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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are happy to see our students settling nicely back in school. As part of our regular engagement with parents/ guardians, we would like to share with you the following information:

1. Character and Citizenship Education

We started the year with "Respect" as the value of the month in January. In February, the value of the month is "Responsibility" and the focus of each week is as follows:

- Term 1 Week 5 – Begin with the End in Mind: Be a Responsible Student
- Term 1 Week 6 – Synergise: Be Responsible in Cyber-space
- Term 1 Week 7 – Think Win-Win: Be Responsible for our Total Defence
- Term 1 Week 8 – Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood. Be a Responsible Leader
- Term 1 Week 9 – Be Proactive: Be a Caring Friend

On 15 February 2018, we commemorate Total Defence Day. As we guide our students to be responsible leaders, let us also encourage them to reflect on their greater role as Singapore Citizens – that we can all build on our strengths, synergise and together, build our nation as homes for all. At home, being a responsible student calls for one to take charge and be diligent in their daily school assignments and revision. Do support your child in this aspect.

We look forward to partnering with you to develop your child/ ward to be good individuals and responsible citizens.

2. Primary 1 and 6 Student's Smart Card Photo-Taking Exercise – Thursday, 1 February 2018

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for all students in Primary One (P1) and Primary Six (P6) for the issue of the School Smart Card (SSC) on **Thursday, 1 February 2018**. Please note that this photo-taking exercise is strictly for P1 and P6 students only.

All P1 & P6 students are to wear their full school uniform. If your child/ward has PE lesson on that day, he/she will have to bring the PE attire to school, and change into it before the PE lesson.

While P1 students will get their SSCs by end Mar 2018, the photo-images captured for P6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2019.

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3. Total Defence Day – Wednesday, 14 February 2018

In February, we will commemorate Total Defence Day with the theme “Together We Keep Singapore Strong”. Total Defence involves every Singaporean playing a part, individually and collectively, to build a strong, secure and cohesive nation. This year, besides having engaging and interactive assembly talks, the Community Policing Unit from the Singapore Police Force and Housing and Development Board will be putting up exhibitions on SGSecure and how we can be good neighbours in our multi-racial community. With everyone playing their part, we will be able to deal with any crisis with confidence.

4. Chinese New Year Celebration – Thursday, 15 February 2018

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **Thursday, 15 February 2018**. School will function from 7.30am to 10.30am on that day. Please ensure that your child/ward has his/her breakfast before coming to school as there will not be any recess break that day. A bun will be given to every student.

To add to the festivity, all students are encouraged to wear their traditional costumes to school, with school shoes. Students should not put on any accessories, headgears or make-up. Students are advised to bring their storybooks, water bottles and stationery to school.

Our school bus vendors and Student Care Centre have been informed about the early dismissal. Students going home by school bus will be ferried home by the school bus operator. The Student Care Centre at our school will operate from 10.30am to 2pm on that day.

Chinese New Year public holiday and school holiday will be on Friday, 16 February and Monday, 19 February 2018 respectively. School will resume on **Tuesday, 20 February 2018**.

5. MOE Kindergarten @ Toa Payoh Open House and Registration Exercise – Saturday, 24 February 2018 & Monday, 26 February 2018

As communicated in August 2017, MOE will be setting up an MOE Kindergarten (MK) within First Toa Payoh Primary School in January 2019. The MK @ First Toa Payoh will enrol Kindergarten 1 (K1) children from January 2019. MKs serve to provide *A Strong Start for Every Child*. The MK Curriculum nurtures children holistically so that they are confident, demonstrate strong social skills and have a good foundation in literacy and numeracy.

MK @ First Toa Payoh Open House and Registration Exercise for 2019 intake will be conducted at First Toa Payoh Primary School on **Saturday, 24 February 2018**. There will be a Presentation Session for interested parents on Saturday, 24 February 2018 from 9am to 10am. Registration for K1/2019 will commence from 9am to 2 pm. Registration for K1/2019 will also be conducted on **Monday, 26 February 2018** from 9am to 2 pm.

You are invited to sign up for the Open House at www.moe.gov.sg/moekindergarten. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, please refer to the attached Annex A-1.

