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Dear Parents/Guardians of P2-P6 Students,

On behalf of all staff, I wish you a Happy New Year and I look forward to another fruitful year as we journey together in partnership to develop your child/ward holistically.

2. PSLE 2017 Achievements

2017 was another milestone for the school's journey of academic excellence with the sustained results in the PSLE. This was only made possible from the hard work put in by the Primary 6 students, staff and parents. I am pleased to share the highlights of our results:

- 100% passes for all standard subjects
- 85.3% of the P6 cohort is eligible for Express Course in Secondary School.
- 38.1% of students with Quality Passes (A* - A) in all 4 subjects.
- Percentage of Quality Passes (A* - A) is above National Performance.

3. Curriculum Time in 2018

Please be reminded that Primary 3 to Primary 6 students are to be in their respective classes for pledge-taking no later than 7.30am. All students are encouraged to arrive in school at least 5 minutes before the reporting time to give themselves time to settle in and get ready for the day.

For his/her meal break, please prepare snack items for your child/ward to pack to school. Please be reminded that there will not be any sharing of food among students as individuals may have different allergies.

We like to reiterate that there will not be any facilitation of handing over of any student's work/item or passing of pocket money via the general office. Parents/Guardians are strongly urged to remind their children/wards to bring their learning materials, homework assignments and sufficient pocket money to school each day.

4. Email addresses of Form and Subject Teachers

If you would like to find out more about the school for your child/ward, please do refer to the school website at www.redswastika.moe.edu.sg for more information.

Please also refer under the section of 'About RSS' and sub-section of the School Staff to find the email addresses of your children's/wards' Form Teachers, Subject Teachers or Key Personnel of the school.

If there is any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's/ward's Form Teacher or the Administrative Staff at the General Office.

5. Smart Notification Acknowledgement Console (SNAC) Updates

We like to thank all parents/guardians who have registered with SNAC. We have attained about 97.5% usage and we hope to achieve 100% registration from all parents/guardians by mid Term 1.

If you are still experiencing technical problems in uploading or/and registering SNAC, please email our vendor at snac.support@apptitude.sg for technical support or write to redswastika@moe.edu.sg and we will gladly assist you.

We will continue to send school letters through SNAC and monitor the effectiveness and workflow efficiency in our information dissemination and communication with our parents/guardians.

6. Student Verification Form and Medical Record

The school has generated the personalised Student Verification Form and Medical Record from the system. Please assist in checking that the printed information is accurate and update any change, if any, in red on the affected information directly.

As the school would need additional information to further understand your children's/wards' needs, we will appreciate it greatly that you would complete the school-based Student Verification Form. Please return all documents to the Form Teacher through your children/wards by Monday, 8 January 2018.

7. Temperature Taking Exercise

We will be conducting our temperature-taking exercise on Thursday, 4 January 2018 and Friday, 5 January 2018. We seek your assistance in reminding your child/ward to have his/her Oral Digital Thermometer which is in working condition from the first day of school on Tuesday, 2 January 2018 for the period of one week. This exercise will serve to educate student on the need to take personal responsibility for their own health and practice social responsibility.

8. Founder's Day

We will be celebrating our 67th Founder's Day on Friday, 12 January 2018. The theme for 2018 is *Founder's Fiesta*. All Primary 1 to Primary 6 students will report to school by 7.30 am and school dismissal will be at 10.15 am. Please refer to Annex A for more details.

9. Parents' Conferences

To foster greater partnership for the coming year, we would like to invite you to take a few hours leave from your busy schedule to join us for the Parents' Conference in January and the Parent-Teacher Meeting on Thursday, 24 May and Friday, 25 May 2018.

Level	Day/Date	Time	Focus of Conference
Primary 2	Fri, 19 January	8.30am to 10.30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on School Matters• Classroom Session with Form Teachers• Parenting talk (optional)
Primary 3 & 4	Fri, 19 January	2.00pm to 4.00pm	
Primary 5 & 6	Fri, 26 January	2.00pm to 4.00pm	
All Levels	Thu, 24 May Fri, 25 May	2.00pm – 5.00pm Whole Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent-Teacher Meeting• More details will be given nearer the date.

Please note that the classroom session with Form Teacher is not the one-to-one meeting with the teacher regarding your child's/ward's progress. Form Teachers will meet the class parents as a whole group to communicate their expectations for your child/ward in terms of character and academic development, including homework and filing routines.

If you are driving to the Conference, kindly park your car at the HDB car park next to the school. Please enter the school via Gate 5.

Kindly indicate in the SNAC reply slip attached by Monday, 8 January 2018. We look forward to your participation at the Conference.

