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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to welcome our students back to school after the Term 1 school vacation. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable break with your child/ward. As Term 2 begins, the school would like to update you on the upcoming programmes and activities. We also seek your continual partnership and support for the holistic development of your child/ward.

1. Character & Citizenship Education

In April, the value of the month is 'Integrity' and the the focus for each week is as follows:

- Term 2 Week 3 – Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood: Get to Know Others
- Term 2 Week 4 – Begin with the End in Mind: Be Truthful
- Term 2 Week 5 – Be Proactive: Protect Our Earth
- Term 2 Week 7 – Think Win-Win: Be True to Self & Others

The value of integrity calls for one to be truthful in one's words and actions. This is important as we nurture and forge strong bonds and friendship with our peers and family. We look forward to partnering you to develop your child/ward to be good individuals and citizens with integrity. Do reinforce these key messages of integrity at home and encourage your child/ward to show acts of honesty by being truthful, and having the courage to admit and reflect on mistakes made.

2. Partnership with Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) – Parenting Programmes

Through FamilyMatters@School, we work in partnership with MSF in bringing programmes to parents to enhance their parenting skills. We are pleased to invite you to take part in the following parenting programme. Kindly register for the programme through the attached Registration Form (Annex A-1) by 6 April 2018. Do get your child to submit the form at the mailbox located outside the school library.

Title of Programme: 5 More Minutes Please?

Day/Date: Friday, 20 April 2018

Time: 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Venue: First Toa Payoh Primary School

Target Group: All Parents

Please turn overleaf →



Aesthetics



Sports



CHERISH
Silver Award



Synopsis: What is so interesting about video games that children and youth can spend hours sitting in front of the computer and mobile devices playing away? How would I know if my child is gaming too excessively?

In this eye-opening and skill-based equipping workshop, parents will be brought on a journey to discover the world of gaming to understand why children and teenagers are so hooked on them. The programme speaker will share about the symptoms and effects of problematic gaming as well as real life success stories from our counselling cases. Participants will also be engaged in facilitated discussions by our experienced speaker and equipped with some relevant practical tips to better engage and manage their children and youth in this 'game-crazy' environment.

Title of Programme: Father's Role in Parenting Today

Day/Date: Friday, 27 April 2018

Time: 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Venue: First Toa Payoh Primary School

Target Group: Only Fathers

Synopsis: A father's role has indeed evolved over the years. Gone are the days of "I just bring home the bacon" or communication that goes "It's my way or the highway". With dual income families becoming the current norm, fathers are starting to recognise the need for a "shared responsibility" in raising their children. Yet what are the changing roles specifically? What unique strengths do fathers have that they can use to help raise their children? What does research or data reveal about the impact fathers can have? How can fathers be enlightened, equipped and empowered to take ownership of their roles today in parenting? The workshop is based on findings and research that celebrate the unique strengths of fathers!

Outline:

- 1) Evolving role of fathers today
- 2) Impact that fathers can have
- 3) Father's unique contributions
- 4) Ensuring your marriage is healthy
- 5) Making transition as your child gets older

3. International Friendship Day – Wednesday, 4 April 2018

Our school will celebrate International Friendship Day (IFD) on 4 April 2018. The theme for IFD this year is Celebrating the ASEAN Community. Singapore is the Chair of ASEAN for 2018. With our chairmanship of ASEAN and leading of the milestone celebration beyond ASEAN's 50th anniversary, we celebrate our shared successes and the growth and resilience of the ASEAN people in our journey thus far. A series of exciting activities has been lined up for students to deepen their understanding of the relations that we share with other ASEAN countries.

4. Earth Week – Monday, 16 April 2018 to Friday, 20 April 2018

There will be a slew of environmental activities this term in conjunction with World Water Day (22 March), Earth Day (22 April) and Biodiversity Day (22 May). To tie in with each of the activities, there will be exhibitions and recess activities, as well as an assembly talk.

We will also be conducting recycling drives throughout the whole term, for food wastes, tetra packs, as well as paper and plastic recyclables. We seek to inculcate environmental awareness in your child, as part of developing responsible citizens.

Students are encouraged to donate to the school old newspapers, which will be collected by a recycling company. Your contributions will go towards helping the needy students in the school, as well as protecting the environment. We look forward to our joint effort in keeping our Earth green.

