

## FIRST TOA PAYOH PRIMARY SCHOOL 7 LOR 8 TOA PAYOH SINGAPORE 319252

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

How quickly time flies! As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to affirm our students and parents for the hard work and collaboration with the school, as well as to provide an update on the key programmes and events for the month of March.

#### 1. Character & Citizenship Education

For March, the 'Value of the Month is Integrity. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 1: Be Proactive: I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking

Habit 1: Be Proactive: I do not blame others for my wrong actions

Integrity means upholding what is good, just and true even when no one is looking. Students are taught to practise Stop, Think, Do as part of their decision-making process in demonstrating integrity. To help students make responsible and ethical decisions, they are explicitly taught to choose to do what is right and know the considerations for evaluating and making choices using GSAC – Golden Rule, School, Adult, Consequences.

For resources on integrity, please refer to Annex A-1.

### 2. Sports-for-All - Friday, 8 March 2024

Sports-for-All will be held in school on Friday, 8 March 2024 for P1 to P6 students. We will be creating a fun learning environment for all our students through mini-sports activities. Our P1-P2 students will get to test out their fundamental skills through station games and a Spartan Junior Race. This event will also be the culminating event for all P3-P6 students after 7 weeks of House Practice. Students are to come to school in their House T-shirts and PE shorts. They are strongly encouraged to bring along a water bottle. They do not need to bring any books on that day.

#### 3. Travel Declaration for 2024 March Holidays

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/ guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling for the holidays by 8 Mar 2024 (Friday). We encourage you to do so via the Parents' Gateway (PG) app.

If your child/ward is travelling, please indicate clearly both the country and city of travel. Only one parent is required to make the declaration. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.

When planning your child/ward's travel, please refer to <a href="https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart">https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart</a> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please inform the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

#### 4. Road Safety

Please note that the stretch of road adjacent to the main gate and the school canteen is a non-stopping / non-waiting area. Therefore, parking of vehicles in this area is strictly prohibited. Kindly adhere to the safety standards set by the Land Transport Authority (LTA), to safeguard pedestrians and fellow road users.

As part of our commitment to instill a sense of responsibility to road safety regulations among our students and staff, we request your support and cooperation in ensuring strict compliance with the LTA traffic regulations. Your collective efforts contribute significantly to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all members of our school community and the general public.

## 5. Dengue Preventive Measures

In the first two months of 2024, Singapore has had over 2,970 dengue cases. The weekly number of reported dengue cases has climbed steadily since January, with a sharp jump to 515 cases in the second week of February.

The National Environment Agency (NEA) has observed increase in the frequency of dengue outbreaks over the past few years, attributed to several risk factors such as low herd immunity of the population, presence of multiple serotypes and changes in dominant serotypes. Keeping the mosquito population in check is key to minimising dengue transmission and requires the joint efforts of every individual and stakeholder in the community to eradicate mosquito breeding habitats.

The top 3 mosquito breeding habitats found were drains, containers such as pails and watering cans and flowerpot plates. We would like to remind our students to practise the "Mozzie Wipe-out" (refer to Annex A-2 for details) both at home and in school, so that we can keep everyone safe in the community. Students showing symptoms suggestive of dengue should see their GPs early to be diagnosed. Refer to the MOH website for dengue symptoms. <a href="https://www.moh.gov.sg/diseases-updates/dengue">https://www.moh.gov.sg/diseases-updates/dengue</a>.

# 6. School Activities (1 March to 15 April 2024)

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

Date	Activities	Levels/ Class Involved	Attachment/ Reply Slip
8 March 2024 (Fri)	Sports-for-All	All	
11 March (Mon) to 17 March 2024 (Sun)	School Holiday	All	
25 March 2024 (Mon)	Start of P3 Swimsafer (8 sessions)	P3	More details will be given on PG nearer the date
29 March 2024 (Fri)	Public Holiday – Good Friday	All	
5 April 2024 (Fri)	International Friendship Day	All	
9 April 2024 (Tue)	Eve of Hari Raya Puasa	Muslim students with parents' consent will be dismissed at 10.30am.  All other students	A separate consent form will be issued through Parents Gateway.
		will be dismissed as per normal.	
10 April 2024 (Wed)	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa	All	
12 April 2024 (Fri)	Hari Raya Celebration	All	
15 April (Mon) & 17 April 2024 (Wed)	P6 Mid-Year Review Oral (PM)	P6	

Finally, we would like to wish our students a safe and joyful holiday during the March school break. We look forward to seeing energised and cheerful children when Term 2 begins on Monday, 18 March 2024.

Happy Holidays!

Yours sincerely,

Mks Jennifer Choy (Principal)

Mr Remund Koh (VP)

Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)

