



Dear parents/guardians,

Thank you for your partnership in Term 1 and taking time to be with us during our P2 – P6 School-Parents Engagement and Communication Sessions (SPECS). We look forward to seeing the parents of our Primary 1 pupils at our upcoming P1 SPECS. We also wish you all a meaningful bonding time with your children during the March term break.

Following are some important announcements and information for your noting.

1. Partnering with Parent Support Group (PSG) and Fathers@WSPS

As our valued Core Partners, the Parent Support Group (PSG) and Fathers@WSPS have always been the school's strong advocate in providing a student-centric education for all White Sandians. The PSG complements the school's endeavours by supporting the school's programmes to enhance our pupils' well-being and learning experiences. Fathers@WSPS on the other hand, aims to foster the bond between father and child through various programmes and activities.

All parents are welcome on-board to be part of this fulfilling experience. Scan the following QR code to join either the Parents Support Group or Fathers@WSPS for a network of parenting support during your child's journey here at White Sands!



We would also like to welcome the following key members who will be taking the lead in driving initiatives and programmes in the respective teams. We look forward to yet another successful year of collaboration together in 2024!

Designation	Parents Support Group	Fathers@WSPS
Chairperson	Mdm Yeo Han Ling Yvonne	Mr Edwin Song
Vice Chairperson	Mdm Diana Oey	Mr Tan Kiang Khiang
Exco Members	Mdm Low Pei Chen, Yuki	Mr Vinson Kong
	Mdm Normili Binte Ahmad	Dr Lai Shu Hau
	Mdm Koh Wen Cheng, Vivien	Mr Tang Yong Chong
	Mdm Bernardina Ong	Mr Bruce See
	Mdm Law Shi Wen, Rachel	Mr Louis Teo
	Mdm Normah Binte Ahmad	Mr Alvin Tan

	Mdm Cristina Fulgencio (Ameera)	Mr Brandon Lim
	Mdm Noorashikin Bte Noordin	Mr Caleb Garcia
	Mdm Lo Loong Wuah, Lauren	Mr Jim Ang
	Mdm Goh Ee Lyn, Sharon	

2. Co-Curricular Schedule for Term 2/ 2024

Please find below the schedule for CCA in Term 2.

Dates		P3 to P6
Term 2	Week 1	20-Mar CCA
	Week 2	27-Mar CCA
	Week 3	3-Apr CCA
	Week 4	10-Apr No CCA
	Week 5	17-Apr CCA
	Week 6	24-Apr CCA
	Week 7	1-May No CCA
	Week 8	8-May CCA
	Week 9	15-May CCA
	Week 10	22-May No CCA

3. P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2024

Every year, MOE conducts the GEP Identification Exercise to identify suitable pupils with high intellectual potential. We would like to urge parents to avoid any test-preparation activities which could inflate the pupils' scores and inaccurately reflect their suitability for the programme. Pupils who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it.

Please find the tentative schedule for the 2 stages of the GEP Identification Exercises 2024 as given below:

GEP Screening and Selection Exercises

Date(s)	Papers	Participants
15 August 2024 (Thursday)	English Language Mathematics	Primary 3 pupils
15 & 16 October 2024 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	English Language Mathematics General Ability	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise

The GEP Screening and Selection Exercises will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses.

4. Introduction of E-Payment in School Canteen and Bookstore – POSB Smart Buddy Programme

The POSB Smart Buddy Programme is the world's first in-school wearable tech programme to enable a contactless payment ecosystem that helps cultivate sensible saving and spending habits among children. Parents will be able to remotely manage your child's daily allowances, track their spending and savings, and set saving goals in a digital and interactive way using the Smart Buddy mobile app.

The school has been working closely with POSB and will be implementing the POSB Smart Buddy as an e-payment option in our school canteen and bookstore by end of Term 2. We will share more details with you via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the implementation period.

5. Healthy Living #2: Healthy Eating

With the March school holidays around the corner, it may not be easy for your child to maintain good eating habits that he or she might have established earlier in the year.

If your child reverts to unhealthy eating habits during the holidays, it can be challenging for him or her to get back to good food choices again when they return to school. Making sure that you and your child continue to practise healthy behaviours throughout the holidays will help ensure your family's health stays in top shape year-round.

Do share the following information in relation to healthy eating with your child and enjoy the life-long benefits of healthy-eating with your family.

<https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/fun-fruity-facts>

<https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/nutrition-counts-for-your-growing-child>

<https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/77/sweet-talk-sugars-and-sweeteners>

6. Growth Mindset Nuggets #3: Managing Conflicts

Teaching your child practical skills to resolve conflicts in a healthy way will help them better manage disagreements to big issues as they grow up.

Here are some tips for parents to teach children to manage conflicts:

1. Encourage children to recognize and understand their emotions.
2. Teach active listening skills.
3. Teach children to brainstorm solutions to conflicts.
4. Demonstrate calmness and respect during conflicts at home.
5. Be available to listen and offer guidance without judgment.

With active involvement, parents can empower their children to manage conflicts effectively and build essential life skills.

You may refer to the below web links for further readings on how to teach your children to manage conflicts:

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/she-pushed-me-i-hate-my-class-how-i-work-through-my-kid-s-conflicts-while-keeping-my-cool>

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/let-s-talk-about-cliques>

7. Major Events and Holidays for Term 2

Date	Event	Remarks
9 Mar (Sat) – 17 Mar (Sun)	Term 1 School Holidays	-
18 Mar (Mon)	Back to school for Term 2	-
29 Mar (Fri)	Good Friday	Public Holiday
1 Apr (Mon)	International Friendship Day (IFD) Commemoration	-

Date	Event	Remarks
10 Apr (Wed)	<i>Hari Raya Puasa</i>	Public Holiday
1 May (Wed)	<i>Labour Day</i>	Public Holiday
29 Apr (Mon) – 10 May (Fri)	P3 – P6 Weighted Assessment (WA) 2	More details will be provided at a later date.
22 May (Wed)	<i>Vesak Day</i>	Public Holiday
23 May (Thu) and 24 May (Fri)	Grow With Me! Conversations with Parents	No school for all levels. HBL will be assigned. More details will be provided at a later date.
25 May (Sat) – 23 Jun (Sun)	<i>Term 2 School Holidays</i>	-

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school after the March holidays!

Your partner-in-education,



Ms Audrey Wong
Principal