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卍慈学校 **RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Guardians of P3-P6 Students,

On behalf of all staff, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! At the same time, we would like to welcome our students back to school.

Thank You and a Warm Welcome to New Staff Members

Our best wishes to Mdm Rukiya Binte Ameer Hamjah who has retired after 33 years of service.

We extend a warm welcome to Mr Adrian Lim, Mr Lee Teck Hiang, Miss Lim Li Ling Natalie, Mr Patrick Ang, Miss Teo Liling, Ms Melissa Tham and Mrs Shirleen Chin.

Working with the School to inculcate Personal Responsibility

Primary 3 to Primary 6 students are to be in their respective classes or in the school hall (on Wednesdays only) for pledge taking no later than 7.30am. We encourage all students to arrive in school at least 5 minutes before the reporting time to give themselves time to settle in before the curriculum day begins.

For the meal break, please encourage your child/ward to pack healthy snack items. We like to reiterate that there should not be any sharing of food among students as individuals may have different dietary requirements/allergies.

The General Office will not be able to facilitate the handing over of any student's work/item/pocket money. 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. In the event your child/ward forgets to bring along his/her pocket money, he/she can approach the General Office staff and we will be able to assist him/her.

Temperature Taking Exercise and Social Responsibility

The Temperature Taking exercise will serve to educate students on the need to take personal responsibility for their own health and practice social responsibility. We will be conducting our temperature-taking exercise on Friday, 4 January and Monday, 7 January. We seek your assistance in reminding your child/ward to bring along an Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) which is in good working condition, for a period of one week from the first day of school.

In fact, for the well-being of students, the school strongly encourages students to bring their thermometers to school every day. Students are also reminded to practice good personal hygiene practices. If your child/ward feels unwell, please bring him/her to seek medical help and he/she is to rest at home until he/she fully recovers.

Founder's Day

We will be celebrating our 68th Founder's Day on Friday, 11 January. The theme is *RSS Celebrates! 欢庆吧! 卍慈*.

All Primary 1 to Primary 6 students will report to school by 7.30am and school dismissal will be at 10.15am.

Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) Upgrading Updates

Our PERI Upgrading has moved into the third phase, and the remaining field and basketball court will be cordoned off for the construction works to be carried out there. Therefore, we will open up the school hall in the morning from 7.00am to 7.20am (starting 14 January except Wednesdays) to provide our students with structured play such as ball games or racket games. Staff will be on duty to monitor and safeguard the students' safety while at play. Students can continue to be at the designated areas at the ground floor while waiting for the school day to begin.

Parents' Conferences

We would like to invite you to join us for the Parents' Conference in January:

Level	Day/Date	Time	Focus of Conference
Primary 3 & 4	Fri, 18 January	2.00pm to 4.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on School Matters• Classroom Session with Form Teachers• Parenting talk (optional)
Primary 5 & 6	Fri, 25 January	2.00pm to 4.00pm	

Please note that the 'Classroom Session with Form Teachers' is not a one-to-one meeting with the teachers regarding your child's/ward's progress. Instead, Form Teachers will meet the 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 and enter the school via Gate 5.

Please indicate your attendance in the SNAC message, which will be sent to you soon.

For your early information, we will be organizing the Parent-Teacher Meetings for all levels on Thursday, 30 May and Friday, 31 May. More details on this meeting will be given nearer the actual dates.

World Red Swastika Society Spring Festival Luncheon for the Underprivileged Families

Annually, we partner the World Red Swastika Society in distributing red packets and hosting lunch for underprivileged families receiving public assistance. The Society will also be working with a few Senior Activity Centres for this event. This year's Spring Festival Luncheon will be held on Saturday, 26 January. Some of our students will be invited to the luncheon. In addition, students from selected CCAs will also be staging a performance on that day.

We will be circulating some donation tins to appeal to students to help in the raising of funds for this event from Thursday, 24 January to Friday, 25 January. We hope that you could encourage your child/ward to donate generously. You may also wish to give your donation to your child's/ward'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'.

Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP)

The school strongly encourages students to adopt healthy eating habits, both in school and at home. The HMSP seeks to enhance the availability of healthier food and beverage choices in schools. The school will continue to work with our canteen vendors to cut down on fats, sugar and salt in their meal preparation. At the same time, they would serve healthy set meals from the four main food groups – brown rice and wholemeal bread, meat and others, vegetables and fruit.

We would like to encourage our students to eat healthily by purchasing a meal set from the canteen vendors. The meal sets come in three sizes and cost \$1.40 for the small set, \$1.70 for the medium set, and \$2 for the large set.

Updating of Student-related Information

Your child/ward would be receiving a personalized 'Individual Student Details Report' and 'Medical Record Form' from his/her Form Teacher. We would appreciate if you could verify the accuracy of the printed information and provide updates, if any, in red on the affected information directly.

We would also like to seek your assistance in completing the RSS Student Information Form, as the additional information gathered would allow us to better understand your child's/ward's needs.

Please return the forms above to the Form Teacher through your child/ward by Tuesday, 8 January.

Change in Point-of-Contact

The school has a list of the main point-of-contact for our students. However, there have been cases in the past when we were not able to reach this main point-of-contact for various reasons, e.g., overseas work commitment of parents. The school would like to request that parents/guardians email the Form Teachers whenever there is a change of the main point-of-contact, even if it is for a short duration. The email should include:

- a) your child/ward's name and class;
- b) the period in which the contact person is away;
- c) an interim contact person whom you have entrusted supervision over your child/ward;
- d) his/her relationship with your child/ward; and
- e) his/her contact number.

This will enable the school to maintain communications with you, especially for emergency matters pertaining to your child/ward.

Safety Matters

Safety of our students is of utmost importance to us, especially during school arrival and dismissal time. For students who walk or cycle to school, we would like parents to emphasize to them the key safety messages, e.g., obeying traffic signals, stopping and checking before crossing the road. For students who travel to school by motor vehicles, 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 child/ward.

Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise

The tentative schedule for the Primary 3 Gifted Education Programme Identification Exercise will be carried out in 2 stages as follows:

Stage	Date	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening Exercise	23 August 2019 (Friday)	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in government and government-aided schools	English Language Mathematics
GEP Selection Exercise	15 & 16 October 2019 (Tuesday, Wednesday)	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted at the GEP Screening Exercise	English Language Mathematics General Ability

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

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 could 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 EP Identification Exercise.

More details about the GEP Identification Exercise will be given in August 2019.

Smart Notification Acknowledgement Console (SNAC) Updates

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.

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.

Photograph/Video Image of Student for Non-Commercial Use in 2019

Photograph(s) or video image(s) of your child may be captured during school activities and events. The school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, on the school website and on other communication channels (whether in print, electronic, web or other media). Please write to the school if you do not wish any photograph/image taken of your child/ward to be used.

No Birthday Celebrations

Please be gently 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.


Email addresses of Form and Subject Teachers

More information about the school is found on our school website at www.redswastika.moe.edu.sg. Please refer to the sub-section of 'About RSS' for the email addresses of your child/ward's Form Teachers, Subject Teachers or Key Personnel of the school.

Calendar of Events 2019

The school has lined up a series of activities for our students this year. Please refer to Annex A for an overview of the year's events.

Yours Sincerely,


Ms Jessie Lim
Principal

**CALENDAR OF KEY SCHOOL EVENTS 2019 – Annex A
(Amended 3 January 2019)**

EVENT	DAY/DATE	REMARKS
TERM 1		
P1 Parents' Conference	Wed 2 Jan	12.30pm to 5.00pm
Temperature Taking	Fri 4 Jan and Mon 7 Jan	P2-P6 students are to bring their thermometers to school on both days. P1 students will be given a new Oral Digital Thermometer for the temperature taking exercise.
P1 and P6 School Smart Card Photo-Taking	Mon 7 Jan	During curriculum hours
P2 Talent Identification Day	Thu 10 Jan and Tue 15 Jan	During curriculum hours
Founder's Day Celebrations	Fri 11 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All levels will function from 7.30am to 10.15am. • 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	Fri 18 Jan	8.30am to 10.30am More details will be given nearer the date.
P3 and P4 Parents' Conference	Fri 18 Jan	2.00pm to 4.00pm More details will be given nearer the date.
P5 & P6 Parents' Conference	Fri 25 Jan	2.00pm to 4.00pm More details will be given nearer the date.
P2 CCA Day	Thu 31 Jan	During curriculum hours
Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight	Wed 30 Jan to Wed 13 Feb	Various programmes and activities will be organised for all students during curriculum hours throughout the two weeks.
Chinese New Year Celebrations	Mon 4 Feb	All levels will function from 7.30am to 10.15am.
Chinese New Year	Tue 5 Feb to Wed 6 Feb	Scheduled Public Holiday
Total Defence Day Commemoration	Wed 13 Feb	During curriculum hours
P1 to P6 Health Screening	Mon 18 Feb to Fri 22 Feb	Students need to submit their Health Booklets to their Form Teachers nearer the date.
English Language Fiesta	Wed 6 Mar to Tue 12 Mar	Various activities will be organized for all students during curriculum hours throughout the week.
RSS Inter-Class Games	Mon 11 Mar Tue 12 Mar Thu 14 Mar	P5 and P6 only after curriculum hours. More details will be given nearer the date.
RSS Sports Carnival	Fri 15 Mar	For P3-P6 only during curriculum hours. More details will be given nearer the date. There will be no lessons for P1 and P2 students on Fri, 15 Mar.
Immersion Trip to Malacca	Sun 17 Mar to Tue 19 Mar	More details will be given nearer the date.
Immersion Trip to Chengdu	Fri 15 Mar to Fri 20 Mar	More details will be given nearer the date.

