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ENDEAVOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Letter from the Principal

3 January 2020

Dear Parents

Wishing everyone a most joyous, blessed and healthy 2020! We hope that you managed to spend good quality time with your children during the recent school vacation. EDP would like to extend a special welcome to parents of our new P1 cohort to our EDP family. We will continue to strive to provide each student with an enriching and engaging school experience this academic year.

1) Student's Handbook

All students have been given a copy of the student's handbook. The handbook contains important and useful information for students and parents. Please note that the handbook also serves as a channel for communication between parents and teachers and as a diary for students to record their time-table, homework and instructions.

2) Classroom Decoration (Friday, 10 Jan at 2 pm)

As in previous years, we would like to invite parents to assist the Form Teachers to create a conducive and inviting classroom environment for teaching and learning. Please inform the Form Teacher of your child, if you would be able to join us for classroom decoration on Fri 10 Jan at 2 p.m. You could drop a note in your child's handbook or send an email to your child's Form Teacher.

3) Temperature-Taking Exercise (Thursday, 16 Jan)

We will be conducting a temperature-taking exercise on Thu, 16 Jan. This is an important exercise to ensure that our health measures are in place and that we are prepared to manage health situations. We require all staff and students to participate in the exercise on that day.

All P2 to P6 students would already have an Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT). Please ensure that your child brings his/her working ODT to school. All Primary 1 students will be issued a new personal ODT and the teachers will teach them on use and care of their ODT.

4) Briefing cum Networking sessions for Parents in 2020

The schedule for Briefing cum Networking sessions for Parents is as follows.

Dates	6.00 – 6.45 pm	6.45 – 7.30 pm
17 January (Friday)	P5 Networking P6 Briefing	P5 Briefing P6 Networking
21 February (Friday)	P1 & P2 Networking	P1 & P2 Briefing
	P3 & P4 Briefing	P3 & P4 Networking

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5) Weekly Schedule for Year 2020

Below is the weekly schedule for year 2020 for your reference.

Activity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arrival and Morning Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.20 am: Silent Reading at Parade Square 7.35 am: Flag-raising ceremony. School side gates (Gate C and D) will be closed at 7.35 am. Students who arrive at the school main gate (Gate A) after 7.35 am will be considered late for school and their names will be taken down at the Security Post. They will join their classes after the flag-raising ceremony. 7.45 am: Start of first period 				
Recess	1st Recess: 9.30 to 10.00 am (P1 & P4) 2nd Recess: 10.00 to 10.30 am (P2 & P5) 3rd Recess: 10.30 to 11.00 am (P3 & P6)				
Endeavour Programme for Active Learning (EPAL) for P1 and P2			11.30 to 1.30 pm (for P1)	11.30 to 1.30 pm (for P2)	
Snack Break (Students to bring a healthy snack to be consumed in class)	10 minutes (12.00 – 12.10 pm)				
Dismissal	1.30 pm				
Academic Support Programme (Remedial lessons for small groups of students) *In Sem 2, for P6 students, Supplementary lessons will replace Remedial lessons and a new schedule will be given to all P6 students in Term 2.	<u>Math (P3 & P4)</u> 2.00 to 3.00 pm <u>Science (P5)</u> 2.00 to 2.50 pm AND <u>Math (P5)</u> 2.50 to 3.40 pm <u>Math (P6, Sem 1 only)</u> 2.00 to 2.50 pm AND <u>Science (P6, Sem 1 only)</u> 2.50 to 3.40 pm			<u>EL/MT (P3 to P6)</u> 2.00 to 3.00 pm	
Foundation Math and Foundation EL lessons (for P5 & P6)	Foundation Math (P5 & P6) 2.00 to 3.30 pm			Foundation EL (P5 & P6) 2.00 to 3.00 pm	
Higher Mother Tongue lessons (For P5 and P6 HMT students)				2.00 to 3.00 pm	
Main CCA Days (for most CCAs)		2.00 to 4.00 pm			2.00 to 4.00 pm.
Additional CCA Days (for a few CCAs and additional training)	3.30 to 5.30 pm	3.45 to 5.45 pm		3.30 to 5.30 pm	3.45 to 5.45 pm

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Our school hours for 2020 are from 7.35 am to 1.30 pm daily. The flag-raising ceremony starts at 7.35 a.m. daily and silent reading takes place from 7.20 a.m. daily. Students are to bring an English storybook on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and a Mother Tongue storybook on Thursday and Friday.

Punctuality is a virtue that we should inculcate in our students and we would like to appeal to all parents to have your child in school by 7.35 am on a daily basis.

6) Opening Hours of School Side-Gates

To ensure the safety and security of our students, the school side-gates (Gate C and Gate D) are closed during school hours. The school main gate (Gate A) at the Security Post is open from 6.30 am to 6.30 pm. Please note that side gates are open before and after school hours for arrival and dismissal as follows:

	Gate C	Gate D
Before school hours (morning)	6.45 - 7.35 am	Not open
After school hours (afternoon)	1.30 – 2.00 pm	1.30 – 2.00 pm
After remedial lessons (Monday & Thursday afternoon)	3.00 – 3.30 pm	Not open
After CCA (Tuesday & Friday afternoon)	4.00 – 4.30 pm	Not open

7) CCA for P4 to P6

The two main days set aside for CCA will be Tuesday and Friday (2.00 pm to 4.00 pm). A few CCAs will be conducted at a later time slot of 3.45 pm to 5.45 pm on other days. The CCA schedule will be put up on the CCA Notice Board as well as the School's Website.

