



WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Letter To Parents (Term 1)

5 January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Season's Greetings to you and your family. We are indeed delighted to welcome our children back to school and we look forward to another exciting year of learning and growing together@WGPS.

Our school Vision of 'Active Minds, Gracious Hearts' and our school Motto of "Wisdom and Grace" will continue to guide us to fulfil our commitment to providing a holistic and learner-centric environment for all our children, anchored on character development and sound moral values. As we get ready to embrace the new global landscape, there will be ample learning opportunities to develop their talents and passions and to bring them closer to realising their dreams and aspirations. A self-directed learner, a confident person, an active contributor, and a concerned citizen - that's our wish for them. They must find JOY in their learning and must be happy coming to school. They must cultivate good friendships and interact well with their classmates and teachers. They must learn to dream, discover, and dare. Learning will go beyond the classrooms, and they must participate actively in all school programmes and events. Our teachers would continue to engage them through a robust curriculum with differentiated pedagogical approaches while ensuring a safe caring environment.

We strongly encourage parents to be actively involved in their children's learning and growth and to work in close collaboration with the school. Our partnership will make a positive difference in our children. Both parents and teachers must remain the inspiration and moral compass for our children to do their best in school and in life.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." - W.B. Yeats

Life is not just about achievement. It's about learning, growing and developing qualities such as compassion, patience, perseverance, love and joy – Jack Cranfield

Wishing you all the best!

Regards,

Mrs Chandler Jay Siva
Principal



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PSLE Results 2023

We are pleased to announce the PSLE results of the Primary 6 cohort of 2023. We would like to congratulate them and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

% students eligible for Secondary School	98.6%
% students eligible for G3	66.4%
% students eligible for at least G2	87.4%
Number of Successful DSA applicants	9



Staff Movement

As we embrace this fresh start, it is of great excitement that we welcome new colleagues who join us with enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to shaping the minds of our students. Let's look forward to the positive impact our new team members will bring to our school's journey ahead. Together, let us continue to lead, care, and inspire!

1. Mdm Munalizah Binte Ajis
2. Mdm Tan Yong En
3. Ms Phang Yun Xuan
4. Ms Aw Yong Wai Leng
5. Ms Pauline Soh Poh Ling
6. Mdm Chen Ai
7. Mdm Jennifer Tang
8. Mdm Esther Goh Gek Puay

At the same time, we bid farewell to our valued colleagues who have contributed significantly to our school for the years they have been with us. Their contributions to our school have been invaluable, and their absence will be felt. Wishing them the best in their future endeavours.

1. Mdm Anisah Bte Muna Mohamed
2. Mr Matthew Sim
3. Mr Mohamed Nadzri B Md Nasir
4. Mdm Nurhazlinda Bte Mohamed Shafri
5. Mdm Ong Pyng Jing
6. Mr Phoon Yong Kang
7. Mdm Shafiah D/O Syed Masood
8. Mdm Tan Hui Yang
9. Ms Tho Lee Kian Diana



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	This is the gate nearest to block 723

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/bookshop• P3 to P6 parents - canteen corridor next to the parade square
Gate 3	Parents/Guardians can wait for your child/ward at the corridor of Classroom Block C (Level 1).



Social Responsibility

To ensure the safety of students, students who are unwell with flu-like symptoms such as fever, running nose, sore throat and cough are required to stay away from school. Please do inform your child/ward's form teacher in such an event.

Students are to ensure that they have working thermometers, water bottles and hand sanitizers and masks (optional) with them daily. The sharing of personal items is not encouraged. Please label all personalized items with your child/ward's name and class.



School Security

All visitors to the school are reminded to report to the Security Guard Post before proceeding to the General Office for assistance. You are not allowed in any other part of the school premises.



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Road Safety

The school would like to emphasize the importance of road safety. We hope to seek your cooperation in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. This is especially important as young children may not have the 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. Let's do our part to model safe road use.



Reminder on Dual Vehicular Lanes in the Morning

The school allows two vehicles to enter through the Main Gate to better manage congestion. You will see a demarcation of the lanes as shown in the picture below. We urge parents to exercise caution and patience when driving into the school.



Please refrain from the following actions:

- a) Dropping off your child along the roadside, as it may impede the smooth flow of traffic and pose a potential risk of accidents.
- b) Attempting to change lanes upon entering the school, as it could endanger pedestrians and other drivers.
- c) Driving at high speed in the school zone, as it may result in potential accidents.
- d) Disregarding the instructions or directions provided by the security guards.
- e) Dropping off your child between 7.20 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. There is a significant influx of cars entering the school premises during that period of time. It is advisable to send your child to school earlier to avoid traffic congestion.
- f) Jay-walking. Some parents, guardians and students were observed to cross the road without using the pedestrian crossing at traffic junctions. This poses a safety hazard to both adult and children.



