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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warmest greetings to all of you.

Term 3 is coming to an end. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the upcoming events/ activities that will be conducted in the month of September 2018.

### 1. Citizenship and Character Education

In September, the value of the month is 'Love' and the focus of each week is as follows:

Term 4 Week 1: Sharpen the Saw: Love yourself

Term 4 Week 2: Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood: Love your friends

Term 4 Week 3: Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood: Listen attentively

This month, we revisit the value of 'Love'. We believe firmly in the importance of showing love to oneself and others. As we learn and grow, we must continually sharpen our saw and take care of our well-being through cultivating and practising good habits. As students, show love through self-care and kindness to others through one's words, thoughts and actions. As parents, continue to shower your child with love and spend time to connect with your children and most importantly, listen actively when your children share their stories with you.

### 2. School Holidays

- 1 September to 9 September 2018 – School Holidays
- Some students may be required to attend supplementary classes or CCA during the school holidays. Parents will be duly informed by the teachers-in-charge.
- School will resume in Term 4 on Monday, 10 September 2018.
- Every school day is important and we seek your understanding that there should be no extension of the school holidays unless supported by medical certificates or valid reasons.

### 3. PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination on Friday, 14 September 2018

Please note: All P1 to P5 students need not attend school on that day.

The reporting time for P6 students is as follows:

- Students taking Mother Tongue Language (including NTIL): 7.15am
- Students not taking Mother Tongue Language: 10.00am



If your P6 child is sick, please call to inform the school office (Tel: 6256-7822) by 7.30am, and a medical certificate (MC) certifying that the child is not fit to take the examination, must be produced.

There will not be a make-up for PSLE Listening Comprehension if your child misses the examination. In the event of a train service disruption, please inform the school as soon as possible, and your child should continue to make his/her way to school to sit for the paper. Please assist to plan your child's journey to school earlier so that he/she has enough time to settle down. The estimated dismissal time for the P6 students taking the examination is 12 noon.

#### **4. Primary 5 SA2 Oral Examination – Monday, 24 September and Tuesday, 25 September 2018**

The P5 SA2 Oral Examination will be held on 24 & 25 September 2018. Please be reminded that all supplementary and remedial classes will be cancelled on 24 and 25 September 2018 for all levels due to the P5 Oral exams being held in the afternoon.

#### **5. Enhanced School Bus Services for Year 2019**

To provide a more competitive pricing for school bus services to our parents, MOE has worked with primary schools to transit to the Enhanced School Bus Services module.

Under the enhanced process, interested bus operators will be required to submit the 'Not-To-Exceed (NTE)' (i.e. the maximum) fare for each distance benchmark (i.e. 2km and 4km). These fares will help parents negotiate with the appointed school bus operators, if there is a need to do so. The bus fares will not go beyond the NTE during the service period. For students staying beyond the maximum distance range, parents will negotiate fares with the bus operator.

The annual bus fares will be payable over 9 months in a school academic year. The collection months are January, February, March, April, May, July, August, September and October. There will be no collection for the months of June, November and December. For more information, please refer to the attached [Annex A-1](#).

#### **6. 2018 Edusave Character Award (ECHA)**

Since 2012, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has introduced the Edusave Character Award (ECHA) to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions.

We would like to invite parents / guardians to nominate students with consistent and exemplary character who are good role models for their peers. Please refer to [Annex A-2](#) for the criteria and the selection process. Nominations can be done through the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/ftpps2018echa> by 28 September 2018.

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

We would like to invite you to take part in the following parenting programme. Kindly register for the following programme through the attached Registration Form ([Annex A-3](#)) by 12 Sept 2018. Do request your child to submit the form via the mailbox located outside the school library.

Title of Programme: **Motivating Your Child & Managing Expectations**

Day/Date: Friday, 21 September 2018

Time: 7.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

Venue: First Toa Payoh Primary School

Target Group: **All Parents**

Synopsis:

Does your child possess a Growth or Fixed Mindset?

Do you possess a Growth or Fixed Mindset?

Do you have realistic expectations of your child?

Are you adopting a strengths-based approach?

This workshop seeks to help you answer the above questions as these will very well determine how well your child fares in the new economy. Your child is special and there is much to learn about him or her. Much research has been done on the growth-mindset and strengths-based movement and this paradigm and approach is fast catching both in schools and in the workplace. It has proven to be a good starting point for developing excellence in individuals. This workshop seeks to help you rediscover your child and equip you with tools to develop and enhance your child's strengths.

Topics include:

- Discovering Facts about Your Child
- Learn about Parenting Styles
- Adopting a Strengths-Based Approach
- Understand the difference between Growth and Fixed Mindset Parents, and Students
- How motivated is your child?
- Encouraging Your Child
- Setting realistic expectations

#### 8. School Activities (1 September to 15 October 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 September (Sat) to 9 September 2018 (Sun)	School Holiday	All	
6 September (Thu) & 7 September 2018 (Fri)	P6 Supplementary Lessons (Students not taking Mother Tongue Language can leave at 11.30am.) There will be a scheduled half-hour recess break each day and the canteen will be open during the recess period.	P6	Ref to LTP No: 306/2018 (Annex P6)

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14 September 2018 (Fri)	P6 PSLE Listening Comprehension	P6	<i>Ref to LTP No: 149/2018 (Annex P6-1)</i>
	P1 to P5 students do not have to attend school.	P1 to P5	
24 September (Mon) to 25 September 2018 (Tue)	P5 Oral Examination	P5	
	Supplementary / Remedial classes will be cancelled for all levels.	P1 to P5	
27 September (Thu) – 3 October 2018 (Wed)	<p>PSLE Written Examinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- P6 students who are exempted from Mother Tongue Language PSLE need not report to school on Monday, 1 October.</li> <li>- Only P6 students offering Higher Mother Languages are required to report to school for HMTL PSLE on Wednesday, 3 October 2018.</li> <li>- P6 students will be dismissed after their PSLE papers unless requested by their teachers to stay back for extra lessons. (The dismissal time is estimated to be about half hour after the paper ends.)</li> </ul>	P6	<i>Ref to LTP No: 306/2018 (Annex P6)</i>
	School will function as normal for P1 to P5 students during the PSLE written exams.	P1 to P5	
4 October 2018 (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration	All	
5 October 2018 (Fri)	School Holiday – Children's Day	All	
8 October (Mon) to 30 October 2018 (Tue)	SA2 Examinations (Please refer to SA2 Timetable for details.)	P2 to P5	<i>Ref to LTP No: 306/2018 (Annex 1a)</i>
15 October (Mon) to 18 October 2018 (Thu)	<p>PSLE Marking Exercise</p> <p>P1 to P6 students need not attend school.</p>	All	

We wish all our students and their families a fruitful and restful September holiday break.



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