9 March 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians,

With Term 1 coming to an end, I hope that your child/ward has settled in well. I would like to bring to your attention to the following:

1. **Travel Plans During the March Holidays**
   To help the school monitor our student's health when school re-opens, kindly refer to the attached instructions to declare your travel plans for the upcoming March school holidays (12 Mar to 20 Mar 2016) via McOnline portal at www.mconline.sg using your child's/ward's account. You may also edit or delete the forms should there be a change of plans.

   Should you encounter any problem accessing the McOnline portal, please call the helpdesk at 6777 5198 from Mondays to Fridays, 7am – 9pm and Saturdays, 7am – 2pm.

2. **World Red Swastika Society Spring Festival Luncheon for the Underprivileged Families**
   We have partnered the World Red Swastika Society in distributing red packets and hosting lunch for underprivileged families receiving public assistance on Saturday 23 January 2016. Your kindness and generosity have helped us raise a donation amount of $3,626.95. We thank you once again for your contribution.

3. **65th Anniversary Dinner Performance**
   To celebrate the school's 65th anniversary, the School Management Committee, together with RSS Alumni Association and RSS Parent Support Group, will be hosting a dinner, ‘RSS 65th Anniversary Dinner Performance’ — 一日卍慈人，一生卍慈情’ in the school hall on Saturday 22 May 2016. The sale of dinner tickets has been extended to 21 March 2016 and the proceeds will go into our School Management Fund for the impeding Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) upgrading. You can refer to the details in the letter distributed on 11 February 2016 or download the reply slip from our school website http://www.redswastika.moe.edu.sg. We look forward to your support and having you at the dinner.

4. **Primary Education Review and Implementation Upgrading**
   As informed last year, the school will be upgraded with additional facilities as part of MOE's plan to support holistic education. There would be a delay of the upgrading works that will be carried out. We will share more details when available.

5. **Electronic Payment System for Carpark**
   We have been informed by Housing and Development Board (HDB) that the HDB car park outside school will be implemented with the Electronic Parking System (EPS) from June 2016. More details will be provided in due course.

6. **Safety and Health Matters**
   For students who walk or cycle to school, please be reminded to take extra precaution on their way to and from school. For students who travel by car, the drop-off point should be at the HDB car park next to Gate 5.
Under the Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) Regulations, it is an offence to leave the engine of a motor vehicle running when it is stationary for reasons other than traffic conditions. Errant motorists could be fined up to a maximum of $5000. To achieve better air quality and safeguard public health, kindly turn off your car engines while waiting for your child/ward.

We also seek your help to remind your child of good hygiene practices. Should your child feel unwell, please take him/her to seek medical help and let him/her rest at home until he/she has fully recovered.

7. Calendar of Events for Term 2
Some important events in Term 2 are listed in the table below for your reference.

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<td>27 May</td>
<td>No lessons for all students. More details will be given nearer the date.</td>
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8. School Assessment
The SA1 timetable for P3-P6 will be given on 9 March 2016.

Unwell Students On Day Of Assessment
If a student is unwell and has a temperature above 37.6°C, the child will be taken to the general office. The school will contact his/her parents to take him/her home.

Students who turn up for school but are supposed to be on medical leave will not be allowed to take the assessments.
The school requests that parents co-operate and assist in this matter. Insisting that a child comes or remains in school when he/she is unwell may mean that he/she is exposing the other students in the class to the infection he/she has contracted. This is against the principle of social responsibility which we constantly try to impart to our students.

It is also in the child’s best interest not to be in school when he/she is unwell. He/She will not be able to focus and do well for the tests he/she is taking due to illness. He/she needs to be resting and recovering. The marks he/she scores may not be a fair reflection of his/her true ability.

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

Only the following are considered as valid reasons for absences 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 mark 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.

9. Change in Name Tag Supplier
Finest Stitches Pte Ltd will be our new supplier for name tags with immediate effect. The prices remain unchanged as follows: 10 pieces at $10 and 5 pieces at $7. The contact details and new order form can be found on the school website http://www.redswastika.moe.edu.sg. Please note that it is compulsory for all P1 to P4 students in 2016 to have name tags on both school uniform and PE attire throughout their primary education in RSS.

Should you need further clarification, do not hesitate to contact your child’s/ward’s Form Teacher or the administrative staff at the General Office.

I wish you and your child/ward a fruitful bonding time during the March holidays.

Best regards,

Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal
Steps to declare your travel plans via McOnline portal

1. Log on to McOnline portal at www.mconline.sg using your child's/ward's login ID and password.

2. Go to School Admin → School Matters → Travel Plan

3. Click on Declare

4. Fill in the details and click Save