Dear Parents

1. Chinese New Year Celebration

The school will celebrate Chinese New Year on Friday, 5 February. There is no change to the school time. The children will report to school at the usual time. Pupils are encouraged to wear their own ethnic costumes to school. Those without ethnic costumes are encouraged to wear red-coloured shirts/T-shirts with their school skirts or shorts. At 10.45 a.m. the whole school (P1-P6) will assemble in the school hall for CNY celebration. The Mother Tongue Department has organised a special CNY concert. It will end at about 11.45 a.m. The children will then return to class and spend the last hour (12.00-1.00 p.m.) with their form and co-form teachers. Dismissal will be at 1.00 p.m.

The children will have a long weekend (6-9 February). They will return to school on Wednesday, 10 February.

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish everyone good health, happiness, and prosperity. Happy Lunar New Year!

2. The value of being punctual

Every morning, we gather for assembly either at the Lower ISH (P1-P2) or the school hall (P3-P6). From 7.10 – 7.25 a.m. the students do “silent reading”. At 7.25 a.m. we sing the anthem, and this is followed by the pledge-taking. The first period is expected to start at 7.30 a.m. The school is monitoring those who come late, and we will take remedial action against those who are late for no reason. It is important that our children learn at a young age the value of being punctual. My teachers and I would like to appeal to all parents to help us in this.

3. Cashless payment: POSB Smiley wearable band pilot programme

A group of 100 P3 and P4 students will participate in a 2-month pilot programme (Feb – Mar 2016). The POSB Smiley wearable band is a band which is worn around the child’s wrist and allows the child to pay for his or her expenses at the school bookshop and canteen just by tapping the band on the card reader.

4. Traffic Issues

We would like to appeal to parents to follow the instructions given by our staff when you drop your child and refrain from arguing with them. They are there to ensure the safety of the students. On some occasions, we have noticed parents alighting their children in the middle lane or the child alights from the outer door. This can be dangerous as there will be oncoming vehicles.

We have also noticed some parents walking down the drive-way with their children towards the exit gate at Level 3 during dismissal. We appeal to you to use the pedestrian foot path that has been constructed for this purpose.
When there is a build-up at Level 3, you may drop your child at Level 1 in the mornings.

For cars turning right into school along Holland Grove Road, please signal early and refrain from overtaking. Please also keep to the extreme right so that cars from Mount Sinai Road passing along Holland Grove Road and turning left into Holland Road, can go through and not be stuck in the congestion.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safer and smoother traffic flow.

5. Athletics Meet 2016 (P4 – 6)
The Athletics Meet 2016 will be held on Fri, 26 Feb 2016 from 7.15am to 12noon at the Clementi Stadium.

The heats for the 100m, 200m, 300m and 600m events will be held on the 11 and 12 Feb 2016. Students who are involved in the heats will receive a consent form to inform them of the details of the heats.

A separate letter will also be sent with regards to the logistical arrangements for the Athletics Meet finals. Only Primary 4 to Primary 6 students are required to attend the Athletics Meet on 26 Feb 2016. Primary 1 to Primary 3 students need not attend school on that day. Separate sports level games will be organised for them in the later part of the year.

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