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KEEPING-IN-TOUCH (Primary 1)

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Friday 12 Feb 2016

Diary Dates	
Friday 19 Feb	Primary 1 / 2 English Language Workshop for Parents *
Friday 26 Feb	Primary 1 / 2 Maths Workshop for Parents *
Friday 4 Mar	Primary 1 / 2 Mother Tongue Language Workshop for Parents *
Wednesday 9 Mar	Last Day of Term 1 / Cleaning of Classroom
Thursday 10 Mar	Parent-Teacher Conferencing (No lessons) **
Friday 11 Mar	Parent-Teacher Conferencing (No lessons) **
Sunday 13 Mar	Fund Raising Carnival, in collaboration with Lions Club Singapore
Sat 12 Mar to Sunday 20 Mar	March School Holidays
Monday 21 Mar	First Day of Term 2 A new time-table for Term 2 will be issued to your child.
Friday 25 Mar	Good Friday (Public Holiday)

* A letter for the Parents' Workshop has been issued to you on Wednesday 10 Feb 2016

** Your child's Form Teacher will schedule a 20-minute meeting with you to provide feedback on your child's learning and development in Term 1. Your child will also be sharing on his or learning at the meeting. This will take place either on 10 Mar or 11 Mar 2015. A letter will be given to your child on Friday 19 Feb 2016 to get you to book on-line the schedule for meeting with your child's teachers. If you are not able to attend this meeting, please do alert the respective Form Teacher for an alternative time slot, where possible. Thank you.

From The Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians,

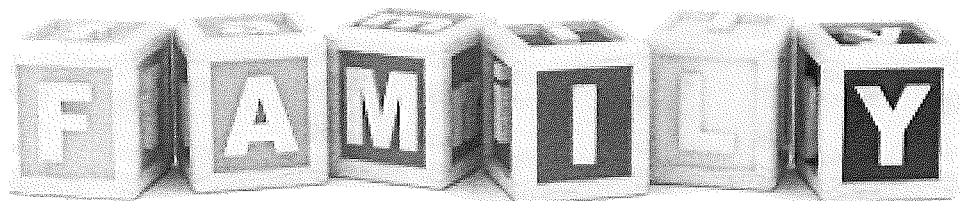
Greetings from Punggol View Primary School!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family – a safe, healthy and happy 2016. We noted that our Primary 1 students seem to get along very well with their peers and teachers. They are also well adjusted to the school routine. Thank you for your support in this area.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our Chinese families a Happy Lunar New Year.

We hope that your child's journey with us will be a joyful and engaging learning experience. We write to parents / guardians via this newsletter to share our plans, joys as well as sorrows so that as a Punggol View Family, we can support one another.

Please first allow me to share my hope to build a family in Punggol View. Being a new school in its fourth year, we do not have a history or a strong culture to start with. We hope that we can build a family where we show care and concern for our children and are committed to provide a Values-based, Holistic Education for them. We want to improve our communication with our parents so that you will understand the way we do things here, as well as support us in our commitment to create a culture of care and learning in this family.

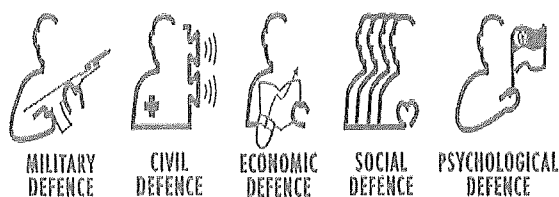


In summary, to build this Punggol View Family, we will need the 4Cs

- Care and Concern
- Commitment
- Communication
- Courtesy

I also understand that there may be moments that we may have our lapses, please do forgive us and we will ensure that we will do a better job the next time. Hence, in the moment we are overwhelmed with strong emotions, it is important that we treat one another with mutual respect and courtesy.

Total Defence Day on Monday 15 Feb 2016



Total Defence Day is held every year to remind ourselves of what happens when we are not able to defend ourselves. **On Monday 15 Feb 2016, the Public Warning Important Message Signal will be sounded at 6.20 pm** to mark the time that Singapore fell to the Japanese 74 years ago. Please do not be alarm by the sound of the sirens. A good habit is to alert our children and to tune in to any local FM radio station for public announcements. Our forefathers learned an important lesson in 1942 that the defence of our country would be up to us, and no one else. Today, the threat of war may seem far away. However, recent terrorist attacks in Paris, Istanbul, and closer home in Bangkok and Jakarta remind us that we must never take for

granted the safety and security of Singapore. All around the world, there are groups of misguided and ill-intentioned people who want to disrupt and threaten the safety and security of peaceful countries and communities. With the Internet, these groups can now reach out to like-minded individuals all around the world.