6. Student Leaders' Investiture – Wednesday, 7 March 2018

Our prefects and CCA leaders strive to live up to the school motto of 'Making Impact'. They are role models to their peers and lead by service to the school. This year, a Student Leaders' Investiture will be held on **Wednesday, 7 March 2018**. Our CCA Leaders, EXCO prefects, together with the Junior Prefects (P3 & P4) and Senior Prefects (P5 & P6), will be installed at the school assembly. Parents of all our CCA Leaders and prefects will be invited to witness this ceremony as they embark on their journey of making their leadership dreams come true.

7. Semestral Assessment (SA1) for P3 to P6 only

Please take note of the dates and duration of the various papers for SA1 in the timetable attached in Annex A-2. The SA1 examination topics and formats are enclosed to facilitate your child's revision for SA1.

8. Collaboration with Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) – Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) or Signposts Programmes for Parents of P3 and P4 Students only

To support parents in your journey towards building a confident and resilient child, and strengthening your parent-child relationship, we are offering two evidence-based programmes – Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) and Signposts, depending on the needs of parents. Do refer to the enclosed brochures and the website [https://www.msf.gov.sg/media-room/Pages/Factsheet-on-Positive-Parenting-Programme-\(Triple-P\)-Pilot.aspx](https://www.msf.gov.sg/media-room/Pages/Factsheet-on-Positive-Parenting-Programme-(Triple-P)-Pilot.aspx) for more information. We encourage all parents of our P3 and P4 students to return the completed questionnaire so as to enable MSF to recommend a suitable parenting programme for you. All information will be kept confidential.

9. School Activities (1 February to 15 March 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	Attachments/ Reply Slips
1 February 2018 (Thu)	P1 & P6 Student's Smart Card Photo-Taking Exercise	P1 & P6	
6 February (Tue) to 12 February 2018 (Mon)	P6 Science Learning Journey	6 Feb (Tue) – 6PE & 6EX 7 Feb (Wed) – 6IN & 6RT 12 Feb (Mon) – 6LO & 6RY	Annex P6
8 February 2018 (Thu)	P3 Outdoor Adventure Learning Journey	P3	Ref to LTP No: 002/2018, Annex P3
10 February 2018 (Sat)	Chingay NE Show	P4	Annex P4 - 1
14 February 2018 (Wed)	Total Defence Day	All	
15 February 2018 (Thu)	Chinese New Year Celebration	All	

Date	Activities	Levels/ Classes Involved	Attachments/ Reply Slips
16 February 2018 (Fri)	Public Holiday – Chinese New Year	All	
19 February 2018 (Mon)	School Holiday – Chinese New Year	All	
21 February 2018 (Wed)	P4 Science Learning Journey	P4	Annex P4 -2
24 February 2018 (Sat) & 26 February 2018 (Mon)	MOE Kindergarten @ First Toa Payoh Open House and Registration for K1/2019	Interested parents of K1 Students/2019	Annex A-1
1 March (Thu) to 2 March 2018 (Fri)	P4 2D1N School Camp	P4	Annex P4 - 3
2 March 2018 (Fri)	P3 Integration Programme – Building Friendship @ FTPPS	P3 (selected students)	Ref to LTP No: 040/2018
5 March 2018 (Mon)	P1 Learning Journey to Singapore Zoo	P1	Ref to Notification Letter for Enrichment Programme dated 5 Jan 2018
7 March 2018 (Wed)	Student Leaders' Investiture	CCA Leaders and Prefects	
10 March (Sat) to 18 March 2018 (Sun)	School Holiday	All	
12 March (Mon) to 13 March 2018 (Tue)	P6 Overseas Learning Journey to Malacca (Group 1)	6EX, 6RY & 6LO	Ref to LTP No: 047a/2018
15 March (Thu) to 16 March 2018 (Fri)	P6 Overseas Learning Journey to Malacca (Group 2)	6PE, 6RT & 6IN	Ref to LTP No: 047b/2018
15 March (Thu) to 17 March 2018 (Sat)	P5 3D2N Outdoor Adventure Camp	P5	Annex P5

Thank you.

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