

20 August 2018

Dear Parents

Please be informed that the last day of school for Term 3 is **Thu, 30 Aug 18**. As we look forward to the school holidays and plan for Term 4, I would like to keep you informed of a few important matters.

Calendar of School Events/Public Holiday in Term 4

The following are the scheduled events and public holidays for Term 4. More details will be provided later for the respective events or programmes.

Week	Programmes/ Events/ Holidays	Remarks
Week 1	<u>Fri, 14 Sep 18</u> PSLE Listening Comprehension	P1 to P5 students need not report to school.
Week 3 & 4	<u>Thu to Wed, 27 Sep 18 to 3 Oct 18</u> PSLE (Written Papers)	School as usual for P1 to P5 students.
Week 4	<u>Thu, 4 Oct 18</u> Children's Day Celebrations	Students to report to school from 7.30 am to 10 am .
	<u>Fri, 5 Oct 18</u> Children's Day Holiday	All students need not report to school.
Week 6	<u>Mon to Thu, 15 to 18 Oct 18</u> PSLE Marking Days	As teachers are involved in the PSLE Marking Exercise, all students need not report to school for the 4 days.
Week 8	<u>Fri, 2 Nov 18</u> School Marking & Administration Day	As all staff are involved in results processing for the overall assessment, all students need not report to school.
Week 9	<u>Tue, 6 Nov 18</u> Deepavali	All students need not report to school.
	<u>Fri, 9 Nov 18</u> Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) cum Home-Based Learning	All students need not report to school.
Week 10	<u>Thu, 15 Nov 18</u> Level Prize Giving & Promotion Day	P1 to P5 students to report to school from 7.30 am to 10 am & they will be informed of their 2019 class.
	<u>Thu, 15 Nov 18</u> P6 Graduation Day	P6 students are to report to school from 7.30 am to 12.30 pm . The P6 parents are invited to join in from 10.15 am to 12.30 pm . More details will be shared later.
	<u>Fri, 16 Nov 18</u> Achievement Day	Only Prize Winners, Performers & selected Prefects need to report to school from 7.30 am to 10.30 am. More details will be shared later.

Informing School of Child's Travel Plans

As practised earlier, we are requesting that you provide the school with travel details via MC Online portal if your child is travelling overseas at any time. For instructions to enter your travel details using our online form, please visit the school website at <http://www.springdalepri.moe.edu.sg/>.

To familiarise all parents of P1 students with this practice, we would like you to submit your travel plans for the coming September holidays. A Nil return is required.

Early Closure of General Office on Thu & Fri, 30 & 31 Aug 18

The school General Office would be **closed at 4 pm** on Thu & Fri, 30 & 31 Aug 18 for the following:

a. Teachers' Day Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on **Thu, 30 Aug 18**. Students would only need to report to school from **7.30 am to 10 am** on that day.

b. My Family Weekend from 31 Aug 18 to 2 Sep 18

MSF is supporting the Families for Life (FFL) Council to celebrate "My Family Weekend" from Fri, 31 Aug 18 to Sun, 2 Sep 18. This initiative will allow families to spend quality time with their loved ones and is a good opportunity for employers to show support towards building family-friendly workplaces and strong families in Singapore.

More details of the programmes and activities can be found at <https://www.familiesforlife.sg/unite-at-an-event/Pages/My-Family-Weekend-2018.aspx>. Do consider participating in some of these activities to bond with your family over this exciting weekend.

Survey for Parents of Primary 2, 4 & 6 Students

The school has sent out an email on Sat, 18 Aug 18 to invite parents whose children are in Primary 2, 4 and 6 to participate in the Springdale Primary Annual Survey 2018. The survey will be "live" from **Sat, 18 Aug 18 to Mon, 27 Aug 18**. We would like to encourage all parents to complete the survey to help the school improve its programmes and processes. Your feedback and opinion is important to us and will help us better understand your concerns and needs. Please be assured that no personal responses will be revealed and no individual name will be identified. All responses to this survey will be held strictly confidential and anonymous.