CCA for P4 to P6 students will begin this term in Week 1 on Mon 6 Jan. Their CCA teachers will inform the students involved of the training schedule.

8) CCA Experience@EDP and Swimsafer for P3

The CCA Experience@EDP is implemented to expose each P3 student to different CCAs before he/she selects the CCA that is best suited to his/her interest, talent and ability. This will take place in Term 2. The CCA programme will start in Term 3 for P3 students after they have been allocated their CCAs.

This year, we will continue to conduct the Swimsafer programme (8 sessions) for P3 students. Swimsafer sessions will be held on Tuesdays (for 3 Respect, 3 Integrity & 3 Compassion) and Thursdays (for 3 Perseverance, 3 Diligence & 3 Responsibility) during curriculum time from 7.45 am to 10.00 am in Term 1.

More details on CCA Experience@EDP and Swimsafer will be provided to P3 parents.

9) Drop-Off and Pick-Up by Parents who drive

If you are driving your child to school, please note the drop-off procedures in the morning as follows:

- Between 7.00 am and 7.35 am, parents can drive into our school premises and drop off their child at the designated Alighting Point in front of the school's porch. Please be considerate to other drivers by getting your child ready to alight quickly and safely, when you stop at the Alighting Point. Do not overtake at the main gate and refrain from parking at the limited staff car park lots as well as the bus bay. Do be careful and patient and drive out of Gate B in an orderly way.
- At and after 7.35 am, the vehicle gate will be closed and parents are to drop off their children at Gate A (Security Post). Students who are late will wait at the Security Post and join their classes after the flag-raising ceremony.

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If you are driving to pick up your child from school, please note the pick-up arrangements as follows:

- At school dismissal time, please do not drive into the school premises as the school buses are waiting for our students in the carpark. Parents are strongly encouraged to park their vehicles at nearby public carparks and take a short walk to school to pick up children. You could park at Blk 404A, which is right next to sheltered Gate C and arrange for your child to meet you there. For safety reasons, you are advised not to park your vehicle along the main road to wait for your child.
- After dismissal time and when all the school buses have left the school premises, parents can drive into the school to pick up their children.

The above procedures and arrangements will facilitate the safe arrival and dismissal of our students and ensure smoother traffic flow within and outside the school. We seek your support and cooperation.

10) Chinese New Year Holidays

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Fri 24 Jan with a concert, followed by class activities to learn more about Chinese New Year customs. Please be reminded that students are required to come to school at the usual time and will be dismissed at 10.00 am. Students are also welcomed to put on their traditional Chinese costumes or be dressed in bright festive colours for the occasion but for safety in movement, the footwear for the day is our black school shoes. Do take note of the following:

Date	Remarks
Fri 24 Jan	Chinese New Year Holiday celebrations. Dismissal of students at 10.00 am
Sat 25 Jan	Chinese New Year Holiday
Sun 26 Jan	Chinese New Year Holiday
Mon 27 Jan	Public Holiday
Tue 28 Jan	School Holiday

All students are to report back to school on Wed 29 Jan for normal lessons and activities.

Parents are welcomed to join us in the Chinese New Year concert On Fri 24 Jan in our school hall but for security reasons, are to leave school once the concert is over and are not to go beyond our school hall.

We would like to take the opportunity to wish all who celebrate Chinese New Year 恭喜发财 心想事成 and happy holidays to all!

11) Key Activities for Term 1

For key activities in Term 1, please refer to the attached table. Over the next two weeks, the school website will be updated with information for 2020. Please visit the website over time for more information.

Date	Key Event/Activity
4 Jan (Sat)	PSG P1 Parents Bonding Session
10 Jan (Fri)	Classroom Decoration
11 Jan (Sat)	Dad's for Life Camp
16 Jan (Thu)	Temperature-Taking Exercise
17 Jan (Fri)	Briefing cum Networking sessions for P5 & P6 parents

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Date	Key Event/Activity
24 Jan (Fri)	Chinese New Year Celebrations. Early Dismissal at 10.00 am.
25 Jan (Sat)	Chinese New Year Holiday
26 Jan (Sun)	Chinese New Year Holiday
27 Jan (Mon)	Public Holiday
28 Jan (Tue)	School Holiday
31 Jan (Fri)	Photo-taking for all P1 and P6 students for the School Smart Card
12 Feb (Wed) to 21 Feb (Fri)	School Health Screening
14 Feb (Fri)	Rainbow Day 1: Total Defence Day (P4 classes performing)
21 Feb (Fri)	Briefing cum Networking Sessions for P1 to P4 parents

We look forward to your continued support to provide our EDP holistic education and an enriching school experience for all our students in 2020.

Together we endeavour all the way!

Mr Thomas Koh
Principal

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