6 January 2016

Dear Parents

On behalf of my staff, I would like to wish everyone a Joyous and Happy New Year! The first two days went smoothly, and I appreciate the understanding that everyone has showed. We suspended the time table for the first two days. From 6 January, the teachers and students will follow the time table.

1. Our School Leaders and Key Personnel

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In HPPS, we have the Student Development Team (SDT). Working together, the teachers look out for the children in the six levels. In order for us to better respond to your needs and concerns, we are pleased to introduce the following staff members:

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The Asst Year Heads (AYH) will be sending out letters at the beginning of each term to keep you updated on key matters pertaining to the respective grade levels.
2. Character Value for Term 1 – Respect

In line with our school’s focus on character education, all pupils will embark on a structured character education programme. It is founded on the school values of Respect, Integrity, Care and Excellence (RICE). One value is introduced each term and the value for Term 1 is Respect.

Below is a brief outline of the outcomes for the character value for Respect.

P1 and 2 - Respect for self and being courteous and polite in manners, actions and speech.

P3 and 4 - Demonstrating respect for school, family and society and learning to accept differences in others.

P5 and 6 - Recognising the value of people, property and demonstrating respect for the environment.

We are confident that you will continue to partner the school in our efforts to bring out the best in our pupils by reinforcing the above outcomes at home.

3. PSLE Results 2015

We are very proud of our 2015 cohort of P6 students who did well in the PSLE. A higher percentage obtained T-scores of more than 250, and more students made it to the Express Stream. In all subjects, we continued to do well (compared with National results and comparable schools).

4. Temperature-taking Exercise

All students are required to have a personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) at all times. There will be a Temperature-taking Exercise on Thursday, 7 January. We will need your help to ensure that your child has an ODT in working condition. A one-time complimentary ODT will be given to the P1 students, and they will be taught how to use it.

5. Annual Health Screening for Students

The School Health Service will be in the school from 11-26 January to conduct the annual health screening exercise. During the visit, the health team will need the relevant past and current medical information of your child and your consent for immunisation (P1 and P5 students only). Form teachers will collect the health booklets, consent form as well as any medical records from P1 and P5 students.

6. Traffic Management

We would like to remind everyone to drive carefully at all times within the school compound as well as within the school zone. Do give way to the school buses and keep to the speed limit of 15 km/h within school premises. In the morning, those who drive can come into school via either Gate 2 (to Level 3) or Gate 4 (to the bus bay). At the Lower Deck Drive-way, driving out is strictly right turn only. The students should not alight at the outer lanes of both the drive-ways as your children will have to walk in between cars and this is very dangerous.

Parking is not allowed along Holland Grove Road. Parents who are unable to wait within the school should return at a later time or park their cars at the nearby car parks. Children should not alight along Holland Grove Road as it can be very dangerous. LTA has advised the school to inform parents that strict penalties will be imposed on those who flout traffic rules within a school zone.

For afternoon pick-up, you are encouraged to display your child’s name and class on your car’s windscreen so that our staff and parent volunteers can quickly locate your child and guide him/her to your car.
We request all parents to follow the instructions given by our staff, security guards and parent volunteers on duty to ensure the smooth flow of traffic.

7. Calling all students with talent and passion in string instruments

The HPPA String Ensemble was formed in 2015 and its vision is to provide a platform for our young musicians from HPPS to come together to showcase their musical talents and form lasting friendships. The String Ensemble, coached by reputable musicians from the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, plans to participate in the Singapore Youth Festival this year and this will be a great experience for our young talents.

All students with violin, viola, cello and double bass background (preferably with Grade 3 ABRSM or equivalent) are welcomed to audition and sign up (via the HPPA portal).

8. Calendar of Events for Semester 1

We have not confirmed the dates for a few events. We should be able to do so by the end of this week. A copy of the Semester 1 Calendar of Events will be given to your child as soon as possible.

Warmest regards

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