking 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 and support on these arrangements to ensure a kinder and more considerate environment.

## 7. School-Home Partnership: Building Students' Resilience through the Growth Mindset

As parents, it is natural for us to protect our children from life challenges. Instead of shielding, we can help by working through difficulties and problems together with them. This process will not only help them to be resilient and grow as an individual, it will also strengthen the bond you have with them.



Resilient children are problem solvers. When they face tough situations, they do not “break down”; instead, they strive to find solutions. They are able to handle what is thrown at them with a sense of confidence. And the good news is – RESILIENCE can be taught. Here are some tips for parents to build your children’s resilience.

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***The best inheritance parents can give to their children is a few minutes of their time each day. ~M Grudler***

More tips can be found in the following links:



How children learn to become resilient



Building the resilience muscle



How to help your child come to terms with bullying

Thank you once again for your support and taking time to go through this bulletin. On behalf of the staff at White Sands Primary School, I would like to wish all families celebrating Deepavali, a peaceful and wonderful day of celebrations.

## **8. Joint advisory for the school holidays**

With the school holidays coming, please see Annex on joint advisory to remind our pupils of the consequences of committing crime and drug/inhalant abuse. With the ease of access of information through social media, our children might be susceptible to and exposed to some of these vices. We hope that parents would take the time to go through the key points of the advisory with your children.

Stay Safe!

Your partner in education,

Ms Audrey Wong  
Principal

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