



Dear Parents / Guardians,

With our pupils well settled into their routines and learning, we look forward to meeting all of you at the annual Parents' Briefing (4 Feb for P1 & P2; 18 Feb for P3 to P5). We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting so that you can receive important information on assessment matters and learn how to support your child in his / her learning. Each level's briefing is customised for that level. If you have more than one child in the school, you are advised to attend all the briefings.

1. Staff Updates

- We would like to congratulate the following staff on their new appointments:
Mdm Catherine Tan – Year Head (P5)
Mr Kenneth Mok – Subject Head (Physical Education)
Mdm Catherine Lim – Senior Teacher (Lower Primary)
Mdm Sally Lee - Senior Teacher (Character & Citizenship Education)
- Mr Joshua Seow has been re-deployed as Subject Head (Discipline).
- Mrs Sangeet Bajaj is covering duty as Year Head (P3 / P4) and Ms Ng Lip Kiang is covering duty as Year Head (P1 / P2).
- Mr Mohd Hazman, Subject Head (Malay Language), will be on No-Pay-Leave from February to May 2017. Mdm Yasmine will oversee the Malay department in his absence.

2. Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to Wei Xinyu (5 Attentive) for clinching 2nd prize in the 8th Global Village Children and Youth Bilingual Speech Competition.

3. Events in February

Date	Event / Programme	Remarks
Wed, 1 Feb	Photo-taking for P1 School Smart Card	Please ensure your child is dressed in his / her full school uniform for the photo shoot.
Sat, 4 Feb	Briefing for P1 Parents Briefing for P2 Parents	9am to 10.30am Details of the briefing has been provided to parents in a separate letter.
Mon, 13 Feb	Commemoration of Total Defence Day	Please see item 6 for more information.
Sat, 18 Feb	Briefing for P3 to P5 Parents	More information will be provided to parents at a later date.
Wed, 22 Feb to Sat, 1 Mar	Annual School Based Health Screening	Please see item 7 for more information.

4. Events in March

Date	Event / Programme	Remarks
Fri, 10 Mar	Mathematics Workshop for Parents of P1 / P2 / P5 pupils	Invitations will be sent out to parents for sign-up at a later date.
Sat, 11 Mar to Sun, 19 Mar	Term 1 School Holiday	

5. Chinese New Year Celebration

The school's Chinese New Year Celebration will be held on Friday, 27 January 2017 from 7.30am to 10.00am. Lessons will be suspended on this day. There will be a special Chinese New Year concert and classroom activities. All pupils are encouraged to wear their traditional costumes with school shoes. Those who do not have traditional costumes are encouraged to wear a red T-shirt with their PE shorts. Pupils need to bring their storybooks for assembly silent reading, stationery (a pair of scissors, coloured pencils and glue) and water bottle. Please make transport arrangements for your child.

6. Total Defence Day Programme

Total Defence Day marks the British surrender of Singapore to the Japanese during the World War II and is commemorated annually on 15 February. 2017 is a special year as it marks both the 75th Anniversary of the fall of Singapore in WWII and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of National Service (NS50). Hence, 2017 underscores the importance of Total Defence as our all-round response to threats and challenges.

The theme for this year's Total Defence Day is "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". It aims to reaffirm the solidarity, strength, and values of all Singaporeans that have kept our nation safe and peaceful over the past 51 years.

The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on Mon, 13 Feb. We have planned a variety of activities and programmes during assembly, class-time and recess, to share the importance of Total Defence with our pupils. More information about Total Defence Day can be found at the following link: www.totaldefence.sg

7. Annual School Based Health Screening 2017

The team from the School Health Service will visit the school from 22 Feb to 1 Mar to conduct health checks and immunisation for the P1 to P5 pupils during school hours. Information from the Health Promotion Board on the School Health Service will be issued to the pupils at a later date.

All pupils are required to submit their Health Booklet to their form teachers between 6 Feb to 10 Feb.

8. Learning Journeys

Different learning journeys have been planned for the pupils of various levels to take learning beyond the classroom. Letters will be issued to parents to inform of such activities, hence these will not be highlighted in this newsletter.

9. Jazz Dance lessons for P1 Classes

We are pleased to offer the CSTD Jazz Dance module during music lessons for all P1 classes. Your P1 child will go through the complete syllabus of the Pre Modern level in Semester 1. In April, you will get the option to register your child for the CSTD Jazz Dance Examination (Pre modern level). The examination is optional and will be conducted in school around the month of May. More details will be given at a later date.

10. Beijing Cultural Immersion Programme for P5 pupils

We will be organising a cultural immersion programme in China, Beijing for our Primary 5 pupils in Term 2 Week 10. The key objectives of this programme are to develop in pupils:

- global awareness, cross-cultural skills and appreciation of different cultures and,
- the core social emotional learning skills to effectively manage their personal and emotional aspects of life.

Participants will visit a primary school in Beijing, and collaborate with their Chinese peers on project-based learning to strengthen their critical and inventive thinking skills and communication skills essential in the 21st century. This trip has been specially designed to enhance our pupils' understanding of the Chinese culture.

There will be a pre-sign up briefing for interested parents and pupils on:

Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2017

Time: 5pm to 6pm

Venue: School Hall.

Interested pupils should obtain an application form from Mdm Claire Chan, HOD / MTL and submit the reply slip to indicate their attendance at the briefing by **Monday, 6 February 2017.**

11. Learning Management System (LMS)

The school believes in developing pupils to become self-directed learners who will question, reflect, persevere and take responsibility for their own learning. Hence, e-learning is assigned on a weekly basis from Wednesday to the following Tuesday. Pupils will be required to login to the LMS to complete the e-learning.

Website Address : <https://www.mconline.sg>

Login ID : Pupil's ID (eg. T0234567A Pupil keys in 34567A.)

School : Sengkang Green Primary School / SKGPS

12. Parents Support Group (PSG) Membership Registration

The PSG is updating its database. As part of a new initiative, PSG membership has to be renewed yearly. All parents who would like to be part of the 2017 PSG are required to complete the PSG registration form (Annex A). The completed registration form must be returned to your child's form teacher by Mon, 6 Feb.

13. Parent Support Group (PSG) Tea Session

The first PSG meeting of the year will be held on Fri, 24 Feb at 12pm. Parents who have registered to be part of the 2017 PSG are strongly encouraged to attend the tea session. More details are provided in the attached letter. Kindly complete the reply slip and return it to your child's form teacher by Mon, 6 Feb.

14. Calling for Parent Volunteers for the kidsREAD Club

We will be setting up an after-school programme, kidsREAD Club, in collaboration with the National Library Board (NLB). The kidsREAD programme aims to cultivate the love of reading and promote good reading habits among our Primary 1 and 2 pupils from low-income families. Pupils will have access to a variety of children's literature and they will take part in activities to develop and facilitate their interest in reading.

In order to set up a kidsREAD Club in our school, we need parent volunteers as they are the lifeline of the programme. Parents who volunteer to help us in this programme will be provided with free basic training in storytelling as well as facilitating reading activities by the NLB. The kidsREAD Club sessions will be conducted once a week after school from 2.15pm to 3.15pm on Tuesdays/ Thursdays.

If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of our pupils, please contact Ms Chua Siew Kheng or Mdm Lee Chun Hua at 6386 4255.

15. Lost and Found Items

Kindly ensure that your child's name and class are clearly indicated on his/her personal belongings like water bottle, lunch box and wallet so that they may be returned to the owner promptly when found.

We would like to wish all our Chinese pupils and their family members a Prosperous and Blessed Lunar New Year.

Your Partner-in-Education,

Mrs Daphne Yeoh
Principal