



HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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7th February 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians

1. Chinese New Year Celebration & Total Defence Day

Total Defence Day falls on Thursday, 15 February 2018. On that day, the school will celebrate Chinese New Year and commemorate Total Defence Day with our pupils. We invite our pupils to wear their own ethnic costumes to school. Those without ethnic costumes can wear red-coloured shirts/T-shirts with their school skirts or shorts. The pupils can come to school in their own uniform as well. The Mother Tongue Department has organised a special CNY concert.

After the concert, the students will participate in class activities and discussions on the theme for 2018's Total Defence campaign - "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". They will focus on the many ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives.

There is early dismissal at 10.00 a.m. on this day.

Please note that Friday, 16 February 2018 is a public holiday and Monday, 19 February 2018 is a school holiday. The pupils will return to school on Tuesday, 20th February 2018.

In the lunar new year, my staff and I would like to:

祝您好运，愿健康与喜悦伴您度过一个快乐新年! Happy Lunar New Year!

2. Walk-for-Joy

As mentioned, in our last Letter-to-Parents, the school staff would be organising the Walk-for-Joy campaign annually to raise funds for different beneficiaries each year. This year, funds raised will be contributed to St Luke's Hospital & St Luke's Elder Care. Teachers and staff will be fulfilling their pledge to "Walk-for-Joy" at Fort Canning Park on 22nd June 2018.

The pledge cards for the Walk will be distributed to your child on **Wednesday, 7th February**. Instructions on collections are provided in the pledge card. Please note that for any loss of pledge card or donation, the parent has to write in to inform the form teacher. Pupils are to approach only their family members and relatives for the donations. Soliciting at public places and door-to-door is not allowed.

As the aim of the campaign is to educate and raise awareness in our pupils on the emerging societal needs/issues and providing opportunities for them to give back to our society, we have conducted an assembly programme on this. As such, please encourage your child to make the effort to seek donations from family members and relatives by informing them of the cause and how the money will benefit the beneficiary.

The submission dates for the pledge cards are as follows:

Monday, 5th March – P1 to P3

Tuesday, 6th March – P4 & P5

Thursday, 8th March – P6

Donations collected should be placed in a sealed envelope or zip lock bag and returned on the scheduled dates. For pupils who need additional pledge cards, they may come to the General Office to collect the



additional cards. However, they would need to submit their first pledge card with the donations before they can be issued the additional card.

For any clarification on the donation drive, please contact our Admin Manager, Ms Nelly Goh at Tel: 6466 3600.

We believe that all of us, in our small ways, can make a difference to the community. We hope that you will support us in this worthy endeavour.

3. Lockdown Drill

As part of the school's emergency preparedness, we will be conducting a Lockdown Drill on **Wednesday, 7th March**, during school hours. Please complete the attached reply slip and return to the school by **Monday, 12th February**. A hard copy of the reply slip will be printed and given to your child by the end of the week.

4. Canteen seats reserved for pupils

During lunch time, we observe parents and guardians bringing lunch for their children. On busy days, when parents and helpers occupy the canteen seats, our pupils are unable to find a place to sit. We would like to inform all parents that the canteen tables and seats are reserved for the pupils. The school will need the co-operation of all adults to ensure our pupils have their seats for lunch. We would like to encourage parents/guardians to leave after delivering the meals to the children and allow them to eat with their fellow schoolmates. This will play a big part in helping the children to be more independent.

5. Instilling responsibility in our pupils

As part of instilling responsibility in our pupils, please encourage your child to check his/her timetable and pack his/her bag every day. Please refrain from delivering to school what your child has forgotten to bring for the day. In the event that your child has forgotten to bring his/her allowance to school, he/she may approach the admin team in the General Office for assistance. We seek your co-operation in this matter.

6. Annual Athletics Meet 2018 (P4 – 6)

The Annual Athletics Meet (AAM) will be held on Friday, 23rd February 2018 from 7.15am to 12noon at the Clementi Stadium. The make-up heats for some of the events will be held on Friday, 9th February 2018. In case of inclement weather and the school is unable to conduct any heats, some events may be cancelled while the rest of the events will run as timed finals on Friday, 23rd February due to time constraints. Pupils who are involved in the heats would have received a consent form to inform them of the details of the heats.

A separate letter will also be sent regarding the logistical arrangements for the AAM finals. Only Primary 4 to Primary 6 pupils are required to attend the AAM on Friday, 23rd February 2018.

Our Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils need not attend school on that day. The Lower Primary Games will be organised for them in the later part of the year. Homework will be assigned to the pupils via the respective subject teachers.

7. NAPFA Test 2018

NAPFA tests for the P4 and P6 pupils will be held from Monday, 26th March 2018 to Friday, 25th May 2018. Our PE teachers will be preparing the P4 & P6 students for the NAPFA tests. Parents are also encouraged to do practices or training with your child in preparation for the 1.6km run and the five items. Pupils can refer to their Student Diary pages 14 or 15 for the five items tested. Details of the test will be given soon.



8. Junior Sports Academy (JSA) Selection Trial 2018

MOE will be conducting the selection trial for interested P4 and P5 pupils for the Junior Sports Academy (JSA) from end of February to early March 2018. Schools will be nominating some pupils for the selection trial. Parents who are interested may also nominate your child for the selection trial. The selection trial will evaluate the child's natural ability of agility, balance, coordination, speed and power. There will not be any test on sport-specific skills.

Selected P4 pupils will participate in a two-year programme, participating in 4 chosen sports modules. Selected P5 pupils may participate in a one-year programme, participating in 2 chosen sports modules.

Parents who are interested in nominating their child(ren) for the selection trial may pick up a hardcopy of the selection trial from the school's General Office and submit the completed "Parents' Nomination Form" to Mdm Rachel Wang through the school's General Office by Tuesday, 13th February 2018.

9. Traffic Issues

We appeal to our parents to help the school ensure a safer and smoother traffic flow. Please follow the instructions given by our staff when you drop your child.

In the morning, if there is a build-up at Level 3, you may drop your child at Level 1. Please also note that only a right turn is allowed at level 1 exit. We have observed many parents making illegal left turns from level 1 exit and there have been many near misses. For the safety of yourself and other motorists, we strongly appeal to you to adhere to the traffic guidelines. We have received feedback that a small number of our parents are not driving safely in the area around our school. Instead of waiting for an accident to happen before we start to take this issue seriously, let us play our part to make the road safe for all road users. Kindly note that the LTA officers will not hesitate to take the necessary enforcement actions against vehicles that drive dangerously and/or park indiscriminately.

We have posted our Traffic Management Plan (TMP) on our school website. The TMP provides information on vehicular traffic movement in the school as well as the safe route for pupils and visitors to the school. Pupils have been briefed on the safe route during assembly. We encourage all parents to familiarise yourselves with the TMP and comply with it.

You may access the TMP through the [School Safety and Security](#) link under the "About Us" tab on our school website.

10. Commitment to Quality Service

We are committed to serving our stakeholders and adhering to the service standards set by the Singapore Civil Service. The school will respond to written queries within 3 working days if the query is straight forward. However, if the query is more complex and time is needed for investigation, the school will respond within 7 to 14 working days. In such instances, an interim reply will be given.

Koh Chin Thong, Martin
Principal

Vision
A Leader in Every Child – with Talents and Strength of Character

School Values
Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence

