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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We warmly welcome our students back to school in Term 4. As we are into the final term of the year, we hope that it will be an enriching and fulfilling time for each staff, parent and student.

1. **The World Red Swastika Society Bursary Fund**

Since 2015, the RSS School Management Committee (SMC) has set up 3 bursaries to provide financial assistance to students from low-income families. By setting up the bursaries, SMC hopes to touch the lives of RSS students and instil in them greater awareness of the values of charity and compassion.

The 3 bursaries are:

- 1) The World Red Swastika Society Bursary
- 2) Goh Keng Swee Foundation Bursary
- 3) Choong Yeok Yin Bursary

The Bursaries will be opened for P1 to P5 students in 2018. The type of bursary awarded will be based on family financial status, conduct grade, academic improvement and other factors. Final selection and award of the bursaries will be made by the Selection Committee which comprises of SMC and School Management. The bursaries will be presented on Founder's Day, Friday, 11th January 2019.

If you wish to apply for the bursaries, please obtain the application form which will be available from Monday, 24 September 2018 from the General Office and submit the completed form by Wednesday, 10 October 2018, during office hours between 8am-5pm.

2. **Values in Action (VIA) – Donation Drive**

The school will be embarking on a donation drive in Term 4. This is part of the VIA – Donation Drive spear-headed by our Primary 6 students as one of their post PSLE activities. The collection of the old uniforms is intended to be from Monday, 29 October 2018 – Friday, 9 November 2018. Our P6 students will be involved in collecting, sorting, unpicking of school badges and name tags from the shirts, and packing the old uniforms. These old uniforms collected will be donated to the Operation Hope Foundation (OHF) for OHF's orphanage children in Cambodia.

All P1 - P6 parents will be informed of our VIA Donation Drive via SNAC which will be posted in Term 4 Week 2.

If you need any further clarification, please contact Mdm Roziana, VIA coordinator, at 64430380 during office hours or email her at roziana_rumli@moe.edu.sg.

3. Participation in Community Activities Outside School

In line with the emphasis on a student-centric, values-driven education and a greater focus on Character and Citizenship Education, we are recognising students' participation in community activities organised by community partners who have supported the school's efforts to nurture the child holistically.

If your child/ward has participated in community activities outside school, you may provide the school with a letter from the organisation with information on the activity that your child/ward has participated in and the number of hours contributed to the activity, by Wednesday, 26 September 2018. Examples of community activities include volunteering at voluntary welfare organisations and performing at community events. The name of the activity and the number of hours contributed to the activity will be reflected in your child's/ward's report book (Holistic Development Profile).

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4. Semestral Assessment 2 (SA2)

The SA2 dates (P2-P5) have been disseminated to help you plan a revision schedule for your child/ward. The details on weighted assessment for P1 will be given nearer to the dates.

We like to remind all parents/guardians on the following:

Unwell Students On Day/s Of School Assessment

If a student is unwell and has a temperature above 37.6°C, he/she will be taken to the general office. The school will contact his/her parent/guardian to take him/her home. Any student who attends school but he/she is supposed to be on medical leave will not be allowed to take his/her assessment/s.

We urge all parents/guardians to co-operate and assist us in this matter. Insisting that the student comes or remains in school when he/she is unwell will expose the other students to the virus he/she has contracted. We urge all parents and students alike to practice social responsibility.

In addition, it is in the **child's/ward's best interest not to be in school when he/she is unwell** as the assessment scores will not be a fair reflection of his/her academic ability since he/she will not be able to focus and be at his/her best.

Absence During School Assessment Days

Students who are absent will be given the assessment papers as practice and the marks will not be included in the overall marks computation.

The following are only considered as **valid reason/s for absence/s** during assessments:

- Medical reasons supported by a Medical Certificate (MC) from a doctor. MCs from Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners are not accepted unless the TCM clinic is under the purview of a hospital.
- Bereavement of family members. A medical certificate or copy of the death certificate has to be given to the form teacher when the student returns to school to support his/her absence.

