



WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Through the Principal, 
Mrs Chandler Jay Siva

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Dear P3 Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to West Grove Primary School!

We hope you and your family have had a refreshing yet short break. The school will continue to adopt the **PROSPER** framework (T. Noble and H. McGrath) to guide us in our students' wellbeing programmes, where we Encourage **Positivity**, Build **Relationships**, Facilitate **Outcomes**, Focus on **Strengths**, Foster a sense of **Purpose**, Enhance **Engagement** and Teach **Resilience**.

All students face adversity at one time or other. **Resilience** has been defined as “the ability to persist, cope adaptively and bounce back after encountering change, challenges, setback, disappointments, difficult situations or adversity and to bounce back to a reasonable level of wellbeing (McGrath and Noble 2011). It is also the capacity to respond adaptively to difficult circumstances and still thrive”.

Resilience is crucial for academic and social success in school and in life. Key resilience skills that can be taught to students are: helpful and rational thinking skills, adaptive distancing skills, using humour, optimistic thinking skills, and seeking assistance when needed (McGrath and Noble 2011).

Many activities had been planned and organised by our teachers like collaborative work in class lessons, project work, recess activities, outdoor education programs, cyber wellness quiz and various festive programs to develop our students' resilience skills.

Children and mobile phones

More and more of our children are using smartphones and they are using their phones at a longer duration.

If your child uses their mobile phone to communicate independently with others or access the internet, it increases the risk that your child will come across content that bothers them. It also exposes your child to risks like cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and contact with strangers.

It is important to think about how you can help your child learn to use the phone responsibly, thereby building up your child's resilience skills too.



Responsible mobile phone use is about:

- *sticking to family rules about phone use*

Here are some examples of mobile phone rules for the whole family:

1. Mobile phones are either switched off or not used during family meals.
2. Mobile phones stay out of bedrooms after a time you agree on.
3. Mobile phones are put down when you are talking face to face with each other.

- *managing costs by keeping track of call, text and data usage*

- *being safe and respectful in calls, texts and social media posts.*

Here are some ways to protect your child from risky or inappropriate content and activities:

1. manage safety and privacy settings on their phone – for example, checking that social media profiles are private and locking the phone with a pin
2. not entering personal details like name, address or date of birth into online accounts or forms
3. accept new social media friend requests only from people they know face to face
4. check which apps use location services and switching off unnecessary ones.
This can ensure that your child is not showing their location to nearby people that they do not know.

Reference: <https://familiesforlife.sg/parenting>

Assessment Matters

Please refer to Parent Gateway dated *27 June 2023* for the details of the Semestral Assessment in term 4.

Curriculum Schedule on 16 and 17 October 2023

Please refer to Parent Gateway dated *12 September 2023* for the details on our Primary 3 students reporting back for lessons.

As curriculum programs will be planned for our students, attendance is compulsory. Should your child/ward is unwell, a medical certificate has to be submitted to the Form teacher when your child/ward is back in school.



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P4 Buddy Programme with P1(2024)

The first few days of school can be an exciting yet daunting experience for many Primary One students. To help ease them into the school environment, our school has a buddy system which pairs every Primary One student with a Primary Four student. This system will help the new students gradually adapt to the rigours of our school. Our Primary 3 students will be briefed before the school term closes.

More details will be provided next year.

Level Induction Programme 2024

The Level Induction Program will be held on the first two days of the academic year 2024 and aims to induct our students into their new levels. Returning students would have to cope with not only a new environment, but new teachers and new classmates as well. During the course of the programme, class rules, routines & procedures would be established and their rationale explained. The induction programme serves to establish the standards in what is acceptable and unacceptable, appropriate and inappropriate, the importance of regular attendance, punctuality, as well as, introduce students to the common approaches to positive discipline and the support systems put in place to cater to the students' diverse needs.

The programme will also introduce to the students to the objectives and expectations of some level specific programmes such as Programme for Active Learning, amongst others. It also aims to induct the students into the Formal Curriculum (English, Mathematics, Mother Tongue, Character and Citizen Education, Information and Communication Technology, Physical and Health Education, Aesthetics and Co-Curricular Activities), as well as provide some time for teacher student interaction.

Please be advised that students are to bring **English** and **Mathematics** books and files on the first day and **Mother Tongue** books and files on the second day of the programme.

Do leave your name and number at **6267 9234** if you have any queries during school hours. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

We wish you and your child/ward all of the best in this term. Thank you.

Best regards,

Mdm Lee Nyuk Phing
Year Head (Middle level)

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Schedule of Key Events for Term 4 2023 (Primary 3)

Date	Activity	Remarks
28 Sep	P3 SA English Paper 1	During curriculum
29 Sep	P3 SA Mother Tongue Paper 1	During curriculum
3 Oct	P3 SA English & MT Listening Comprehension	During curriculum
5 Oct	Children's Day Celebrations	All P1 – P6 students come to school as per normal
6 Oct	Children's Day Holiday	School Holiday
10 – 11 Oct	P3 SA Oral (English & MT)	After curriculum
16 Oct – 17 Oct	Normal school day for P3 Students	Normal school hours for P3 students
17 – 18 Oct	GEP Selection Test	For selected P3 students only
18 Oct	PSLE Marking	P3 students do not come to school
20 – 26 Oct	P3 SA Written Exams	During curriculum
13 Nov	Deepavali	Public Holiday
14 – 15 Nov	No school for P3 students	P3 students do not come to school
16 Nov	Celebration of Success	All P1 – P6 students come to school as per normal
17 Nov	Admin Day	All students do not come to school
December School Holidays: 18 Nov 2023 – 1 Jan 2024		
School reopens on: <u>2 Jan 2024 (Primary 1) & 3 Jan 2024 (Primary 2 – 6)</u>		