Total Defence is our response to these threats. All of us in Singapore, regardless of race and religion, must be alert, united, and determined to reject the ideas that seek to divide and destroy us as a Country. The Singapore Armed Forces, the Home Team and other government agencies are doing their best to keep Singapore safe and secure every day. But they cannot do it alone. All Singaporeans must stand shoulder to shoulder against any force that seeks to undermine our social, economic and psychological defences.

In school, we will be engaging our students in several aspects of Total Defence. On Thursday 11 Feb 2016, our P1 students learned the role of our Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) service men and women in protecting Singapore (Military Defence). The P2 on Civil Defence and the role of our Singapore Police Force, the P3 on our Singapore Civil Defence Force and the P4 on Social Defence and the role of the volunteers like Residents' Committees / People's Association members who come forward to help others like the needy families in the community. Our students would also be tasked to pen down words of appreciation to these "wonderful heroes" in a specially designed Thank You cards. We will be presenting the cards to the various agencies such as the Punggol Neighbourhood Police Centre, Punggol Vista CC and SCDF 2nd Div on Monday 15 Feb 2016. This will be a good way for our students not only to have head knowledge about Total Defence but also to express their feeling and appreciation to our fellow country men and women who are doing their best to keep Singapore safe and secure every day.

We will also be encouraging our students to play their part by making strong friendships with other students of different races and religions. Singapore's vibrant, multi-cultural society makes us special and strong, and we must stand together as one united people against any threat to our country. We also hope to engage you, our parents to renew our commitment to keep each other safe, and together keep Singapore strong.

School Routines and Procedures

We would like to inform you of the following routines and procedures to ensure the smooth operations of the school and to create a safe and secure environment for all our students:

a. Safety and Security

- Please drive safely and slowly along Punggol Place. Our students are very precious to us and we will not want any careless driver to cause an accident.
- Parents / Guardians have to obtain a visitor's pass at the gate for security reasons during normal curriculum time. We have to tighten our security in line with the government's security guidelines.
- We need your cooperation and understanding on this. We do not make apologies for being rule-bound as our students are very precious to us and we take safety and security matters very seriously to ensure our parents/guardians have peace of mind knowing that their children are in a safe environment.

b. Absence from School

- Please ensure that your child is well before sending him / her to school. As children play and interact with one another in close proximity, it is easy for them to pick up

viruses and germs. If your child is unwell, please take him / her to see a doctor and get the doctor to issue an MC.

- Should your child be absent from school, we would like you or your child to contact the Form Teacher or leave a message for the Form Teacher. We will also be contacting you as soon as we can should your child fail to report to school. To facilitate this channel of communication, we would appreciate it if you could provide us with your recent handphone number or contact number. Please do alert us immediately if you decide to change your contact number. In so doing we hope to work very closely with you to ensure that your child comes to school regularly.

c. Health Matters

- We encourage you to ensure that your child eats his / her breakfast before he / she comes to school. Research has shown that there is a strong correlation between performance in academic studies and whether the child eats a meal or not. We would be grateful if you could also encourage your child to eat healthily as we certainly do not want our students to become unfit and suffer from obesity. Also do encourage your child to sleep early and to have at least 9 to 10 hours of sleep.

d. Giving Constructive Feedback

- We are very privileged to have you as our supportive parent/guardian. We hope to invite you to participate in the school's programmes and volunteer selflessly. We hope you could support us as Parent Volunteers or even join the Parents' Support Group as the EXCO members.
- You may wish to contact Aunty Alice or Mr Sigmund Seow at 6570 1588 to inform either one of them how we could tap on your expertise to volunteer some of your time to support our children in their learning. For example, you may wish to volunteer your time to share an interesting learning experience and/or your career experience with our students on career option and life after school.
- You have also helped by giving us constructive feedback. We want to do better and we have been trying to put in place systems and structures to enable us to provide quality service and teaching. **Please accept our apologies should there be lapses but we will continue to do our best to work together with you to provide your child with an enriched education experience.**
- Our staff works hard because they care for your child and want your child to experience success in school. Please do take every opportunity to encourage our staff through your emails and complimentary notes.

We look forward to your continued support and cooperation as we give your child the education experience that he/she deserves in Punggol View. Thank you.



Kelvin Tay
Principal