Students Cycling or Scooting to School

All parents/guardians of students cycling or scooting to school are required to acknowledge an advisory letter which will be issued in Term 1. This is to encourage parents/guardians to actively monitor the child/ward’s behaviour and conduct in the use of their bicycles / scooters. Students who do not commute safely may not be allowed to cycle / scoot to school.



Parking in School


The school is unable to provide parking for parents and we would like to remind parents who are visiting the school to **park in the nearby HDB blocks.**

For parents/guardians who are here to pick up their child/ward who is **unwell**, or for any **emergencies**, please inform the security guard and they will allow you to park in the temporary visitor lots (subject to availability).



Recess and School Canteen

Our school’s recess timings are as follows.

P1 and P4	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	2024 Canteen Menu and pricing  <small>http://go.gov.sg/2024cmmen</small>
P2 and P5	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	
P3 and P6	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	

Stalls 2, 5 and 7 in our school canteen are **Halal certified**. Students can also purchase **vegetarian food** from **Stall 6** but do take note that it is not Halal Certified.

In our continuous effort to inculcate healthy eating habits among our students, the school has embarked on the **Healthy Meals In Schools Program** since 2018. The main objective of this Health Promotion Board initiative is to encourage our students to have a balanced diet (brown rice, vegetables, meat and fruits) as well as to make healthier food and beverage choices. The price of each set meal ranges from **\$2.00** to **\$2.50**. Please give sufficient pocket-money to your child/ward/children for their meals during recess.

We would also like to encourage students to drink plain water and cut down on sugary drinks, as high sugar intake is a contributing factor to diabetes. Students should bring their own water bottles to school and refill them at the water coolers.



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School Attendance & Absence

The school places a strong emphasis on students' regular attendance in school and it is closely monitored by the Form Teachers and our Student Development Team (SDT). For any absences, please inform the Form Teacher and submit relevant documentation (e.g. Medical Certificates) if applicable.

If the absence falls on the date of a weighted assessment (e.g. topical test, exam), there is NO make-up for the assessment. Pro-rating will be considered if the absence is substantiated with valid reasons (e.g. Medical Certificates).



School Homework

Homework is a valuable part of schooling. We firmly believe that homework fosters a sense of responsibility, self-discipline, and the development of lifelong learning habits. To reinforce classroom teachings and enable practical application of acquired knowledge, teachers will assign meaningful and sufficiently challenging homework.

The school will monitor the homework load of our students and subject teachers will coordinate the homework assigned to ensure that the load is manageable. In addition to the homework that has been assigned, students who are unable to complete their work in class will need to complete it at home. We seek your understanding that the actual time spent on homework will vary between students due to differences in their study habits and subject proficiency. We encourage you to speak with our teachers if you have any concerns about the assigned homework.

We also urge parents/guardians to play a supportive role by spending time monitoring your child/children's homework and to ensure they are done in a conducive environment.



After-School Programme

To ensure the safety of students who are staying back for after-school programmes, they are not allowed to leave the school before the start of the activity. Students are expected to have their lunch in school. We will monitor students' movement after school. We seek your understanding and support in reinforcing the message with your child.



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Schedule of Key Events for Term 1

Date	Activity	Remarks
12 Jan – 8 Mar 2024 (Fri – Fri)	P4 Swimsafer Programme	Refer to PG letter sent on 27 Dec 2023
16 Jan – 17 Jan 2024 (Tue– Wed)	P1 to P6 Class Photo-taking	More details will be provided later
22 Jan – 1 Feb 2024	P4 Social Studies Learning Journey	More details will be provided later
5 Feb 2024 (Mon)	P1 and P6 School Smart Card photo taking	More details will be provided later
9 Feb 2024 (Fri)	School's Chinese New Year Celebration	7.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
10 – 11 Feb 2024 (Sat & Sun)	Chinese New Year	Public Holiday
12 - 13 Feb 2024 (Mon & Tue)	Day after Chinese New Year	Public Holiday & Off-in-lieu
15 Feb 2024 (Thu)	Total Defence Day	Activities will be held during school hours
9 Mar – 17 Mar 2024	Term 1 School Holidays	
14 Mar - 15 Mar 2024 (Thu – Fri)	Primary 6 Study Camp	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

The school will celebrate Chinese New Year on **9 Feb 2024 (Friday)**.
On the day of the celebration, school hours will be from **7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.**

As part of the celebrations, the school will engage our students in festive learning activities during curriculum time. To facilitate learning, students are required to bring their storybook for silent reading, water bottle, stationery which includes coloured pencils.

Students are encouraged to put on their traditional costumes, with black school shoes and white socks that day. Students who do not have traditional costumes may come in red attire or their school uniform.

The school will be closed on the following days:
12 Feb 2024 (Mon) – Public Holiday
13 Feb 2024 (Tue) – Chinese Lunar New Year off-in-lieu

Lessons will resume on **14 Feb 2024 (Wed)**.



