



SPS/17/054

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Open Letter from School Leaders

Dear Parents/Guardian

1. Warm greetings to you! It is our pleasure to get in touch with you again after a month-long school holiday. We hope you have had a good break and a wonderful time bonding with your child/children.
2. We had a good semester 1. This is only possible because of your support. As we commence the 2nd half of the school year, we need your continued support to work together to bring out the best in our students. Term 3 looks to be a busy but an exciting term. Your child can look forward to many programmes and activities planned such as Motivational Workshop, learning journeys, commemorating Racial Harmony Day and celebrating National Day and Teachers' Day. Our Primary 6 students will also go full steam ahead with their PSLE preparations.
3. We want to welcome the following staff to the Sembawang family:
 - Miss Evelyn Poh, PE teacher,
 - Mdm Emily Tang, Corporate Service Officer and
 - Mrs Cynthia Chong, Allied Educator (Learning & Behavioural Support).
4. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Mr Chiang Meng Hoo, who will officially retire after 40 years of service to education. Mr Chiang has made significant contributions to education service. We wish him a happy retirement!

Important Information...

Re-opening of Side Gate 1

5. On 8 Feb, we informed you that Side Gate 1 was closed to public for the construction of a sheltered linkway from the nearby HDB flat. We are happy to announce that the Side Gate 1 will be re-opened with effect from 10 July. The opening hours remain unchanged (i.e. 6.45 am – 7.30 am before morning assembly and 1.30 pm – 2.00 pm during school dismissal). We would like to thank Sembawang Town Council for the construction of the sheltered linkway, primarily for the benefit of our students and staff.
6. The school, together with MOE School Campus Division, will work on completing the sheltered linkway from Side Gate 1 to the classroom block. The construction work will take about 2 months. For safety and security reasons, the school will begin the construction during the Nov/Dec school holiday.

P1 Registration

7. The registration of children for admission to Primary One classes in 2018 will open from Thursday, 29 Jun 2017 to Monday, 28 August 2017. The school will be opened for registration from 8.00 am to 11.00 am and from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm from Mondays to Fridays during the registration period. The Phase 1 registration begins on Thursday, 29 June 2017 and ends on Friday, 30 June 2017, for all Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents born between 2 January 2011 and 1 January 2012 (both dates inclusive) with siblings studying in SBPS. All eligible children would have been issued with the Registration Form before the end of last term. If you have not received the registration form, please contact the office at 6756 7330 immediately and/or approach Mdm Agnes Lim or Mr Lim Tay Suah for assistance.

8. The address to be used for the registration of children will be based on the official residential address on the parents' NRIC. This address will be used to determine the home-school distance category. Parents may check the distance from the school using this distance finder link <http://www.onemap.sg/>, under School Query.

9. For registration under Phase 2A to Phase 2C (Supplementary), parents have the option to either register their child via the Primary One – Internet System (P1-IS) in all schools for Phase 2C and 2C Supplementary or continue to go to schools for registration as in previous years. The P1-IS is accessible 24 hours during the following periods:

- Phase 2C - Starting from 9.00 am on 25 July 2017 to 4.30 pm on 27 July 2017
- Phase 2C Supplementary - Starting from 9.00 am on 13 August 2017 to 4.30 pm on 15 August 2017.

10. Parents who register online will need to produce the original copy of each required document to the school that the child is successfully registered into, when requested by the school or upon reporting to the school. For details on online registration, please refer to the P1-IS Guide at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/primary-one-registration/files/p1-is-guide.pdf>.

11. Should the total number of applications exceed the number of vacancies for each of these phases, priority will be given in the order of (1) children who are Singapore Citizens (SCs), followed by (2) children who are Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs), before home-school distance is considered.

12. For Phase 3, allocation will be given to the following order:

- (a) Children who are Singapore Citizens (SCs)
- (b) Children who are Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs)
- (c) Children who are non-SCs/non-PRs

For non-SC / non-PR, parents should note that admission is not guaranteed as there are limited vacancies after the places are allocated to SC / PR children. MOE will publish the list of available primary schools for parents to register. Thereafter, MOE will centrally process all applications and the posting outcome will be released to parents by 30 November 2017. School posting will take into consideration factors such as availability of school vacancies and ensuring a good spread of students. In view that Phase 3 vacancies are limited, please be informed that MOE posting is final. The school will not entertain any walk-in applications for admissions or transfer of non-SC / non-PR children.

13. Please refer to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/primary-one-registration/allocation> for more information about Primary 1 registration.

