



WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Letter To Parents (Term 2)

24 March 2023

Dear Parents,

We are excited to see our children back in school for Term 2. I hope you have spent good moments with your children during this break. Our children have settled down well in Term 1, understanding school routines and their responsibilities as a student. As we have now returned to normalcy after the COVID pandemic, all school programmes and events over time will be reframed against the new educational landscape. We will continue to be guided by the WGPS compass of *Wisdom and Grace*. This is the stepping-stone for our children to grow up into confident lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

With the removal of Mid-year examinations for all levels from this year, it will provide the school time and space to craft integrated and collaborative learning opportunities and experiences for our children. We want our children to appreciate the joy of learning and explore possibilities to develop their interests and passions - a classroom where the magic never stops, and the adventure never ends. Let our children discover Wonderland just like Alice in Wonderland. Quoting the characters from the story:

Cheshire Cat: Every adventure requires a first.

Alice: Those who don't believe in magic will never find it. This is my dream. I'll decide where to go from here.

The Mad Hatter: The secret, Alice, is to surround yourself with people who make your heart smile. It's then, only then that you will find Wonderland!

Besides student engagement and joy of learning, academic excellence is just as important. You would have already received the Semester 1 Weighted Assessment details and formative assessment schedules in the Year Head letters. Hence, Term 2 as always will be busy, as some cohorts will be sitting for their assessments while others will be involved in various cohort programmes. We will ensure that they are adequately prepared to do their best in their assessments. Do continue to keep your communications with the teachers going and be an active part of your children's learning and development.



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The school would like to reiterate the safety and well-being of our children. We remind parents to drive into the school premises with utmost caution. Also do follow road safety rules and be good role models for our children.

*Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.
Nothing can be done without hope and confidence - Helen Keller.*

Thank you and Best Wishes!

Mrs Chandler Jay Siva
Principal



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Staff Updates

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

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| 1. Ms Tan Lee Peng, Natasha | – | Teacher |
| 2. Ms Siti Aishah Binte Hussin | – | Teacher |
| 3. Mr Lee Shi Hao | – | Teacher |
| 4. Mdm Elise Lee Ji Hsuen | – | Teacher |
| 5. Mr Balakrishnan S/O Venkidusamy | – | Operations Manager |

Closure of Gate 2 (nearest to HDB Block 731)

With effect from 20 Mar 2023, the side gate 2 (nearest to HDB Block 731) will cease operations. Students are to use either gate 1 or 3. Gate 2 will be used for emergency evacuation. We apologise for any inconveniences caused.

School Hours and Dismissal Arrangements

School hours are from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily. All students should reach school and be ready for morning assembly by 7.30 a.m. We seek your support in ensuring that your child/ward reports punctually to school.

Venues for Dismissal

Gate	Levels using the gate for dismissal	Remarks
Big Gate 1	P3 to P6	This is also the vehicular gate used by vehicles. However, it will be out of bounds to traffic from 1.15 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. daily.
Small Gate 1	P1 and P2	
Gate 3	All levels	



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Wet Weather Dismissal

Gate	Wet Weather Arrangements
Gate 1	Parents/Guardians using Gate 1 can wait for your child/ward in the canteen. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 and P2 parents - canteen corridor next to the field• P3 to P6 parents - canteen corridor next to the parade square
Gate 3	Parents/Guardians using Gate 3 can wait for your child/ward at the corridor of Classroom Block C (Level 1).

Safe Behaviour in School

Students are reminded to behave in a safe and responsible manner in school. For their own safety and safety of others, students are not allowed to run along the corridors, slide along the staircase railings or intentionally trip/push other students. Rough/inappropriate play involving physical contact between students are discouraged.

We would like parents/guardians to help to reinforce the above messages to your child/ward. We also seek your assistance in contacting the form teachers if your child/ward experiences any such encounters in school.

Use of Smartwatches in school

Students are strongly discouraged from wearing smartwatches to school as this could be a major source of distraction during class. Smartwatches refer to watches that are capable of capturing, storing, displaying and/ or transmitting visual, audio or verbal information and have similar features as mobile phones. These devices are also not allowed during tests or examinations (school and national) as they allow access to online resources.

Additionally, the school will not be accountable for any losses of smartwatches. We strongly encourage students to approach the office staff to make a phone call to their parents if the need arises.



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E-Parents Teacher Meeting (e-PTM)

The E-Parents Teachers Meeting (e-PTM) for this year will be held on Wednesday 24th May, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday 25th May, from 2 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Parents are invited to attend the meeting with your child's Form Teacher to discuss the holistic development of your child. The meeting hopes to strengthen parent-school partnership. At the same time, we hope the dialogue session can provide a better understanding of your child's interests, strengths and home-school dynamics. More information will be shared closer to the date.

International Friendship Day

Our school will commemorate International Friendship Day (IFD) on **Tuesday 11 April 2023**. The IFD theme for this year is *Singapore in Asia*. Students will be acquainted with the diverse and colourful culture and traditions of ASEAN and beyond through a special assembly programme and class activities. In addition, to mark the 50th anniversary of bilateral relations between Singapore and Vietnam, a segment on Vietnam will be featured. School will continue to nurture in our students the spirit of friendship and collaboration among one another, including students of different nationalities. They will also be encouraged to express appreciation for foreigners living, working, and studying in Singapore.

On the day of the commemoration, your child/ward is encouraged to put on his/her traditional costumes, with black school shoes and white socks. Students who do not have traditional costumes may come in their school uniform.

Hari Raya Celebration

Hari Raya Puasa refers to the "Day of celebration" and marks the end of a month of fasting for Muslims. Our school will be celebrating Hari Raya on **Tuesday 25th April 2023**.

The theme for this year's Hari Raya celebration is Kampong Spirit. There will be a Hari Raya concert featuring dance items from the dance troupe and the starlight team. In addition, there will be a mass dance involving the whole school. Prior to the concert, students will get a chance to view the display of banners and food props by National Heritage Board. This will enable the students to get a better understanding of the significance of Hari Raya Puasa and appreciate the important role this celebration plays in multi-racial Singapore. The school believes in helping the needy during this festive period. Various classes across all levels will be donating food items to the Jamiyah Singapore Food Bank as part of our Hari Raya celebrations.



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Fitness Fiesta

Our school will be having a Fitness Fiesta on **Friday 26 May 2023** during curriculum hours. This is an annual event to engage all our students in physical fitness activities and encourage them to collaborate in games and challenges. Students are to be in PE attire for the event.

School Calendar for Term 2

The respective Year Head letters will contain the schedule of programmes and events for the different levels.



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