



WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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5 Jan 2016

Dear Parents,

Season's Greetings to you and your loved ones. I believe that you have enjoyed the time with your children during the holidays. We welcome our children back to school and we look forward to an exciting and enriching 2016.

I am very excited about our school going single session in 2016 and seek parents' understanding and co-operation on this to ensure a smooth transition. Our school hours are from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm. Details will be issued to your children.

At West Grove Primary, we will remain committed to our school vision of 'Active Minds, Gracious Hearts'. We will continue to provide a holistic and learner-centred environment, with enriching learning opportunities for all our children to realise their potential and to realise their dreams and aspirations. Our children will continue to grow their character and stay anchored on sound moral values and be well-prepared for the new global landscape. It is not about giving them a fish but to teach them how to fish. Our children must believe in themselves and always strive to do their best.

As educators, we believe that every child can learn and achieve. Our teachers will continue to bring out the best in our children and be excellent role models for them. They will engage our children fully through a sound curriculum and differentiated pedagogical approaches and by providing a caring environment. I always believed that school is all about building quality relationships between the home and school. I would like to urge all parents to be actively engaged in your children's learning and work in close collaboration with the school. Both teachers and parents must continue to be the inspiration and the moral compass for our children to do their best in school.

Staff Updates

We wish to thank the following staff for their contributions to the school and wish them all the best in their new endeavours:

1. Mr Krishnan P Pillay
2. Mdm Chng Boon Lee
3. Mdm Yeo Yet Tie
4. Mr Murphy Kho Chaw Seng
5. Mdm Feni Yuliyanti
6. Ms Lu Youge
7. Mdm Yong Li Marn
8. Mdm Samantha Oh
9. Mrs Iris Leow
10. Mr Mark Eric Nadhan
11. Mdm Siti Idzmaidar
12. Mdm Govindamal
13. Mdm Serene Lim



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We are also pleased to welcome the following staff to our school:

1. Mdm Tay Yee Teng
2. Mdm Tricia Tan
3. Mdm Junaidah
4. Mdm Nazreen
5. Mr Shariff
6. Mr Ideris
7. Ms Ng Wan Zhyi
8. Ms Soh Li Ming
9. Ms Cassandra Chiam
10. Ms Ashlea Chin
11. Mdm Ivy Low
12. Mdm Veronica

You can contact our staff through phone (General Office hotline: **62679234**) from 7.00 am to 5.30 pm (Mon to Fri) or through email. Email addresses of our staff are listed on the school's website at <http://www.westgrovepri.moe.edu.sg/>

Student Care Centre

The school has appointed Nascans to operate our Student Care Centre. The operations will begin on 4 Jan 2016. We are pleased to inform that enrolment for the student care services has been overwhelming. The school will be looking into the expansion of these services and will notify the parents in time to come.

Science Lab:

The school's Science Lab has also been upgraded over the holidays to feature a bigger and more flexible lab that supports more teaching pedagogies. The Science Lab will reopen soon and students can look forward to having engaging Science lesson there.

Outdoor Experiential Learning (OEL) area:

The Outdoor Experiential Learning area is being upgraded to house a new ecological learning space. During the upgrading works, safety and security measures will be in place to ensure the works are carried out in a safe and non-disruptive manner.

Morning Arrivals:

We would also like to encourage parents who drive to turn into the school to drop their children at the main foyer in the morning. This will certainly help to ease the congestion along the main road and ensure better road safety for all of us.



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Road Safety

We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. This is especially important as young children may not have skills required to use roads properly and do not always fully appreciate the dangers presented. Their small physique also makes them less visible to motorists.

Here are some pointers that should be noted:

- a. Cooperate with traffic marshals to ensure overall safety and smooth traffic flow.
- b. Reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.
- c. Let your child alight only at the designated drop-off point.
- d. Be advised not to violate traffic rules by driving recklessly or making illegal manoeuvres such as turning into the school from the outer lane(s) of the road.
- e. Do not horn indiscriminately.
- f. Help your child alight from the car as quickly as possible.
- g. Reinforce correct road safety behaviour such as using the pedestrian crossing, and avoiding jaywalking or using a handphone while crossing.
- h. Remind your children to practise the kerb drill before crossing - "look right, look left, look right again, ensure all vehicles have stopped, raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly".
- i. If your child must cycle to school, ensure that he knows safe cycling rules and is a competent cyclist. We also strongly encourage the use of protective apparels (e.g. helmet)

School Homework

Homework is a valuable part of schooling. We believe that homework cultivates responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong learning habits. Teachers assign relevant, meaningful and even challenging homework to reinforce classroom learning and to urge children to apply what has been learnt. School leaders and teachers will make a conscious effort to monitor the homework load of our pupils.

Pupils who are not able to complete their work in class will need to complete it at home, in addition to the homework that has been assigned. Subject teachers will coordinate the homework assigned to ensure that it is manageable for the pupils. We seek your understanding that the actual time spent on homework will vary between pupils due to differences in their study habits and subject proficiency. We encourage you to speak with our teachers if you have a concern about the homework received by your child.

