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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## 1. Character & Citizenship Education

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

- Term 2 Week 7 - Begin with the End in Mind: Be Disciplined and Work Hard
- Term 2 Week 8 – Put First Things First: Press On
- Term 2 Week 9 – Think Win-Win: Be Kind to Others
- Term 2 Week 10 – Put First Things First: Keep Our Learning Environment Clean at All Times

Through the 'Value of the Month' and the 'Focus of the Week', our students will be taught explicitly how one can show Perseverance. Do reinforce these key messages of perseverance and resilience at home and encourage your child/ward not to give up when they encounter difficulties in their studies. Likewise, they should continue to keep their environment clean at all times so that we can continue to have a healthy, sustainable environment.

## 2. Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) – Thursday, 24 May 2018

The Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) will be held on 24 May 2018, between 8am and 4pm. As in previous years, we would like to involve your child in the PTSC, to discuss your child's progress and to foster a stronger home-school relationship and support.

You are cordially invited to meet with your child's teachers, as well as collect your child's report book/progress card. You may choose to meet the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) teacher before or after your allotted timeslot with your child's Form Teacher. MTL teachers will be stationed in the Harmony Hall and the Form Teachers in their respective classrooms. We seek your understanding and co-operation to keep your conversation with the teachers to within 10 minutes, so as to allow other parents to also have the chance to meet with the teachers. Between 12 noon and 1pm, the school has scheduled a lunch break for the teachers.

Please note that there will be no lessons on that day. However, students should attend the PTSC with their parents/guardians at the allocated timeslot. Please note that students must be in full school uniform.

Please indicate your preference for timeslots (top 3 choices - 1st, 2nd, 3rd) in the reply slip attached (Annex A-1), and return it through your child to the Form Teacher by Friday, 4 May 2018. You will be informed of your allocated timeslot one week before the PTSC.

The report book/ progress card is to be returned to the Form Teacher on Monday, 25 June 2018.



### **3. FTPPS Admin Day and Open House - Friday, 25 May 2018**

The school has scheduled its Admin Day and Open House on 25 May 2018. As part of the school's community and outreach programme, we have invited K2 students from the neighbouring kindergarten centres to visit the school. Through the Open House programme, we hope to do our part to help the K2 students have a smooth transition to the primary school environment.

Only Primary 2 students and students who are involved in the Open House programme need to report to school on that day. Consent forms will be issued to these students nearer to the date.

### **4. Hari Raya Puasa Celebration – Wednesday, 27 June 2018**

On 27 June 2018, the school will be celebrating Hari Raya Puasa, with a concert during assembly. School hours remain unchanged. All students are encouraged to wear their traditional costumes with school shoes on that day. Students should not put on any head gear or make-up. If they have PE lessons that day, they would have to bring the PE attire to change.

### **5. Post-Exam Matters**

Please ensure that your child continues to attend school after the SA1 Examinations. As curriculum time is precious, lessons will continue after exams. Please do not start holiday plans earlier than the official school holiday period as stated in the schedule below.

### **6. Travel Declaration**

Who needs to submit the travel declaration?

- Parents of ALL P1 children need to declare their travel plans of their P1 children regardless of travel intent. A NIL return is required. Please complete the Travel Declaration Form (Annex P1) attached.
- For P2 to P6 students, parents need to declare the travel plans of their children only if they intend to travel. For your convenience, the school has made available an online travel declaration form. For submission of your June 2018 travel plans, please follow the attached step-by-step guide (Annex A-2) to submit your travel declaration online. If you prefer to submit via hardcopy form, please download and print the form from our school website or request for one from our General Office.

### **7. Visitors to the School**

Parents/ caregivers are requested to make an appointment with the relevant teacher in advance prior to visiting the school. Do note that teachers may not be able to respond to your messages or phone calls immediately or meet you without any prior appointments made as they are usually engaged in class with the students.

As part of instilling responsibility in our students, please refrain from delivering items that your child/ward has forgotten to bring to school. Do encourage your child/ward to check their timetable and pack his/her bag every day.

## 8. Partnership with Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) – Parenting Programme

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the following parenting programme. Kindly register for the programme through the attached Registration Form ([Annex A-3](#)) by 4 May 2018. Do inform your child to submit the form into the mailbox located outside the library.

