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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Monthly Letter to Parents for February

As we enter the month of February, we are happy to observe that our Pasirians, especially the Primary 1 students, have settled well into the rhythm of school routines.

Here are some key updates for February:

❖ **Reminder: Morning School Reporting & Dismissal**

(I) Punctuality:

Students should be with their classes (in the hall or classroom) by 7.30 am so that they can settle down by the time the flag-raising ceremony commences at 7.30 am and start the day well. We seek parent/guardian's support in ensuring that your child/ward arrives in school punctually. The Form Teachers and the Discipline Team will engage and work closely with parents/guardians of students who are frequently late, to support and work towards on time school reporting.

(II) Morning Drop-Off:

We seek the cooperation of parents/guardians who drive to school to **arrive by 7.25 a.m.** as the main gate will be closed at 7.25 a.m. Out of consideration for other drivers, parents/guardians are reminded not to alight from your vehicle and to ensure that your child/ward has his/her belongings ready before drop-off so that he/she can alight promptly. To avoid causing undue congestion along Pasir Ris Street 21, do **observe the 'No Right Turn' sign** when exiting the school.

(II) Dismissal Pick-up at School Gates:

For the safety of our students and to prevent overcrowding at exit points, we kindly remind parents and caregivers to avoid gathering directly in front of the school gates during arrival and dismissal. Our students, especially the younger ones, have difficulties spotting their parents in the crowd or passing through the crowd as they leave the school. To ensure a smooth and safe dismissal process, please wait at the assigned dismissal area and arrive on time to avoid congestion and minimise waiting time for students.

❖ **Total Defence Day & Exercise SG Ready 2025**

Each year, we commemorate Total Defence Day (TDD) on 15 February, the day Singapore fell to the Japanese in 1942, to remind us about the importance of Total Defence in protecting our sovereignty as a nation. It remains relevant today, in the face of the ever-evolving threats and challenges that Singapore faces. The theme for TDD 2025 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong' focuses on Singapore's readiness and resilience in the face of crises and disruptions.

As part of our commemoration of TDD, our students will experience a food disruption simulation in school during recess **on 17 February 2025**. This exercise aims to prepare students for potential disruptions to our food supply chain due to climate change, protectionism, geopolitical tensions etc., given Singapore's reliance on food imports. The canteen will offer a simplified menu during recess that day to encourage students to be flexible in food choices and be open to alternatives in the event of such disruptions. We strongly encourage parents to not prepare food for recess for their child/ward, allowing them to fully experience the food disruption simulation. After the exercise, students will reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion.

Please note that students can continue to bring their snacks for snack break on that day. The canteen operators will resume selling their usual food items from 1.30 p.m. onwards for students staying back for after-school programmes and activities.

To help our students understand the importance of TDD and its significance to our lives as Singaporeans, students can look forward to a range of activities planned during recess, Form Teacher Guidance Programme, CCE/MTL and Social Studies periods.

Parent/Guardian may wish to engage your child/ward in sharing his/her experience and reinforce the important notion that everyone has a part to play in Singapore's Total Defence effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Subject Head CCE, Ms Bai at bai_yu@schools.gov.sg.

❖ **Parents Connect**

In Pasir Ris Primary, we believe that parental involvement in education is pivotal for the success of children throughout their school years and beyond. To foster a strong home-school partnership, we will be holding our annual sharing session for parents called Parents Connect.

This online sharing session is an opportunity for parents/guardians to gain insights into the school-based curriculum in line with MOE's direction. The Form Teachers of your child/ward will also be providing a customised briefing on the overview of level programmes and classroom practices. The schedule for the levels' sessions are as follows:

Levels	Date & Time
P5 & P6	Friday, 7 Feb 2025 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
P3 & P4	Friday, 14 Feb 2025 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
P1 & P2	Friday, 21 Feb 2025 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Please refer to the letter sent on 27 January 2025 (notification: PRPS2025/LM/009) for the details. We look forward to engaging you virtually during these sessions.

❖ **Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2025**

The Straits Times and the Speak Good English Movement, with the support of the Ministry of Education, present the annual Inspiring Teacher of English Award to recognise English Language teachers who:

- exemplify the use of good spoken and written English;
- enact learner-centred approaches during English Language lessons;
- choose pedagogies appropriate to learners' readiness, interests and learning profiles.

Nominations are open from 3 February to 4 April 2025. All students and their parents/guardians can download and submit their nominations via www.goodenglish.org.sg. The nomination forms can also be downloaded from <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>

Do nominate our English Language teachers to affirm the work that they do, and to encourage them to continue inspiring and motivating their students.

Yours sincerely,



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