We also urge parents to play a supportive role in ensuring their children have a conducive home environment and spend some time daily to supervise them doing homework.



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Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP)

From 2016, a one hour slot will be used to conduct one period of FTGP for the pupils. The periods are reflected in the class Timetable. These periods are meant to facilitate the explicit teaching of Social and Emotional Competencies as well as to grow teacher-pupil relationships.

Attachments:

- 2016 Schedule of Key Events for Term 1
- 2016 School Terms
- 2016 PSLE Schedule (Tentative)
- 2016 Gifted Education Identification Exercise Schedule (Tentative)
- 2016 School Examination Schedule (Tentative)
- 2016 P1 and P2 Graded Assessments Schedule

Education is not preparation for Life; Education is Life itself - John Dewey

Let's work together in providing the best learning for our children.
Wishing all of you A Happy and Successful 2016.

Best Wishes
Mrs Chandler Jay Siva
Principal



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Schedule of Key Events for Term 1 2016		
Date	Activity	Remarks
7 Jan	Temperature Taking Exercise	Pupils to bring thermometers. P1 pupils will be issued new thermometers from the school.
15 Jan	Release of CCA Option and Consent Forms	For selected levels only
5 Feb	Chinese New Year Celebrations	Please note that school hours are as per normal (7.30am – 1.30pm)
8 – 9 Feb	Chinese New Year Holiday	
26 Feb – 6 Mar	Student Health Screening by Ministry of Health	Health Booklets needed
27 Feb	Briefing for P6 Parents	Commences at 8.30am
2 Mar	P6 CA1 Higher Mother Tongue	
3 Mar	P6 CA1 English	
4 Mar	P6 CA1 Maths	
7 Mar	P6 CA1 Mother Tongue	
8 Mar	P6 CA1 Science	
14 Mar – 15 Mar	P6 Study Camp	8.30am to 1pm daily
March School Holidays (12 March to 20 March)		

School Terms for 2016	
Term 1	4 January 2016 – 11 March 2016
Term 2	21 March 2016 – 27 May 2016
Term 3	27 June – 2 September
Term 4	13 September – 18 November

PSLE Exam Dates (Tentative)	
PSLE Oral Exam	18 August & 19 August
PSLE Listening Comprehension	16 September
PSLE Written Exam	29 September – 5 October
PSLE Marking Exercise	17 October – 20 October

P3 Gifted Education Programme Identification Exercise (Tentative)	
GEP Screening Exercise	26 August 2016
GEP Selection Exercise for shortlisted pupils (English, Maths, General Ability)	18, 19 October 2016



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School Examination Periods (Tentative)		
CA1 Written Exam	2 March – 8 March	P6 only
SA1 Oral	18 April – 22 April	P3 to P6
SA1 EL & MT Paper 1 & LC	25 April – 26 April	
SA1 Written Exam	5 May – 12 May	
Prelim LC	12 August	P6 only
Prelim Oral	25 July & 26 July	
Prelim Written	22 August – 26 August	
SA2 Oral	10 October – 14 October	P2 to P5
SA2 EL & MT Paper 1& LC	25 October – 26 October	
SA2 Written Exam	27 October – 4 November	



Graded Assessments for P1 and P2

Primary 1

	Semester 1	Semester 2
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Comprehension (Term 2) • Reading (Term 2) • Topical Assessment 1 (Term 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show and Tell (Term 3) • Listening Comprehension (Term 3) • Topical Assessment 2 (Term 3) • Listening Comprehension (Term 4) • Writing (Term 4) • Topical Assessment 3 (Term 4)
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topical Test 1(Term 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authenticity (Term 3) • Topical Test 2 (Term 3) • Authenticity (Term 4) • Topical Test 3 (Term 4)
Mother Tongue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Comprehension (Term 2) • Oral (Term 2) • Topical Test 1 (Term 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Comprehension (Term 3) • Oral (Term 3) • Reading Comprehension (Term 3) • Listening Comprehension (Term 4) • Oral (Term 4) • Topical Test 2 (Term 4)

Primary 2

	Semester 1	Semester 2
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Comprehension (Term 1) • Topical Assessment 1 (Term 1) • Reading (Term 2) • Topical Assessment 2 (Term 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show and Tell (Term 3) • Topical Assessment 3 (Term 3) • Semestral Assessment 2 (Term 4)
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topical Test 1(Term 1) • Authenticity (Term 2) • Topical Test 2 (Term 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authenticity (Term 3) • Topical Test 3 (Term 3) • Topical Test 4 (Term 4) • Semestral Assessment 2 (Term 4)
Mother Tongue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Comprehension (Term 1) • Topical Test 1 (Term 1) • Oral (Term 2) • Topical Test 2 (Term 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Comprehension (Term 3) • Reading Comprehension (Term 3) • Semestral Assessment 2 (Term 4)