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P.R.O.S.P.E.R @ West Grove

The school continues to look into ways to improve the **Positive Environment** for your child/ward to thrive in and experience Joy of Learning. We have adopted the **PROSPER** Framework (T. Noble and H. McGrath), where we Encourage **Positivity**, Build **Relationships**, Facilitate **Outcomes**, Focus on **Strengths**, Foster a sense of **Purpose**, Enhance **Engagement** and Teach **Resilience**. We hope to work closely with you in the bringing out the best of your child/ward.



Curriculum & Assessment Matters

The focus of our primary school curriculum landscape has shifted from solely emphasizing academic excellence to providing a more balanced education that caters to our students' abilities. The removal of mid-year examinations for all primary school levels since 2023, the following assessment arrangements are in place in lieu of the mid-year examinations:

Primary 1 and Primary 2

With the removal of weighted assessment for P1 and P2 students, the teachers will conduct a series of formative assessments to help students understand their level of understanding and achievement for each subject. These formative assessments aim to identify the learning gaps and teachers will work with students to close those learning gaps. In addition to the formative assessments, teachers will also provide feedback on students' **learning dispositions** (positive behaviours and attitudes). Such observations will be reported through the school's **Nurturing Wisdom & Grace Report**.

Students will also receive information on their progress and achievement in the various areas of learning based on a selection of their independent work. Curated works and reports will be consolidated in student's portfolio file to provide a holistic overview of the students' progress and learning throughout the year. Besides the portfolio file, students' progress (learning outcomes) will also be reported in mid-year and end-of-year report book.

Primary 3 to Primary 6

Subject teachers will conduct a series of formative assessments and provide feedback to students to close their learning gaps. Students in P3 to P6 will be taking 2 weighted assessments and 1 end-of-year Semestral Exam. Assessment results will be reported in mid-year and end-of-year report book. Aside from weighted assessment, feedback will also be given on students' **learning dispositions** (positive behaviours and attitudes) through the school's **Nurturing Wisdom & Grace Report**.



P3 Gift Education Programme (GEP)

MOE has implemented the GEP Screening exercise at P3 level.

The exercise aims to identify students with high intellectual potential and match them to a curriculum that is suitable for them. Test-preparation on activities for the screening and selection exercise is discouraged as it could inflate the student's score and could cause the results of the exercise not to reflect their true potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit from it. This would put undue stress on the students and may even cause them to lose confidence and self-esteem.

P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Dates (Tentative)			
Stage	Date	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening Stage 1	15 Aug 2024 (Thu)	Primary 3 students enrolled in government and government-aided schools	English Language Mathematics
GEP Selection Stage 2	15 & 16 Oct [^] 2024 (Tue & Wed) [^] Week of PSLE Marking Exercise (14 - 16 Oct)	Only shortlisted students will be invited to the Selection stage	English Language Mathematics General Ability

*More details will be provided later.

P4 Subject-Based Banding (SBB)

Subject-based Banding provides greater flexibility for your child by offering them the option of a combination of standard and foundation subjects, depending on their strengths. Such a choice will allow your child to focus on and stretch their potential in the subjects that they are strong in while building up the fundamentals in the subjects that he/she needs more support in. At the end of the year, the school will recommend a subject combination based on their exam results. Parents will need to fill up an option form to indicate your child's preferred subject combination. More information will be provided later.

Scan here to access our Assessment Plan



<https://202409142024assessment>



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Parents Engagement & Mode of Communication

Communication is key when it comes to partnership between home and school. The main mode of communication between the teachers and parents are as follows:

- General office hotline: **62679234** (Mon to Fri, from 7.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.)
- Student Handbook
- Teachers' Email (PG Contacts or School webpage)

Moving Forward

In our ongoing efforts to enhance communication and engagement, we are proud to announce the launch of official Instagram and Facebook accounts. These platforms will serve as spaces for us to share highlights, updates, and glimpses into the wonderful activities in the school. By following us on **Instagram** and **Facebook** you'll stay connected with the latest news and celebrations in real-time.

But that's not all – we're also revamping our school's webpage to provide you with an even more user-friendly and informative online experience. The new website will feature improved navigation, important announcements, and a calendar of events to help you stay organized and involved in your child's academic journey.



WGPS
Facebook



WGPS
Instagram



WGPS
Webpage

We believe that these initiatives will strengthen the sense of community at West Grove Primary School and foster better communication between the school, parents, and students.

Parent Support Group (PSG)

To nurture a positive partnership between home and school, we encourage parents to join our WGPS Parent Support Group (PSG).

The PSG provides support for school activities, enhancing student welfare and growth. It serves as a key communication channel for parents to offer constructive feedback on school policies and programs. Additionally, the PSG actively recruits and leads parents, ensuring the sustainability of our vital home-school partnership. Together, let's foster a collaborative environment that propels the overall development of our students.



WGPS PSG
Application form

Lastly, we thank you for your ongoing support in making West Grove Primary School a thriving educational community.