10. World Red Swastika Society Spring Festival Luncheon for the Underprivileged Families

As an ongoing practice, we will be partnering the World Red Swastika Society in distributing red packets and hosting lunch for underprivileged families receiving public assistance. This year's Spring Festival Luncheon will be held on Saturday, 3 February 2018. The Society will be working with a few Senior Activity Centres on this event. Our students who are on the financial assistance scheme will also be invited. In addition, students from the a few CCAs will also be staging a performance on that day.

Your child can play a part to spread a little kindness. We will be circulating some donation tins to appeal to students to help in the raising of funds for this event from Thursday, 1 February to Friday, 2 February 2018. We hope that you could encourage your child to donate generously. You may also wish to give your donation to your child's form teacher or write a cheque to 'The World Red Swastika Society'. On the reverse side of the cheque, please indicate 'World Red Swastika Society Charity Fund' and your child's name and class.

11. Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP)

HMSP is introduced by Health Promotion Board, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, to enhance the availability of healthier food and beverage choices in schools. Since 2016, the school canteen has been cutting down on fats, sugar and salt and serving healthy set meals from the four main food groups – brown rice and wholemeal bread, meat and others, vegetables and fruit.

As eating a nutritionally balanced diet supports optimal growth and development for the children/wards, we hope you will continue to support the above programme and work hand in hand with us to encourage your children/wards to adopt healthy eating habits, both in school and at home.

12. Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise

The GEP seeks to provide opportunities for the intellectually gifted to develop their potential in an educational environment that is designed to stimulate intellectual growth. Primary 3 students for the GEP are selected through two rounds of tests: the Screening Test (1st round) and the Selection Test (2nd round).

The tentative schedule is as follows:

- a) All students will undergo the GEP Screening Exercise (English Language and Mathematics) during curriculum hours on Friday, 24 August 2018.
- b) Shortlisted students will be invited to sit the GEP Selection Exercise (English Language, Mathematics and General Ability) on Tuesday, 16 October and Wednesday, 17 October 2018.

For 2018 Primary 3 students who are on Leave-of-Absence (LOA), parents/guardians are to inform the school early if they like their children/wards to participate in the Screening Exercise. We will arrange for them to participate in the Screening Exercise together with his/her peers in school on the same date and time.

The GEP Screening and Selection Exercises will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses.

The topics in the P3 Mathematics syllabus that would be excluded for the Screening and Selection stages of GEP:

- a) Screening Exercise (Mathematics): All topics in the Primary 3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for topics on "Area and Perimeter", "Geometry" and "Time".
- b) Selection Exercise (Mathematics): All topics in the Primary 3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for Angles, Perpendicular and Parallel lines in the topic of Geometry.

As the GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable students with high intellectual potential, test-preparation activities could inflate students' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. Thus we urge parents/guardians not to conduct test-preparation activities to prepare your child/ward for the GEP Identification Exercise.

More details will be given in August 2018.

13. Safety and Health Matters

As we start this year together, I like to reiterate the importance of ensuring the safety of our students during school arrival and dismissal time. For students who walk or cycle to school, please be reminded to take extra precaution when on their way to school. For students who travel by other modes of transport such as by cars, the drop-off point is at the HDB car park **next to Gate 5**. There is to be **no drop-off at Gate 3** at all times.

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 can be fined up to a maximum of \$5000. To achieve better air quality and safeguard public health, please remember to turn off your car engines while waiting for your children/wards.

We also seek your help to remind your child/ward of good hygiene practices. If your child/ward feels unwell, please bring him/her to seek medical help and he/she is to rest at home to fully recover.

14. No Birthday Celebrations

Please be reminded that the school will not facilitate any request for birthday celebrations in school in view of the feelings of all other students, their dietary needs and possible allergic reactions.

15. Photographs of Student for Non-Commercial Use in 2018

Please write to the school if you do not wish any of photographs of your child's/ward's image taken in 2018 to be used in displays, presentations, publications or other related materials, in any format (print, electronic, web or other media).

16. Calendar of Events

The school has lined up a series of activities for our students this year.

Please refer to Annex A for an overview of the school events to facilitate your scheduling.

We look forward to working with you in bringing out the best in your child/ward.

Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenny". The signature is stylized with a small flourish above the 'y' and a horizontal line at the bottom.

Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal

CALENDAR OF KEY SCHOOL EVENTS 2018 – Annex A

EVENT	DATE	REMARKS
TERM 1		
P1 Parents' Conference	2 Jan	12.30 pm to 5.00 pm
Temperature Taking	4 Jan and 5 Jan	During curriculum hours, P2-P6 students are to bring their thermometers to school. P1 students will be given a new Oral Digital Thermometer.
P1 and P6 School Smart Card Photo-Taking	5 Jan	During curriculum hours
P2 Talent Identification Day	11 Jan and 16 Jan	During curriculum hours
Founder's Day Celebrations	12 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All levels will function from 7.30 am to 10.15 am. • Please ensure transport arrangement is made for your child/ward. • Things to bring: water bottle, light snack, pencil case and Art materials.
P2 Parents' Conference	19 Jan	8.30 am to 10.30 am More details will be given nearer the date.
P3 and P4 Parents' Conference	19 Jan	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm More details will be given nearer the date.
P5 & P6 Parents' Conference	26 Jan	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm More details will be given nearer the date.
P2 CCA Day	1 Feb	During curriculum hours.
P1 to P6 Health Screening	1 Feb to 8 Feb	Students need to submit their Health Booklets to their Form Teachers nearer the date.
Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight	5 Feb to 15 Feb	Various programmes and activities will be organised for all students during curriculum hours throughout the two weeks.
Total Defence Day Commemoration cum Chinese New Year Celebrations	15 Feb	All levels will function from 7.30 am to 10.00 am.
Chinese New Year	16 Feb to 18 Feb	There will be no lessons on 19 Feb as it is a school holiday.
*Continual Assessment (CA) 1 (P6)	26 Feb to 2 Mar	A detailed CA 1 Timetable will be provided nearer the date.
*Mock Test Papers (P5)	26 Feb to 2 Mar	A detailed timetable will be provided nearer the date.
RSS Sports Carnival	5 Mar to 9 Mar	For P3 to P6. During curriculum hours and/or after school. More details will be given nearer the date.
Immersion Trip to Malacca	11 Mar to 13 Mar	More details will be given nearer the date.
Immersion Trip to Chengdu	10 Mar to 15 Mar	More details will be given nearer the date.

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TERM 2		
English Fun Week	19 Mar to 23 Mar	Various activities will be organized for all students during curriculum hours throughout the week.
Good Friday	30 Mar	Scheduled Public Holiday
P5 Science Practical Assessment (SPA)	6 Apr	During curriculum hours More details will be given nearer the date.
*Semestral Assessment (SA) 1 (P3 to P6)	9 Apr to 8 May	A detailed SA 1 Timetable will be given later.
International Friendship cum MusArt Day Celebrations	11 Apr	During curriculum hours
Labour Day	1 May	Scheduled Public Holiday
P6 NAPFA (1.6 km)	14 May	During curriculum hours
P4 NAPFA (5 items)	15 May	Confirmed details will be given later.
P4 NAPFA (1.6 km)	21 May	
P6 NAPFA (5 items)	22 May	
P1 to P6 Parent-Teacher Meetings	24 May to 25 May	There will be no lessons on 25 May. More details will be given nearer the date.
SAP Scholars Programme	26 May to 15 Jun	More details will be given nearer the date.
P6 Supplementary Classes	28 May to 1 Jun (June Holidays)	Supplementary classes are held in the morning. A detailed timetable will be given nearer the date.

EVENT	DATE	REMARKS
TERM 3		
Head Prefect Campaign & Election	28 Jun to 13 Jul	During curriculum hours
Youth Day	1 Jul	There will be no lessons on 2 Jul as it is a school holiday.
P3 Science Practical Assessment (SPA)	6 Jul	During curriculum hours More details will be given nearer the date.
P4 Science Practical Assessment (SPA)	9 Jul	During curriculum hours More details will be given nearer the date.
Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	18 Jul	During curriculum hours
P6 EL and CL Preliminary Listening Comprehension (LC) Examination	20 Jul	A detailed Preliminary LC Examination Timetable will be given nearer the date.
P4 Leadership Adventure Camp	19 Jul to 21 Jul	More details will be given nearer the date.
P6 EL and CL Preliminary Oral Examinations	23 Jul & 24 Jul	A detailed Preliminary Oral Examinations Timetable will be given nearer the date.
National Day Celebrations	8 Aug	Curtailment of school hours: 7.30 am to 10.00 am Things to bring: Water bottle, light snacks and pencil case.
National Day	9 Aug	There will be no lessons on 10 Aug as it is a school holiday.
*PSLE Oral	16 Aug to 17 Aug	There will be no lessons for P1 to P5.
Hari Raya Haji	22 Aug	It is a scheduled Public Holiday.
*Gifted Education Programme Screening Exercise	24 Aug	During curriculum hours For P3 students
*Continual Assessment (CA) 2 (P5)	20 Aug to 29 Aug	A detailed CA 2 Timetable will be given nearer the date.
*P6 Preliminary Examinations	20 Aug to 29 Aug	A detailed Preliminary Examinations Timetable will be given nearer the date.

Teacher's Day Celebrations	30 Aug	All levels will function from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. There will be no lessons on 31 Aug as it is a school holiday.
Immersion Trip to Nanjing	1 Sep to 6 Sep	More details will be given nearer the date.
P6 Supplementary Classes	4 Sep to 7 Sep	Supplementary classes are held in the morning. A detailed timetable will be given nearer the date.

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.
*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. • More details will be given nearer the date.
*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.

* Dates are to be confirmed.