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Dear Parents/Guardians,

2023 has been a year filled with growth, challenges, and moments of inspiration. From the first day of school to this very moment, our students have demonstrated incredible resilience, curiosity, and a genuine commitment to their education. We have witnessed them evolving as learners, thinkers, and most importantly, as individuals with unique talents and potential who know that they can **ACHIEVE** if they put their hearts and minds to it.

We want to commend our dedicated and passionate team of staff for their tireless efforts to provide the best possible education for your child/ward. They have worked diligently to create engaging and meaningful learning environments that foster creativity, critical thinking, and a love of learning. It is through their commitment and enthusiasm that our students have flourished over this year.

As we approach the end of another memorable academic year, it is also important to take some time to reflect on your child's/ward's progress and achievements. Celebrate their successes, no matter how big or small as their efforts count towards much, and recognize the growth they have experienced this year. Education is a partnership, and your involvement in your child's/ward's learning journey is invaluable. Looking ahead to the next academic year, we will continue to build upon the successes of this year, and our commitment to excellence remains unwavering.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation for your strong support in partnering us as we journey together in shaping and helping our students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens, keeping our student **ACHIEVE** outcomes in mind.

To end the year and for your child/ward to transit to the next academic year smoothly, we would like to bring your attention to the following matters:

1. Return of Students' Report Books

Report book will be distributed to your child/ward on **Thursday, 9 November 2023**. Kindly return the report book to your child/ward's form teacher by **Tuesday, 14 November 2023**. The 2024 Booklist will also be given to your child/ward with their report book.

2. Last Day of School for 2023 (P1 to P5) and P6 Graduation Party

A gentle reminder that the **last day of school for all P1 to P5 students will be on Thursday, 16 November 2023. All students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm.**

Kindly make the necessary home-transport arrangements for your child/ward. The school bus provider and Student Care Centre have already been informed of the dismissal time on this day.

A PG announcement was sent to inform parents/guardians about the **P6 Graduation Party. This event will be held for our P6 Yuhualites on this same day, Thursday, 16 November from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.** Please refer to the PG sent on Wednesday, 1 November 2023 for more details.

3. Important Information to Note for the new school year in 2024:

- a. [No Change] **Dismissal at 2.30 pm only for all P4 to P6 Students on Every Thursday in 2024, with effect from 11 January 2024 (Week 2)**

Kindly note that **all our P4 to P6 students will continue to have their curriculum hours extended to 2.30 pm on every Thursday**, with a lunch break included for them as stated in their class time-table. This extension was made in view of the revised Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) Curriculum for P4 to P6 as mentioned last year. With an additional period of CCE (Form Teacher Guidance Period), the school will be able to provide stronger pastoral care, socio-emotional learning, and also to support the expanded scope of teaching content for CCE lessons.

If your child/ward takes part in our After-School-Programme (ASP). Rest assured that their **ASP will still end at 4 pm on Thursdays** to ensure our students' overall well-being while we continue to provide the additional support for their learning. A Parent Consent form will be sent via PG before the commencement of the 2024 remedial or supplementary classes.

If your P4 to P6 child/ward is taking the school bus **and does not have to stay for ASP on Thursdays**, the school bus company will still be able to make the transport provision for your child/ward at 2.30 pm during dismissal. Kindly contact the school bus company, Chitson Transport, at 6765 0262 if you have queries about the school bus arrangements for next year. The school bus transport arrangements for P1 to P3 students at school dismissal timings remain unchanged.

- b. [No Change] **Staggered Dismissal Timings**

To ensure that there will not be any congestion at the different dismissal points, we will dismiss our P1 to P3 students slightly earlier than the rest of the levels.

Levels	Timings/Days
Primary 1 to 3	1.25 pm (Mondays to Fridays)
Primary 4 to 6	1.30 pm (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays) 2.30 pm (Thursdays)

c. [Updated Timings] Staggered Recess & Snack Break Timings [Pairing Lower & Upper Primary Buddies]

As we look into revamping our canteen space next year to better utilise the spaces, we are glad to share that part of creating that new space involves adding more benches and tables next year for our students. We are also able to better space out the timings between snack, recess and lunch breaks for our students by making the provisions for two levels to have their recess at the same time. By having a common recess time, students will also be able to have more positive interactions with each students from across the levels. We will also be pairing lower primary with upper primary students to enhance our Peer Buddy Programme.

Levels/Recess/Snack Break	Timings
All Levels Snack Break 1	9 a.m.
Primary 1 & 4 Recess	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Primary 2 & 5 Recess	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Primary 3 & 6 Recess	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
All Levels Snack Break 2	12 p.m.

d. [No Change] P4 to P6 Lunch Break Timings for Thursdays (Long Day)

As all P4 to P6 students will only end at 2.30 pm on Thursdays, with the inclusion of the additional CCE period, they will be provided with a lunch break on Thursdays following the timings below:

Levels	Timings
Primary 4	1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.
Primary 5	1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Primary 6	2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

e. [No Change] Reporting Time in 2024 and First Day of School

The first teaching period will start at 7.30 am from Mondays to Fridays. We continue to seek your support to ensure that your child/ward arrives in school at least **10 minutes before** the Flag Raising Ceremony in the school hall that will start at 7.25 am sharp so he/she will have ample time to settle down and also take part in the silent reading.

First day of school for all P2 to P6 students is on Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

We wish you and your family a restful and good time of family bonding over the November/December school holidays.

Thank you.

Your Partners-in-Education,

Mrs Ruth Tai
Principal

Mrs Zoey So
Vice-Principal

Mr Noah Ong
Vice-Principal (Admin)