Title of Programme: **5 Love Languages**  
Day/Date: Friday, 18 May 2018  
Time: 7.45 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.  
Venue: First Toa Payoh Primary School  
Target Group: **All Parents**

Synopsis: People express and receive love in different ways. Dr Gary Chapman identifies these as the 5 love languages. This session will help you to discover your own primary love language. You will gain knowledge, understanding and practical tips on how to speak these love languages to improve and make a lasting positive impact in your relationship with your child and other loved ones.

## 9. P4 Subject-based Banding (Primary) [SBB (Pri)] Brochure

With effect from 2018, the hardcopy of SBB (Pri) brochure will be replaced by an online A4 information sheet. The online A4 information sheet is available in the four languages – English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil. A hardcopy of the A4 information sheet in English is attached in this letter for your reference ([Annex A-4](#)). Alternatively, you can visit the school website ([www.firsttoapayohpri.moe.edu.sg](http://www.firsttoapayohpri.moe.edu.sg)) to view the online version.

## 10. School Activities (1 May – 15 July 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
19 April (Thu) to 10 May 2018 (Thu)	SA1 Examinations	P3 to P6	Ref to LTP No: 055/2018 (Annex A2)
1 May 2018 (Tue)	Public Holiday - Labour Day	All	
11 May (Fri) & 21 May 2018 (Mon)	P5 Science Learning Journey (1.30pm – 5pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11 May – 5RT &amp; 5RY</li><li>• 21 May – 5IN &amp; 5LO</li></ul>	P5	Annex P5
14 May 2018 (Mon)	NAPFA Test	P4 & P6	Annex P4-1 Annex P6
15 May (Tue) and 17 May 2018 (Thu)	P4 Sports Education Programme	P4	Annex P4-2
18 May 2018 (Fri)	Parenting Programme on “5 Love Languages” by MSF	All Parents	Annex A-3

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24 May 2018 (Thu)	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference - Students should attend PTSC with their parents/guardians at the allocated timeslot.	All	Annex A-1
25 May 2018 (Fri)	FTPPS Admin Day & Open House - All P2 students and students involved in the Open House Programme will attend school from 7.15am to 12.30pm. - All other students do not need to report to school.	All P2 Students & students involved in the Open House Programme	Annex P2
26 May (Sat) to 24 June 2018 (Sun)	School Holidays	All	
29 May 2018 (Tue)	Public Holiday – Vesak Day	All	
15 June 2018 (Fri)	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa	All	
18 June (Mon) to 21 June 2018 (Thu)	P5 Hong Kong Overseas Learning Journey	P5 selected students	<i>Ref to LTP No: 191/2018</i>
18 June (Mon) to 21 June 2018 (Thu)	P6 Supplementary Classes (8am to 12.30pm) (Recess break at 10am) <b>Note:</b> <i>Students not taking Mother Tongue Language will be dismissed at 11.30am</i>	P6	
20 June (Wed) to 21 June 2018 (Thu)	P5 Supplementary Classes (8am to 12.30pm) (Recess break at 10am) <b>Note:</b> <i>Students not taking Mother Tongue Language will be dismissed at 11.30am</i>	P5	
25 June 2018 (Mon)	Start of Term 3  Hand-in Report Books/ Progress Cards to Form Teachers	All	
27 June 2018 (Wed)	Hari Raya Celebration	All	
28 June 2018 (Thu) & 3 July 2018 (Tue)	P1 & P2 Speech and Drama Full Dress Rehearsal	P1 & P2	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Levels &amp; Classes involved</b>	<b>Attachment/ Reply slips</b>
2 July 2018 (Mon)	School Holiday – Youth Day	All	
4 July 2018 (Wed)	P3 Science Learning Journey	P3	Annex P3
4 July 2018 (Wed)	P1 & P2 Speech and Drama Performance	P1 to P5	Annex P1/P2
4 July (Wed) to 12 July 2018 (Thu)	P4 Art Museum-Based Lesson	P4	
5 July 2018 (Thu)	P1 Learning Journey to Jacob Ballas	P1	Annex P1-2
9 July 2018 (Mon)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Student Leadership Mass Training	P3 to P5	<i>Details will be provided in July's Letter to Parents</i>
9 July (Mon) to 13 July 2018 (Fri)	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight	All	
10 July 2018 (Tue) 17 July 2018 (Tue) 24 July 2018 (Tue)	P3 Science Practical Test P4 Science Practical Test P5 Science Practical Test	P3 to P5	Annex P3/P4/P5

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a restful and enjoyable mid-year holiday break.

Thank you.




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Mr Chua Choon Guan  
Principal