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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are most happy to share with you that our students have mostly settled into their routines and are all very engaged and enthusiastic in their learning. Many are also participating in the school games that are taking place. It has been such a joy to see them grow in confidence and we will continue to support their growth and development.

As part of our regular engagement with parents/ guardians, we would like to share with you the following information:

### **1. Character and Citizenship Education**

For February, the 'Value of the Month' is **Perseverance**. Our foci are as follows:

**Habit 1 Be Proactive: I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods**

**Habit 2 Begin With The End In Mind: I plan ahead and set goals**

**Habit 3 Put First Things First: I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan**

A student who shows perseverance is one who overcomes all obstacles to achieve his/her goals. We teach students the value of perseverance by helping them to understand what a growth mindset is and that their character strengths, interests, talents and skills can be nurtured over time with guidance from their elders and personal experiences. In line with nurturing these strengths and skills, students also learn to set S.M.A.R.T goals which help to them to appreciate the importance of organising time and tasks to achieve those goals. Please refer to Annex A-1 for resources related to perseverance.

### **2. Chinese New Year Celebration – Friday, 9 February 2024**

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our warmest wishes to those of you celebrating Lunar New Year. May the new year bring you and your family abundance, happiness and prosperity. And for those who are not, enjoy the long weekend. This year, the school's celebration will be held on Friday, 9 February 2024, from 7.30am to 10.30am. The P1 and P2 cohorts will be dismissed at 10.15am, followed by the rest of the student population.

Our school bus vendor and Student Care Centre have been informed about the early dismissal. Students going home by school bus will be sent home by the school bus operator as per normal. The Student Care Centre at our school will operate till 1pm on that day.

Chinese New Year public holiday in lieu and the school holiday in lieu will be observed on Monday, 12 February 2024, and Tuesday, 13 February 2024, respectively. **School will resume on Wednesday, 14 February 2024.**

### 3. Total Defence Day – Friday, 16 February 2024

Total Defence Day 2024 will mark 40 Years of Total Defence (TD40). The focus for TD40 will be on Singaporean's readiness and resilience in the face of crises and disruptions. Total Defence underpins our ability to deal with the ever-evolving threats and challenges to Singapore. Every Singaporean plays a part in our daily lives to ensure that Singapore is prepared for crises and disruption.

As part of our commemoration of TD40 this year, our students will experience an energy disruption simulation in school on 16 February 2024, during which, electricity will be turned off school-wide for at least an hour.

This TD40 Exercise aims to prepare students for potential disruptions to our energy supply (e.g., due to supply chain disruptions), given Singapore's reliance on fuel imports. In such a situation, electricity may have to be prioritised for more critical areas, and households and organisations, including schools, may have to endure disruptions in their electricity supply. Following the exercise, students will reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion.

Students will also go through CCE lessons and related activities where they will appreciate the part each one of them can play in Total Defence.

Parents/Guardians may wish to engage your child/ward in sharing his/her experience with you and reinforce the important notion that everyone has a part to play in Singapore's Total Defence effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr Abraham Abe via [abraham\\_abe@moe.edu.sg](mailto:abraham_abe@moe.edu.sg). We thank you for your continued support for Total Defence.

### 4. School Activities (1 February to 17 March 2024)

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels/ Classes Involved	Attachments/ Reply Slips
3 February 2024 (Sat)	MK@First Toa Payoh Open House	Interested Kindergarten Parents	
9 February 2024 (Fri)	Chinese New Year Celebration	All	
10 February (Sat) & 11 February 2024 (Sun)	Public Holiday – Chinese New Year	All	
12 February 2024 (Mon)	Public Holiday In-Lieu – Chinese New Year	All	
13 February 2024 (Tue)	School Holiday In-Lieu – Chinese New Year	All	
16 February 2024 (Fri)	Total Defence Day	All	
16 February 2024 (Fri)	P3 Outdoor Adventure	P3	<i>More details will be given on PG nearer the date.</i>
8 March 2024 (Fri)	Sports-for-All	All	

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11 March (Mon) to 17 March 2024 (Sun)	School Holiday	All	

Yours sincerely,



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