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Dear parents/guardians,

We have reached the end of Term 3 and below are some important information for your attention. We have also included some information on promoting active lifestyles and nuggets for Growth Mindset.

1. PSLE Listening Comprehension

There will be no school for Primary 1 – 5 pupils on **16 Sep 2022, Fri** as it is the PSLE Listening Comprehension Examinations.

2. Pre-PSLE Study Break for P6 Cohort.

We will implement a study break for all P6 pupils from **26 Sep 2022, Mon to 28 Sep 2022, Wed** to support student well-being and minimise the risk of school-based transmission prior to the PSLE. During the study break, P6 pupils are strongly encouraged to remain at home.

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

Our Primary 6 pupils will be taking their PSLE written papers from 29 Sep to 5 Oct 2022. As such, the school will be conducting two days of HBL for Primary 1 to Primary 4 pupils between 29 Sep to 4 Oct 2022.

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 5 Oct 2022. Please refer to table below for more details.

| Date / Day | Levels on HBL (Not required to report to school) |
|----------------------|---|
| 29 Sep & 30 Sep 2022 | P3 & P4 |
| 3 Oct & 4 Oct 2022 | P1 & P2 |

Teachers will assign either SLS work or hardcopy work to the pupils. 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 them, we have arranged for the Primary 1- 5 pupils to have their recesses in their classrooms during the duration of the written papers. The Primary 1-5 pupils are strongly encouraged to bring packed food from home. Arrangements will be made for students who are unable to bring food from home to purchase food from the canteen. To encouraged recycling, students 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.

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4. Primary 4 Day Camp – Explore the Outdoors!

The P4 pupils will be going for the P4 Day Camp based on the theme of 'Explore the Outdoors!' on 20 Sep 2022, Tue from 7.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. The day camp is part of the school's outdoor education programme.

The objectives of this year's P4 Day Camp are to develop a lively curiosity about the outdoors in our students and to enable them to appreciate diversity in the teams, thus forging camaraderie with one another. The outdoor camp experience will also widen their knowledge in outdoor recreation activities. More details will be provided via Parents' Gateway nearer the date.

5. Illegal parking outside school compounds during school dismissal

We refer to our PG message sent on 19 Jul 2022 on unauthorized parking at the service road between Block 182 and Block 181 and along Pasir Ris Street 11.

Recently, the school has received notification from HDB to alert us that the parents/caregivers of children studying in our school were seen to have parked their vehicle illegally along the service roads while waiting for their children to be dismissed from school between 12.45pm and 2pm.

HDB reiterated that parking is illegal along the service roads as it will cause inconvenience to any essential and emergency vehicles passing through the congested roads. Such acts may also cause safety concerns to the public.

Therefore, the school would like to remind all parents/caregivers to refrain from parking illegally at the service road and along Pasir Ris Street 11. Instead, please park your vehicles at the nearest HDB multi-storey carpark at Block 180A Pasir Ris St. 11. Alternatively, you could consider arriving about 10 – 15 min after dismissal time to fetch your child from the school when the traffic has subsided.

We seek your cooperation to make the neighbourhood a conducive place for all. A little kind act goes a long way.

6. Promoting Active Lifestyles - Providing Motivation and Encouragement

In today's digital age, school-age children are becoming less physically active. Hence, it is important to provide motivation and encouragement for children to live an active lifestyle. One of the best ways to do so is to explain the connection between being healthy and being active in a way that the children can understand. You may also like to read the link below on strategies for motivation to exercise: <https://www.virtuallabschool.org/school-age/physical-development/lesson-5>

7. Growth Mindset Nuggets #8: Building resilience beyond the classroom

In the August issue, we invited parents to share their success stories on how they see problems as opportunities for growth. We thank all parents for your contributions. Following is a sharing from one of our parents.