Family Day cum P1 Open House

14. We will be holding our Family Day cum P1 Open House on Saturday, 22 July, from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm. The theme for this year's Family Day is '**Family plays together, stays together**'. Family Day is open to all parents and students of SBPS. This is a carnival-like event where we come together to have fun. The programmes include performances by Aesthetic and Readers' Theatre groups, fun games and activities, guided tour, upcycling and indoor gardening workshop, Math & Science trail and Art exhibition.

15. For prospective parents and students, this event seeks to engage and inform them about the SBPS Programme through interaction with our students, teachers and school leaders. If you know of friends who are considering a school to register their child in, do recommend SBPS to them and/or invite them to our Family Day cum P1 Open House.

16. Please note that to ensure the safety of our staff, students, parents and guests, the school will deploy additional security officers. Entrance to the school compound will only be via the school

main gate so as to facilitate security screening. Backpacks and bags of any kind may be subjected to inspection prior to admission. We recognise that this procedure can cause inconvenience and that it is not without flaws. We appeal for your understanding and appreciate your tolerance to cooperate with and follow the security officers' instructions.

P6 Preliminary & PSLE Examination

17. All P6 students will be sitting for their Prelim EL/MT Oral examination on Thursday, 27 July and Friday, 28 July. As such, **all students will be dismissed at 12.30 pm** on these 2 days so that teachers and our P6 students can get ready for the examination in the afternoon. Please make the necessary arrangements to fetch your child/ward at 12.30 pm on these two days.

18. To facilitate your planning, the following are the important dates for P6 Prelim and PSLE Examination:

Date	Examination	Remarks
27 – 28 Jul	Prelim EL/MTL Oral	All students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm
17 – 18 Aug	PSLE EL/MTL Oral	No lessons for P1-5 students. P6 students will report according to the time assigned
21 – 25 Aug	Prelim written papers	
29 Aug	Prelim Listening Comprehension for EL/MTL	Lessons as usual in the morning. Examination will be held after school
15 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension for EL/MTL	No lessons for P1-5 students.
28 Sep – 4 Oct	PSLE written papers	Lessons as usual for P1-5 students

Breakfast Dialogue with Principal

19. A Dialogue session with the Principal for all interested P1 and P2 parents has been scheduled for this semester. The details are as follows:

Date : Friday, 4 August
Time : 7.45 to 9.30 am
Venue : PAL Room, Level 3
To register : Please scan the QR code using your phone QR scanner and fill in the information



20. The dialogue session is a great time to catch up, ask questions and connect with other parents as well as the school. You will obtain first-hand information about the school and any MOE directives from the Principal and have the opportunity to speak with her in an open forum. We would also like to hear from you, how the school can better engage parents in this partnership journey to bring out the best in our children. We look forward to seeing you on the designated date.

21. In order to ensure we have quality conversation, we will restrict the attendance to 100 parents. Registration is on first-come-first-served basis.

Celebration of successes ...

Contributions to *What's Up*

22. *What's Up* is a monthly newsletter for students in Singapore. The publisher received numerous letters and contest entries every month. We are pleased to announce that the articles

submitted by Meryl Wan (of P 5C) and Seow Yue Fong (of P 4A), were selected for publication on *What's Up*, and they would be receiving prizes. Our heartiest congratulations to our budding writers, Meryl and Yue Fong!

Up-coming school events ...

National Education (NE) Show 2017 for P5 Students

23. As part of primary school's NE programmes, each batch of our P5 students will attend the NE Show. Since 1997, the NE Show has been organised to instil a sense of pride and belonging in our students and to bring across the significance of our National Day. Every year, the National Day Parade (NDP) full dress rehearsal provides an opportunity for the organiser to inculcate NE values in our students. Our P5 students are privileged to be part of this celebration where they get to preview the NDP on Saturday, 8 July. All P5 students are expected to attend the NE Show. Details of the NE Show will be given in a separate letter to all parents of P5 students.

Racial Harmony Day (RHD)

24. RHD is celebrated every year on 21 July in Singapore. The event is to commemorate the racial riot that took place on 21 July 1964. It is a significant event in Singapore history to appreciate our rich diversity of culture and heritage, as well as a reminder never to take peace and harmony for granted. The school will be organising a series of activities during the week leading to RHD. On Friday, 21 July, we strongly encouraged all staff and students to come to school dressed in their ethnic costumes such as the Cheongsam, the Baju Kurung / Baju Melayu, Kebaya and Saree / Dhoti or Kurta. For safety reasons, all students will wear their white school shoes with white socks.

Concluding remarks...

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking."

Henry Ford (1863 – 1947)

25. The school Motto is '*The Best from Me*', which encourages all of us to strive to produce quality work. Parents, let's hum the same message in school and at home.

26. Thank you.

Warmest regards,

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