



# PUNGGOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Primary 1 pupils,

## TERM 4 UPDATES

Welcome back to the final term of the year. The following are some reminders and updates for your kind attention.

### 1. Precautionary Measures for Deterioration in Haze Condition

The school has been monitoring the overall air quality and haze situation. We have put in place the necessary precautions and continuity plans to minimise disruptions to school activities while at the same time ensure the well-being of our pupils and staff. As part of haze management readiness, please ensure that your child brings along a surgical mask and have his/her necessary medication (eg inhalers for asthmatic children) with them at all times.

We would like to seek your understanding that relatively short notice of school closure can be given. In the event of a school closure, the school will contact parents to inform them via phone or SMS. As such, we wish to encourage you to make advance care arrangements for your child where necessary. School will activate home-based learning for pupils if the closure of school is prolonged.

We wish to inform you that our School will be conducting an emergency preparedness drill on lockdown in **Term 4 between Week 5 and Week 6**. This drill on lockdown aims to train the staff and pupils to be prepared when a serious threat exists to the school and they be confined in a locked facility e.g. classrooms for safety.

We appreciate if you could take time to reinforce our message on the importance of safety with your child, not only in the context of the School but also as a nation, that every Singaporean should be vigilant and be prepared for any emergency.

### 2. Public Health Consciousness

We would like to reiterate the need for every child to observe good personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility by not coming to school if he/she is unwell, especially with symptoms such as fever and rash. Do arrange for your child/ward to see a doctor as soon as possible.

Please be informed that the annual School Health Visit by the HPB team is scheduled on **Monday, 6 November to Wednesday, 15 November 2017**. It is important that your child/ward attends the medical assessment. You are advised not to make your holiday plans before the school term ends.



### 3. Road Safety

The safety of the pupils is of paramount importance to us. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the smooth flow of traffic in the drive-in access at the front foyer inside the school. Please continue to help us role model consideration and affection for other road users. We also need your help to reinforce good safety habits in your child, especially when he/she is crossing the road.

### 4. Children's Day Celebration cum "Be Yourself Day"

The school will celebrate Children's Day cum "Be Yourself Day" (BYD) on **Thursday, 5 October 2017**. School hours will be as usual. The theme for BYD is "Hats – My Inspiration, My Creation". This is an opportunity for the pupils to think of innovative and creative ways to create a hat to represent an inspirational figure in their life. Pupils must have a short write-up on what his/her hat represents and how it has inspired him/her.

Pupils can wear a costume to match the hat they have created. However, they can still choose to come in school uniform if they so desire. Do note that they have to dress appropriately. Very short shorts, spaghetti-straps tops, halter-necks are not allowed. Pupils will be separately briefed by their form teachers on this event.

The BYD is held in conjunction with the school's support for the Community Chest Children's Day Appeal, a donation drive to raise funds for 80 social service organisations in Singapore, allowing them to focus on caring for the disadvantaged. We encourage all pupils to donate generously and do their part for society. Please place the money in a sealed envelope provided. Your child will then hand this envelope to the form teacher. The period for the collection of donation will be from **Monday, 9 October 2017 to Wednesday, 11 October 2017**.

### 5. School Events and Public Holidays

PSLE Listening Comprehension will be conducted on **Friday, 15 September 2017**. P1 to P5 pupils will be engaged in Home-based Learning via MC Online on that day. Only P6 pupils are required to report to school. In addition, please take note of the other school events, public holidays and changes in school hours in Term 4 as shown below.

Date	Day	School Event
6 October	Friday	Children's Day School Holiday
19 - 20 October	Thursday to Friday	PSLE Marking Days
23 - 24 October	Monday to Tuesday	(All classes suspended)
6 - 15 November	Monday to Wednesday	School Health Visit
9 November	Thursday	Promotion Day (All classes suspended)
17 November	Friday	Celebration of Learning Day (Details will be released at a later date)

Date	Day	Public Holiday
18 October	Wednesday	Deepavali



The dates for the written PSLE are as follows:

Date	Day	Subject
28 September	Thursday	English Language/Foundation English
29 September	Friday	Mathematics/ Foundation Mathematics
2 October	Monday	Mother Tongue Language/ Foundation Mother Tongue Language
3 October	Tuesday	Science/Foundation Science
4 October	Wednesday	Higher Mother Tongue Language

During the written PSLE, the school will function as usual for **ALL** pupils.

**6. Early Dismissal for Hindu Pupils on the Eve of Deepavali**

All Hindu pupils will be dismissed early at **10.30am on Tuesday, 17 October 2017**, the eve of Deepavali. Due to safety and considerations for our pupils, please note that pupils will only be released at the main gate (for P3 to P6 pupils) and **Side Gate 1** (for P1 and P2 pupils). Kindly make your own transport arrangements to take your child/ward home.

As the P1 pupils are too young to go home by themselves, parents are strongly encouraged to arrange for someone to take them home, unless that is their usual school dismissal arrangement. In the event there is no one to bring your child/ward home, he/she will remain in class until the school dismissal time. In this respect, please complete the reply slip below to indicate your decision on the early dismissal arrangements for your child/ward.

**7. Graded Assessments**

The details for the graded assessments are shown in the attachment to this letter. Please help to ensure that your child/ward revises his/her work. Please note that all absence from examinations will have to be covered by a medical certificate. A zero mark will be awarded for absence without valid medical certification. There will be **no make-up** for any assessments.

During the Semestral Assessment 2 period, **ALL P1 - P6 pupils** will be **dismissed at 12.30pm** during the following:

Date	Day	Subject
26 October	Thursday	English Language/Foundation English
27 October	Friday	Mother Tongue Language/ Foundation Mother Tongue Language
30 October	Monday	Mathematics/ Foundation Mathematics
31 October	Tuesday	Science/Foundation Science

Bus operators has been informed of the examination schedule.

Kindly help to complete the acknowledgement slip and return it to the form teacher by **Thursday, 14 September 2017**. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hanafi Asmore  
Principal



**Acknowledgement slip** – Please return the respective portions to the form teacher by **Thursday, 14 September 2017**.

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**RE: TERM 4 UPDATES**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ Primary \_\_\_ - ( )  
have noted the contents of the above letter dated 12 September 2017.

**The following is applicable to Hindu Pupils only:**

**RE: Early Dismissal for Hindu Pupils on the Eve of Deepavali**

**Please tick only one box**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) will fetch my child home at 10.30am sharp.
- I would like my child/ward to remain in class and be dismissed at the usual school's dismissal time at 1.30pm.
- I would like my child/ward to go back on his/her as this is the usual school dismissal arrangement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian & Date