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Sharing from P2F student's mother, Mdm Yuki Low

As a parent, we often encourage our children to learn from mistakes and reframe mistakes as an opportunity to learn and develop. When my child makes a mistake, we take time to discuss with him on what went wrong, help him to understand his mistake and encourage him to learn from it. In our family, we practise the principle of "you made your bed, now lie on it" because we believe that learning from mistakes and errors play a significant role in our children's development. Thus, it is our top priority to teach our children that they are to be responsible for the consequences of their actions taken, be it good or bad.

Learning from mistakes and failures is not easy. Positive words from parents and teachers are essential to develop a Growth Mindset in the children and guide them to be positive and confident as they grow up.

The ability to power through challenges requires resilience. The good news is that resilience can be developed! As key figures in your child's life, parents play an important role in building resilience. Interactions that are supportive and caring not only help your child to feel safe and valued but also instil the confidence in your child to tackle challenges. Children with a growth mindset are motivated and do not give up easily.

Here are some tips on how you can provide S.P.A.C.E for your child to develop resilience and a growth mindset. You may also view the related videos and articles listed below.

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| <u>Ingredients Needed to Build Resilience</u> https://go.gov.sg/ingredientsforresilience | <u>Why Relationships Matter in Strengthening Resilience</u> https://go.gov.sg/relationshipsmatter |
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We would love to hear your stories of how you build resilience in your child beyond school. Share your experience with us by 15 Sep 2022 via the QR code here so that we could learn collectively. We look forward to hearing from you.

8. Major Events and Holidays for Term 4

| Date | Event | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| 2 Sep (Fri) | Teachers' Day | School Holiday |
| 3 Sep (Sat) – 11 Sep (Sun) | September Term Break | P6 supplementary classes on 8 Sep – 9 Sep. Details have been sent to parents via PG. |
| 16 Sept (Fri) | PSLE Listening Comprehension Examinations | P1 – P5 pupils need not report to school. SCC will be opened. |
| 20 Sept (Tue) | P4 Day Camp | -- |
| 29 Sept (Thu) – 5 Oct (Wed) | PSLE Written Examinations | 29 & 30 Sep – HBL for P3 & P4 pupils 3 & 4 Oct – HBL for P1 & 2 pupils |
| 6 Oct (Thu) | HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day celebration | Reporting and dismissal time as per usual. |
| 7 Oct (Fri) | Children's Day | School Holiday |
| 10 Oct (Mon) – 11 Oct (Tue) | P3 & P4 Oral | Within curriculum hours |
| 12 Oct (Wed) – 14 Oct (Fri) | P5 Oral | After school hours. Details will be sent via PG |

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| Date | Event | Remarks |
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| 17 Oct (Mon) – 20 Oct (Thu) | PSLE Marking days | All pupils need not report to school. SCC will be opened. |
| 24 Oct (Mon) | Deepavali | Public Holiday |
| 26 Oct (Wed) | SA 2 (Eng Paper 1 & LC) P3-5 | |
| 27 Oct (Thu) | SA 2 (MT Paper 1 & LC) P3-5 | |
| 28 Oct (Fri) | SA 2 (HMT Paper 2) P5 | |
| 31 Oct (Mon) | SA 2 (Eng Paper 2) P3-5 | |
| 1 Nov (Tues) | SA 2 (Math) P3-5 | |
| 2 Nov (Wed) | SA2 (MT) P3-5 | |
| 3 Nov (Thu) | SA2 (Sci) P3-5 | |
| 14 Nov (Mon) | Results Processing Day | All pupils need not report to school. SCC will be opened. |
| 17 Nov (Thu) | P6 Graduation party | |
| 18 Nov (Fri) | Prize Giving Day | More details will be given nearer the date. |
| 19 Nov (Sat) – 2 Jan (Mon) | Year-end holiday | School will re-open on 3 Jan (Tues) 2023. |

Thank you for your kind attention and we wish your child a restful September school break!

Your partner-in-education,



Ms Audrey Wong
Principal

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