

3 April 2017

Dear Parents of P4 Students

We hope your child has settled into the school routine and is gearing up in preparation for the first semestral assessments coming up in a few weeks' time. Here are some updates for your information.

School Events & Holidays in Term 2

A gentle reminder of the following scheduled events and holidays for Term 2:

| Week | Programmes/ Events/ Holidays | Remarks |
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| Week 3 | <u>Sat, 8 Apr 17</u> MOE Kindergarten @ Springdale Open House | This Open House is for parents who are interested to register their young child in the kindergarten. |
| Week 4 | <u>Mon, 10 Apr 17</u> Commemoration of International Friendship Day | Commemoration will be held during Assembly period. |
| | <u>Mon, 10 Apr 17</u> MOE Kindergarten @ Springdale Registration | Details would be shared during the Open House. |
| | <u>Fri, 14 Apr 17</u> Good Friday Public Holiday | All students need not report to school. |
| Week 7 | <u>Mon, 1 May 17</u> Labour Day Public Holiday | All students need not report to school. |
| Week 8 | <u>Wed, 10 May 17</u> Vesak Day Public Holiday | All students need not report to school. |
| Week 10 | <u>Fri, 26 May 17</u> Parent-Teacher Conference 2 | More details will be shared nearer the date. |

A gentle reminder that your child should be present in school during term time and not miss lessons unless he/she has been excused by the doctor under medical reasons. Even after assessments, lessons are conducted as usual.

Children's Day Appeal 2016

We are pleased to inform you that your child has helped the school raised a total of **\$4074.58** for the Children's Day Appeal 2016. Their kind contributions will go a long way to help over 300,000 beneficiaries under the care of Community Chest. Together, we can build a caring society through nurturing our youths into socially responsible individuals who contribute meaningfully to the community and shape the future of Singapore in the years ahead.

We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to your continuous support towards Children's Day Appeal 2017.

A Good Deed A Day

This year on World Scouts Day, the Chief Commissioner of the Singapore Scouts Association challenged our Scouts to do "A Good Deed A Day". The school would like to extend this initiative to all our students as we believe each and every one of us is capable of extending kindness to one another.

As such, we also hope that you could partner the school in showing our children that it only takes a small effort to lend a helping hand and make a positive difference to the lives of others. With our collective effort, we can spread kindness and foster a gracious community in Sengkang!

P4 National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA)

The P4 students are currently being trained for the NAPFA which includes the following items:

1. Sit-Ups
2. Standing Broad Jump
3. Sit-and-Reach
4. Inclined Pull-Ups
5. 4 x 10m Shuttle Run
6. 1.6km Run

We encourage your child to continue practising and training for some of these test items at home. Students have been taught during PE lessons to perform strengthening exercises such as dips, sit-ups, planks, tucked jumps and agility runs. Students also have the opportunity to use the NAPFA stations in school during recesses to practise at the test stations. More information regarding NAPFA can be found in the Student Handbook from Page 28 to 31. In addition, P4 students have also been provided with a NAPFA Target Setting Chart for them to regularly set challenging yet realistic targets to achieve their desired goals. The test will be conducted at the end of April during PE lessons.

Update on Computer Ownership

As a follow-up to the request to complete a survey on computer ownership in our earlier letter dated 27 Feb 17, we will be issuing a hardcopy survey form via your child if you have not completed the form online. The survey form is attached as **Annex A** in this letter. Please complete the form and submit it to the Form Teacher by **Wed, 5 Apr 17**. Parents who have completed the survey earlier via the online link issued will not be required to complete the form again.

Cyber Wellness Resources

To complement the cyber wellness curriculum in schools, parents can set a good example at home in the use of technology and play an active role in guiding the children in navigating the cyberspace. To help you start on this journey, you may want to visit: <http://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents> for some tips and strategies you can employ at home.

To help safeguard your child's interest when he/she uses search engine on the Internet, we would strongly encourage parents to use a child friendly search engine: <http://www.kiddle.co/>. Sites appearing in Kiddle search results satisfy family friendly requirements as the editors filter sites with explicit or deceptive content.

Safe Riding along the footpath at 71 Anchorvale Link

The school has recently given feedback to LTA regarding the narrow footpath along 71 Anchorvale Link due to the ongoing construction of the covered linkway and also the increase in number of cyclists using this narrow footpath which would inevitably affect the safety of our students.

LTA has since shared with the school the following measures that they will be taking to mitigate the concerns:

- Extending the existing footpath to 2.4 m width in the near future.
- Providing temporary footpath with a minimum effective width of 1.5 m by next month as an interim measure as they work with National Parks Board (NParks) to transplant existing trees.
- Putting up signs to advise cyclist to dismount at pinch points to ensure safety of school children and other pedestrians.
- Deploying LTA enforcement officers where necessary at the said location to educate road users on the importance of using and sharing the footpath safely and graciously.