EVENT	DAY/DATE	REMARKS
TERM 2		
Student Leadership Appointment Day	Wed 27 Mar	During curriculum hours
International Friendship cum MusArt Day Celebrations	Wed 10 Apr	During curriculum hours
Good Friday	Fri 19 Apr	Scheduled Public Holiday
Semestral Assessment (SA) 1 (P3 to P6)	A detailed SA 1 Timetable will be given later.	
Labour Day	Wed 1 May	Scheduled Public Holiday
P4 NAPFA (5 items)	*May	During curriculum hours
P6 NAPFA (1.6 km)		Confirmed details will be given later.
P6 NAPFA (5 items)		
P4 NAPFA (1.6 km)		
P1 to P6 Parent-Teacher Meetings	Thu 30 May & Fri 31 May	There will be no lessons on Fri 31 May. More details will be given nearer the date.
SAP Scholars Programme Immersion Trip to Nanjing	*June	More details will be given nearer the date.
P6 Supplementary Classes	Mon 24 June to Fri 28 June (June Holidays)	Supplementary classes are held in the morning. A detailed timetable will be given nearer the date.

EVENT	DAY/DATE	REMARKS
TERM 3		
P4 Art and Chinese Experiential (ACE) Camp	Mon 1 Jul to Fri 5 Jul	During curriculum hours
Head Prefect Campaign & Election	Thu 4 Jul to Wed 17 Jul	During curriculum hours
Youth Day	Sun 7 Jul	There will be no lessons on 8 Jul as it is a school holiday.
Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	Wed 17 Jul	During curriculum hours
P4 Leadership Adventure Camp	Thu 25 Jul to Sat 27 Jul	More details will be given nearer the date.
P6 EL and CL Preliminary Oral Examinations	Mon 29 Jul & Tue 30 Jul	A detailed Preliminary Oral Examinations Timetable will be given nearer the date.
P6 EL and CL Preliminary Listening Comprehension (LC) Examination	Fri 2 Aug	A detailed Preliminary LC Examination Timetable will be given nearer the date.
National Day Celebrations	Thu 8 Aug	Curtailment of school hours: 7.30am to 10.15am Things to bring: Water bottle, light snacks and pencil case.
National Day	Fri 9 Aug	A scheduled Public Holiday.
Hari Raya Haji	Sun 11 Aug	There will be no lessons on Mon 12 Aug as it is a scheduled Public Holiday.
PSLE Oral	*Thu 15 Aug & Fri 16 Aug	There will be no lessons for P1 to P5.
P6 Preliminary Examinations	*Wed 21 Aug to Tue 27 Aug	A detailed Preliminary Examinations Timetable will be given nearer the date.
Gifted Education Programme Screening Exercise	*Wed 28 Aug	During curriculum hours For P3 students
Teacher's Day Celebrations	Thu 5 Sep	All levels will function from 7.30am to 1.30pm. There will be no lessons on Fri 6 Sep as it is a school holiday.

EVENT	DAY/DATE	REMARKS
TERM 4		
PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination	*Fri 20 Sep	There will be no lessons for P3 to P5 students. Lessons are as usual for P1 and P2.
Semestral Assessment (SA) 2 (P3 to P5)	A detailed SA2 timetable will be given nearer the date.	
PSLE Written Examinations	*Thu 26 Sep to Wed 2 Oct	Lessons are as usual for P1 to P5.
Children's Day Celebrations	Thu 3 Oct	All levels will function from 7.30am to 1.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSS Mini Olympics for P1 and P2 before recess • There will be no lessons on Fri 4 Oct as it is a school holiday. • More details will be given nearer the date.
PSLE Marking	*Mon 14 Oct to Thu 17 Oct	There will be no lessons for all students.
Gifted Education Programme Selection Exercise	*Tue 15 Oct & Wed 16 Oct	For shortlisted P3 students only.
Deepavali	Sun 27 Oct	There will be no lessons on Mon 28 Oct as it is a school holiday.
School Admin Day	Thu 7 Nov	There will be no lessons for all students.
P1 Portfolio Day	Mon 11 Nov	More details will be given nearer the date.
Prize Presentation Ceremony	Fri 15 Nov	All P6 students and selected students from P1 to P5. More details will be given nearer the date.
P1 Orientation for 2020 P1 intake	Fri 15 Nov	More details will be given nearer the date.

* Dates are to be confirmed.

