



SEMBAWANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Child, A Winner

SBPS/18/071

26 June 2018

Open Letter from School Leaders 5/2018

Dear Parents/Guardian,

1. Greetings from all of us at SBPS. We hope you have had a good break and a wonderful time bonding with your child/children during the holidays.
2. Thank you for your ardent support and encouragement in semester one. As we commence the 2nd half of the school year, we seek your continued support in bringing out the best in our students. Many exciting programmes await us in Term 3, such as the Open House, Racial Harmony Day, National Day and Teachers' Day. Our Primary 6 students will also be sitting for their PSLE in August and Sept.
3. We want to welcome the following staff to the Sembawang family:
 - Miss Safiyah Salmi Binte Othman (ML teacher);
 - Miss Liyana Binte Dali (Art teacher);
 - Miss Noor Izzatie Binte Abdul Manaf (English-Math teacher);
 - Mdm Teo Siew Hong (English-Sc teacher) and
 - Mdm Hee Pow Soo (CL teacher).
4. We would also like to announce that Ms Tan Si Yin, our HOD/Science, has resigned from service with effect from 25 June 2018. We wish her all the best as she moves on to another area of work.

Important Information...

Re-opening of Side Gate 1

5. With the completion of the sheltered link-way from Side Gate 1 to the school block, the Side Gate 1 will re-open on 25 Jun 2018. The opening hours remain unchanged (i.e. 6.45 am – 7.30 am before morning assembly, 1.30 pm – 2.00 pm during school dismissal). It will also be opened on CCA days (Friday), from 4.15 pm to 4.30 pm. Please also note that minor enhancement works will be carried out to the link-way to improve the functionality. To ensure safety of your child, we will continue to deploy staff at this side gate during its opening hours.

6. Safety Information



The School has also worked with Land Transport Authority to install Flashing Lights at both ends of the main road in front of the School. The flashing light system is an added safety measure to remind drivers to slow down as they approach the School. The flashing light system will be activated during the reporting and dismissal timings.

See Picture

Open House

7. We will be holding our **Open House on Saturday, 21 July 2018**, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. Open House is open to all parents and students of SBPS and prospective parents and students. The programmes include performances by P1 students, Aesthetics and Readers' Theatre groups, hands-on activities, guided tour and Art exhibition.

8. 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 Open House.

9. Please note that to ensure the safety of our staff, students, parents and guests, we 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 seek your understanding and appreciate your cooperation in following the security officers' instructions.

P6 Preliminary & PSLE Examination

10. All P6 students will be sitting for their Prelim EL/MT Oral examination on **Monday, 23 July and Tuesday, 24 July 2018**. 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.

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

Date	Examination	Remarks
23 – 24 Jul	P6 Prelim EL/MTL Oral	All students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm
16 – 17 Aug	PSLE EL/MTL Oral	No lessons for P1-5 students. P6 students will report according to the time assigned
1– 7 Aug	P6 Prelim written papers	EL, MA, MT, SC, HMT
13 Aug	P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension for EL/MTL	Lessons as usual in the morning. Examination will be held after school
14 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension for EL/MTL	No lessons for P1-5 students.
27 Sep – 3 Oct	PSLE written papers	Lessons as usual for P1-5 students

P1 Registration

12. The registration of children for admission to Primary One classes in 2019 will start on Thursday, 28 June 2018. **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.**

13. The **Phase 1 registration** begins on Thursday, 28 June 2018 and ends on Friday, 29 June 2018, for all Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents born between 2 January 2012 and 1 January 2013 (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.

14. 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.

15. 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 30 July 2018 to 4.30 pm on 1 August 2018
- Phase 2C Supplementary – Starting from 9.00 am on 13 August 2018 to 4.30 pm on 14 August 2018.

16. 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/docs/defaultsource/document/education/admissions/primary-one-registration/files/p1-is-guide.pdf>.

17. 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.

18. **Phase 3** is only for non-Singapore Citizen (SC) / non-Permanent Resident (PR) children who have indicated their interest via the MOE P1 website from 5 to 11 June 2018. **MOE will centrally process all the applications** after all SC / PR children have registered and allocated a place in earlier phases. The allocation of places will take into consideration factors such as availability of school vacancies and ensuring a good spread of students. Non-SC / non-PR children who have submitted the indication of interest form and will be notified in October by MOE that they can be offered a P1 place in the school. They must register in-person at the designated schools during Phase 3 of the 2018 P1 Registration Exercise (in late October 2018).

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

Up-coming school events ...

National Education (NE) Show 2018 for P5 Students

20. As part of primary school's NE programmes, each batch of 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, 7 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)

21. 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, 20 July**, we strongly encourage 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...

“The key is not to prioritize what’s on the schedule, but to schedule your priorities.”

Stephen R. Covey
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

22. In term 3, we will be focusing on Habit 2 of Leaders-in-me, ***Begin with the end in mind.*** Let’s help our children set goals and to plan ahead. We will continue to remind each other of the school’s motto, ‘The Best from Me’, as we work towards a successful and fulfilling year for all.

Thank you.

Warmest regards,

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