CCA Updates

Your P3 child would have already started formal CCA at the beginning of Term 3. We hope all students in their respective CCA have learnt much and enjoyed the activities. At times, teachers and coaches might **challenge students to carry out difficult tasks** during CCA. These are also opportunities for them to **build their character**. We hope parents can continue **to support them by encouraging them to persevere**. However, should your child feel disengaged and require help, he/she can speak to the CCA teacher about it. We would **strongly encourage your child to continue with the current CCA** in order to deepen his/her knowledge, skills and the friendships forged. In addition, changing CCA would sometimes mean that the child would have to start from scratch and join the lower level to build the foundation.

If there is still a strong impetus for change of CCA, please email your requests to Mr Randall Lim, HOD/PE at lim_kern_wei_randall@moe.edu.sg and Mr Hasnan, ST/PE at hasnan_b_ahmad@moe.edu.sg **during the period between 8 to 12 Oct 18 only (Term 4 Week 5)**. Please do not email requests earlier or after this period. In the request, please state the name of the child, class and reason for the change. The CCA Committee might speak to your child, CCA Teacher and Form Teacher before any decision is made.

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E-Homework on McOnline Portal

As you are aware, the school has been assigning **e-homework twice a month via MC Online portal**. The teachers have noticed that not all students complete their assignments online, despite having a computing device and internet connection at home. The school would like to impress upon the children that online assignments reinforce the daily work that the teachers give in class. Thus we seek your support to ensure that **your child completes his/her MC Online assignments**. Do refer to the Online Assignment Schedule that was issued to the students at the beginning of the term. Besides completing assignments, students can also go to the portal to revise on the subjects taught when they are free.

Nurturing Responsible Users of ICT

To inculcate the importance of being a responsible user of ICT, it is advisable for parents to set and go through ground rules with your child on accessing computers, laptops, mobile devices (phones and tablets) and internet:

1. Set time limit and enforce it as this helps children to manage their time.
2. Set objectives, based on the depending on the time limit set by parents, as this helps children to stay on-task.
3. Select appropriate websites that they are allowed to access as this sets the boundary for children to stay within the safe sites that you approve of.

Healthy Habits & Activities for the coming holidays

For this short break, we would like to encourage your child to cultivate healthy habits and spend the holidays meaningfully. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Encourage your child to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activities for about **60 min** a day. These can be in the form of swimming, cycling, jogging, playing games with friends in the neighbourhood park, taking walks with the family and even doing housework.
- ✓ Encourage your child to eat healthy balanced meals which include vegetables, fruit, meat and whole-grains.
- ✓ Encourage your child to maintain good hygiene habits such as keeping their hands and feet clean and trimming their nails.
- ✓ Visit the nearest community library and borrow a range of books. For the school holidays, the quota of books that can be borrowed is usually doubled.
- ✓ If you are travelling, get your child to do a mini-research on the culture, places of interest, historical background, geographical structure, famous people, etc. of the place you are visiting.
- ✓ Do subject revisions (via MC Online) on areas which your child needs to work on in preparation for the year-end assessments.
- ✓ Ensure your child cultivates the habit of sleeping at least 8 to 9 hours a day and waking up early even during the holidays.

First Day of School in Term 4

The last day for this term is **Thu, 30 Aug 18**. Students will report back to school on **Mon, 10 Sep 18** after the Term 3 holiday. As a practice, the school conducts its temperature-taking exercise over the first 3 days of school after each long weekend or term break. ***Kindly ensure that your child's thermometer is in working condition and your child has the thermometer in his/her bag every day.*** Should you have any queries, please feel free to call or email your child's Form Teacher.

We wish you and your family a meaningful September break and do check out the activities organised by the Family for Life Council.

Yours sincerely
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