All other reasons are to be considered **on a case-by-case basis, subject to the school's approval.**

No marks will be given for any assessment in which a student is absent without a valid reason. This will be taken into account for the computation of the subject and overall total for the year.

Students are expected to attend school as per normal until the end of the term even when school assessment days are over.

5. Health Matters

The health and well-being of our students are of top priority. As part of our efforts in instilling social responsibility in our students, we seek your cooperation to check your child's/ward's temperature and his/her overall well-being daily. Please remind your child/ward of good hygiene practices and to bring his/her thermometer to school every day. If your child/ward has a pre-existing condition, do also remind him/her to have the medication with him/her daily, e.g., child/ward with asthma is to carry the inhaler. If your child/ward feels unwell, please take him/her to seek medical help and let him/her rest at home.

6. Safety and Security

As part of the SGSecure movement, a national movement to sensitise, train and mobilise the community to play a part to prevent and deal with a terrorist attack. RSS has conducted successfully Ground Deployment Exercise (GDX) on 3 July 2018. Students and staff have learnt to move quickly and quietly into designated safe areas away from the danger area as well as evacuated into a safe holding area. Let's continue to do our part to keep RSS safe and secure!

Road safety is of paramount importance to the school. Road safety habits are highlighted during school assembly and staff are deployed at school gates during dismissal to reinforce safety behaviour. Please help us to continue remind your child/ward of good road safety habits.

I like to thank you once again for abiding by the road safety rules while moving your vehicles within the HDB car park next to Gate 5. In ensuring safety to our students during school arrival in the morning, I have deployed staff as traffic marshals at the car park gantry to facilitate students crossing at that juncture. I would like to seek your continued cooperation to be patient and understanding to ensure the smoothness of traffic flow. There must be no drop-off at Gate 3 at all times. For students who walk or cycle to school, please remind your child/ward to take extra precaution when on his/her way to school.

Please also be reminded that only designated school buses and staff cars are allowed to enter by the main gate and park within the school premise. Let us continue to build a safe environment for the community.

7. Communication and Email

Letters to parents/guardians will continue to be sent via SNAC. For any other matters, you can either email us at redswastika@moe.edu.sg or call us at 64430380. You can also find the email addresses of the teachers on the school website at www.redswastika.moe.edu.sg.

Kindly inform us if there is any change in your email address and contact numbers.

8. Calendar of Events for Term 4

Calendar of Events for Term 4 is attached for your ease of reference.

Thank you for your understanding and continuous support.

Best Regards,



Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal

Calendar of Events for Term 4

EVENT	DATE	REMARKS
TERM 4		
PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination	14 Sep	There will be no lessons for P3 to P5 students. Lessons are as usual for P1 and P2. However, all P1 and P2 before school activities will be suspended.
Semestral Assessment (SA) 2 (P2 to P5)	17 Sep to 29 Oct	A detailed SA2 timetable will be given nearer the date.
PSLE Written Examinations	27 Sep to 3 Oct	Lessons are as usual for P1 to P5.
Children's Day Celebrations	4 Oct	All levels will function from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSS Mini Olympics for P1 and P2 before recess • There will be no lessons on 5 Oct as it is a school holiday.
PSLE Marking	15 Oct to 18 Oct	There will be no lessons for all students.
Gifted Education Programme Selection Exercise	16 Oct to 17 Oct	For shortlisted P3 students only.
Deepavali	6 Nov	It is a scheduled Public Holiday.
School Admin Day	8 Nov	There will be no lessons for all students.
P1 Portfolio Day	12 Nov	More details will be given nearer the date.
Prize Presentation Ceremony	16 Nov	All P6 students and selected students from P1 to P5. More details will be given nearer the date.
P1 Orientation for 2019 P1 intake	16 Nov	More details will be given nearer the date.