As parents, if you are cycling or riding a Personal Mobility Device (PMD) along the footpath of 71 Anchorvale Link, we would advise you to adhere to the code of conduct introduced by LTA to guide cyclists and PMD users on how to use or share such footpath safely such as:

- Keep below the speed of 15 km/h on footpath and 25 km/h on cycling/shared paths.
- Switch on front and rear lights when it is dark.
- ***Safely dismount and walk your bicycle or device when you see “No Riding” signs.***
- Keep to the left on the footpath.
- Alert others if you need to overtake.
- Push your bike in crowded areas.
- Always give way to pedestrians on footpaths/shared paths.

We hope to have your continued cooperation when it comes to ensuring the safety of our children.

General Repair & Redecoration Work (GR&R) & Construction of the Sheltered Walkway

As part of MOE's efforts to ensure the school remains conducive for students to learn and play, the school will be undergoing GR&R work from Mar to Dec 2017. Interior and exterior painting together with refurbishment and renovation work in some parts of the school will be carried out. During this period, the school would continue to ensure safety and security of our students such that the GR&R work would be carried out safely.

We are also pleased to inform that the construction of the sheltered walkway linking the school Side Gate and Foyer would start soon. The construction and commissioning of the sheltered walkway is expected to take about 6 months. During this period, the existing arrival and dismissal arrangement for some students via the Side Gate would inevitably be affected. Hence, we would keep you updated once the detail of the alternate arrival and dismissal arrangement is confirmed.

We would like to assure parents that every effort will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and other stakeholders during this period. At the same time, we urge all parents to fully support and comply with any safety instructions and advisory put up by the school. We do apologize for any inconvenience caused and thank you in advance for your kind support and patience.



Health Management

In view of the weather in Singapore, the school will monitor the situation and implement appropriate measures based on the health advisory from MOE to ensure the well-being of our students and staff. Hence, we would like to remind our students to take care of themselves and note the following:

- ✓ Drink plenty of water
- ✓ Avoid strenuous activity and stay indoors when the day is very hot
- ✓ To be more vigilant if they have heart or lung problems & to ensure they bring along their medication to school always

Infectious and contagious diseases may occur periodically in schools if we are not mindful in our ways and practices. Hence, we would like to seek your assistance to ensure that your child is well at home before he/she comes to school. ***If he/she feels unwell, e.g. fever, gastric flu, running nose or flu, diarrhoea, cough, vomiting, giddiness, having rashes that spreads, etc., please seek medical attention for him/her and refrain from having your child attend school*** so as not to spread the virus or sicknesses to his/her classmates. Do keep the school informed of the reasons for absence.

Our students are also constantly reminded to practise good health and hygiene habits, including proper hand washing procedures in school. As parents, we hope that you will also help to reinforce similar practices and remind your child to do likewise when he or she gets home.

The school conducts temperature-taking exercises after the long weekends and school vacation. ***Kindly ensure that your child's thermometer is in working condition and that your child has the thermometer in his/her bag every day. This is part of social responsibility which we hope to inculcate in our students.***

Lastly, as there will be a few assessment items lined up over the next few weeks, we do hope you spend some time to monitor your child's learning and revision. As the assessment items counted towards the overall marks at the end of the year, do note that **a valid medical certificate** is needed if your child is not feeling well and is absent from school on the afore-mentioned dates. If he/she is absent and does not have a valid medical certificate, he/she will be given **"0" mark** for the particular assessment item.

Please also note that students who are late without a valid reason on the days of assessment will not be given extra time and the End Time would be the same as the rest of the students sitting for the assessment in the classrooms. ***Hence we would like to encourage parents to make it a habit to send your child to school early so that they have time to settle down before their school day begins.***

Thank you for your kind attention and support. If you have further queries on the above, please feel free to contact your child's Form Teacher.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Lee-Koh SC
Principal

Survey on Computer Ownership

Please complete this form and submit it to the Form Teacher by **Wed, 5 Apr 17**. Parents who have completed the survey earlier via the online link issued will not be required to complete the form again.

Name of Child (as reflected in BC): _____ () Class: _____

Please tick (✓) in the appropriate column/box.

| No | Survey | Yes | No |
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| 1 | My child has an access to a computing device (desktop/ laptop) at home. | | |
| 2 | My child has an access to a mobile device (tablet/ smart phone) at home. | | |
| 3 | There is internet connection at home. | | |
| 4 | My child is allowed to access the computing device/ mobile device at home _____ <input type="checkbox"/> with my permission all the time. <input type="checkbox"/> with my permission sometimes. <input type="checkbox"/> without my permission. <input type="checkbox"/> My child is not allowed to use the computing devices/ mobile device at all. | | |

Thank you for your input.