5. Phase 1 Registration of Children for Admission to Primary One in 2019

A child who has a sibling currently studying in the school is eligible to register under Phase 1 in the school. The child to be registered must be a **Singapore Citizen / Singapore Permanent Resident** and must be born between **2 January 2012 and 1 January 2013 (both dates inclusive)**. All parents/ guardians are required to complete the attached Sibling Survey Form (Annex A-2) and return it to the Form Teacher through your child by **Friday, 20 April 2018**.

6. School Annual Health Visit – Wednesday, 25 April 2018 to Monday, 30 April 2018

For All Students

The Health Promotion Board's (HPB) Annual School-Based Health Screening will be conducted from **25 April to 30 April 2018** for all students. Please refer to the attached HPB letter printed in blue for more details.

For Primary 1 and 5 Students

Please be informed that immunisation will be scheduled for **Primary 1 and 5 students only**. Parents and/or Guardians are required to submit their child's/ ward's latest medical information and provide consent for the immunisation online. To submit online, you may log in to the online portal via <https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg> using your SingPass. Alternatively, you may obtain a hard copy consent form from the General Office. Please refer to the attached Immunisation Booklet for more information.

Please complete the above required procedure online and submit your child's/ ward's health booklets to your child's Form Teachers latest by **Friday, 20 April 2018**.

7. 2018 PSLE Timetable

The 2018 PSLE Timetable is attached in Annex P6-1.

Below is a summary of the dates:

- Thursday, 16 August & Friday, 17 August: Oral Examinations
- Friday, 14 September: Listening Comprehension Examination
- Thursday, 27 September to Wednesday, 3 October: Written Examinations

8. Absence During School Term

The school would like to reiterate that absence during the school term for reasons such as early / extended vacation are not considered as valid reasons. It is important for our students to be in school every day when school is in session; and for parents / guardians and the school to be sending the same signal to them. The school tracks the attendance of our students closely as frequent absence will impact on students' progress and learning in school.

Finally, we would like to remind our students to start their revision for the Semestral Assessment (SA1). We wish our students well in their preparations and also appreciate parents' support in their study routines while encouraging them to exercise regularly and to look after their health.

9. School Activities (1 April to 15 May 2018)

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	Attachment/ Reply slips
3 April 2018 (Tue)	P1 Picnic	P1	
3 April (Tue) & 5 April 2018 (Thu)	P2 Sports Education Programme - Dance	P2	Ref to LTP No: 140/2018
4 April 2018 (Wed)	P2 Picnic	P2	
11 April 2018 (Wed)	International Friendship Day	All	
11 April 2018 (Wed)	SA1 Oral Examinations (English & Mother Tongue Languages)	P4 (afternoon)*	Ref to LTP No: 055/2018 (Annex A2)
16 April (Mon) & 17 April 2018 (Tue)		P5 (afternoon)* All supplementary classes will be cancelled.	
18 April 2018 (Wed)		P3 (afternoon)*	
26 April (Thu) & 27 April 2018 (Fri)		P6 (afternoon)*	
18 April (Wed) & 19 April 2018 (Thurs)	P6 Learning Journey (Aquatic Plants and Animals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 April – 6LO, 6PE, 6RY • 19 April – 6IN, 6RT 	1.30pm – 5pm	Annex P6-2
19 April (Thu) to 10 May 2018 (Thu)	SA1 Examinations	P3 to P6	Ref to LTP No: 055/2018 (Annex A2)
20 April 2018 (Fri)	Parenting Programme on "5 More Minute Please?" by MSF	All Parents	Annex A-1
25 April (Wed) to 30 April 2018 (Mon)	School Annual Health Visit <i>*Immunisation is compulsory for P1 & P5 students*</i>	All	HPB Letter and Immunisation Information Booklet
27 April 2018 (Fri)	Parenting Programme on "Father's Role in Parenting Today" by MSF	All Fathers	Annex A-1
1 May 2018 (Tue)	Public Holiday – Labour Day	All	

**P3 to P6 students will be dismissed after they have completed their oral examinations. As such, the timing for each student's dismissal depends on the time of completion of their respective oral examinations. Students may request to use the telephone in the General Office to contact their parents after their oral examination, if needed.*

Yours faithfully,



Mr Chua Choon Guan
Principal