



Dear Parents /Guardians,

Last week we had an engaging Parents' Briefing session for P1 and P2. We would like to thank the parents for attending the briefing and the feedback for the school. For those of you who were unable to attend, we strongly encourage you to access the information from the briefing slides that have been uploaded onto the school website. For the coming Saturday on 3 Feb, we look forward to meeting the parents of P3 to P6. We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. We will brief you on shifting to primary school education and I am sure you will gain insight on 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 and had attended last Saturday's briefing, I want to advise you to attend this coming Saturday's briefing too.

1. Staff Updates

We welcome our new staff, Mr Chong Mun Fai, our school part-time counsellor.

2. Events in February

The Feb events/activities are as follows:

Date	Event / Programme	Remarks
3 February (Sat)	P3-P6 Parents' Briefing	0900 – 1030 hr
15 February (Thurs)	Chinese New Year Eve	Dismiss at 9.45 am
16 February (Fri) – 19 February (Mon)	Chinese Lunar New Year	Public Holiday & School Holiday

3. Road Safety

The school has been educating your child on safety matters, including the proper use of pedestrian crossing. We need parents to reinforce the message of road safety, especially in the following areas of concern:

3.1 Arrival to School from the direction of Blk 453

Students coming to school from the direction of Blk 453 in the morning are to use Gate G. Please let your child know to avoid crossing the road in front of the school gates where there is heavy traffic in and out of the school, especially in the morning. We understand that there are concerns about school gates and we are currently looking at improving these gates.

3.2 Arrival from the direction of Seletar Mall

We noticed that some parents with children jaywalked and crossed the road at the location before there is a barricade at the road divider. We seek parents' cooperation in using the pedestrian crossing in front of our school Gate A.

3.3 Crossing the Road at the Pedestrian Crossing in front of the School Gate

Our students have been taught to cross the road safely using the "Stop, Look, Wave" steps. Students are to wait for pedestrian lights to turn to their favour before crossing the road. Please help to remind your child and practise this with your child if you accompany him/her to the school.

4. Chinese New Year Celebration

Chinese New Year Celebration will be held on Thursday, 15 February 2018 from 7.30 am to 9.45 am. Lessons will be suspended on this day. There will be a special Chinese New Year concert and classroom activities. All students are encouraged to wear Chinese traditional costumes with school shoes. Those who do not have Chinese traditional costumes are encouraged to wear a red T-shirt with their PE shorts. Students may wear PE attire if they do not have a red T-shirt. Students 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.

5. Total Defence Day Programme

Total Defence Day on 15 February marks the British surrender of Singapore to the Japanese during the World War II and is commemorated annually. The theme for Total Defence Day (TDD) is Together We Keep Singapore Strong. Singapore has remained safe and peaceful over the past 52 years because of the efforts of all Singaporeans. This is essentially Total Defence.

Total Defence remains relevant because the threats faced today require all Singaporeans to step up and play their part. Our youth are encouraged to put Total Defence into action in their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient as Singapore's greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people.

The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on Monday, 12 February 2018. We have planned a variety of activities and programmes during assembly, class-time and recess, to share the importance of Total Defence with our students. We have included some of the essential careers for the defending Singapore. More information about Total Defence Day can be found at the following link: www.totaldefence.sg

6. Learning Journeys

Different learning journeys have been planned for the students 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.

7. Jazz Dance lessons for P1 Classes

We are pleased to offer the Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing (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.

8. Beijing Cultural Immersion Programme for P5 students

We will be organising a cultural immersion programme in China, Beijing for our Primary 5 students in June. The key objectives of this programme are to develop in students the following:

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

Participants will visit a primary school in Beijing, collaborate and learn from their China peers to strengthen their critical and inventive thinking skills as well as communication skills essential in the 21st century. This programme has been specially designed to enhance our students' understanding of the Chinese culture.

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

Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2018

Time: During P5 Parent Engagement Session

Venue: School Hall

Interested students should obtain an application form from Mdm Claire Chan, HOD / MT and indicate their interest by submitting the application form by Wednesday, **14 February 2018**.

9. Learning Management System (LMS)

The school believes in developing students 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. Students 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

10. 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 2018 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 **Tuesday, 6 February 2018.**

11. Parent Support Group (PSG) Tea Session

Parent Support Group will be holding its first Tea Session for all PSG members on Friday, 2 March 2018. It will be held at the T-Room, from 12.00 to 1.15 pm. Light refreshments will be served. To register for the tea session, please complete **Annex B** and return it to your child's form teacher by **Tuesday, 6 February 2018.**

12. Lost and Found Items

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

13. Publication of Students' Photos and Video Recordings

The photographs or video images of our students and parents are captured during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps, school concerts, etc. Please note that such photographs and / or video recordings may be published in school publications, websites, social media channels, and other communication channels.

14. Use of Payphones in the Canteen

Please note that two payphones are available in the canteen for students' easy access. The general office staff will continue to provide assistance to P1 and P2 students should they wish to contact their parents. Students who are unwell should also approach their teachers or office staff for help. Should your child contact you to inform that he/she is unwell or has some concerns, please advise him/her to go to the general office for attention.

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

We look forward to working closely with you to provide quality experiences for your child's holistic development. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you have any enquiries or concerns. We also welcome your feedback or suggestion for improvement. Best wishes for a great year ahead.

Your Partner-in-Education,

Mr Gau Poh Teck
Principal

**SENGKANG GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP
2018 REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: Mr / Mrs / Mdm / Dr : _____

	Name of child / children	2018 Class
1		
2		
3		
4		

If you have more than one child studying in the school, you need to submit only one form through the oldest child's form teacher by Tuesday, 6 February 2018.

Contact No : _____ (HP) _____ (H)

PSG WhatsApp Chat Group is currently our mode of communication to disseminate information on the upcoming events & volunteering opportunities

We will need help from time to time for some events or ad-hoc projects and would appreciate parents who can offer their expertise in the following area:

- Photography Cooking & / baking Videography & editing videos
- Art & Craft (eg balloon sculpting, origami etc), please specify _____
- Sports (eg yoga, zumba etc), please specify _____
- Performances (performing on stage)
- Others talents, please specify _____

Any suggestions:

Signature of Parent: _____

By filling in your details, you agree to be contacted by the PSG Committee and Coordinators for volunteering opportunities. Thank you for your support.



Registration for PSG Tea Session

Our first Parent Support Group (PSG) tea session for members is on Friday, 2 March 2018. It will be held at the T-Room, from 12.00 to 1.15pm. Light refreshments will be served.

The objectives of the tea session are mainly to get to one another and how you can support the school.

The programme for the day is as follows:

11.45-12 noon: Registration	
1	Opening address by the school leader
2	Appointment ceremony
3	PSG Chairperson's address
4	Events
5	Q&A

Please complete the reply slip and return it to your child's form teacher by **Tuesday, 6 February 2018.**

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you.

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PSG Tea Session

Reply slip

I * **will** / **will not** be able to attend the PSG tea session on Friday, 2 March 2018.

Number of adults attending the Tea Session: * **1** / **2**

I have signed up to be a member of PSG.

Name of Parent : _____ Signature of Parent: _____

Name of Child: _____ Class: _____

** Please delete accordingly*

