

# UNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Dear Parents** 

We have come to the end of Term 1. Kindly note the following for Term 2:

#### 1. Staff Movement

We bade farewell to Mrs Florence Tan whose last day of school was 17 Feb 23. She has retired after contributing 40 years of service to MOE and will return as Flexi-Adjunct Teacher (FAJT) to continue her teaching service with Unity Primary School.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Administration Manager, Ms Ivy Lee, who has joined us on 6 Mar 23.

### 2. Student Well-Being & Safety

We appeal to parents to continue exercising social responsibility and not send your child to school should he/she be unwell or experience any flu-like or infectious symptoms (even mild ones). You are advised to take your child to seek medical attention and he/she should only return to school when he/she has fully recovered.

### 3. Eat With Your Family Day (EWYFD)

"Eat With Your Family Day" (EWYFD) is a nation-wide initiative led by the Centre For Fathering and supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time that day to bond with their families. Through the simple practice of having a family meal, this initiative serves as a reminder for families to eat and spend time together regularly.

4. School Calendar of Events & Term 2 Key Activities

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Day/ Date	School Holidays/ Celebrations
Fri, 7 Apr 23	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Mon, 24 Apr 23	School Holiday (Hari Raya Puasa Off-in-Lieu)
Mon, 1 May 23	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Mon, 22 May 23	Home-Based Learning (HBL) (No School for P1 – P6)
	e-Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) 2
Fri, 26 May 23	Eat with Your Family Day (EWYFD) [School as usual]
Sat, 27 May 23 – Sun, 25 Jun 23	School Holidays
Mon, 26 Jun 23	Commencement of Term 3

Please refer to this link <u>School Calendar (moe.edu.sg)</u> to access live and updated information on the school website. Do also take note of the dates for weighted assessments for the level your child is in.

## 5. Parents Gateway (PG)

This is a reminder that Parents Gateway (PG) is a one-stop portal and channel for school-home communication. With the PG App, parents can access all school announcements and consent forms, give consent for your child's activities anytime, anywhere. To download PG or for its FAQ, visit <a href="https://pg.moe.edu.sg/">https://pg.moe.edu.sg/</a>. Kindly turn on the PG notification in your phone setting so that you can be alerted to PG updates from the school and MOE in a timely manner.

### 6. Termly Emergency Relay with Parents

The school conducts termly Test of the Emergency Relay System with Parents via PG. For the emergency relay system test conducted in Term 1 on 16 Feb 23, the PG response rate was 89%. We thank all the parents who have read and acknowledged the relay message promptly. As it is crucial for school to be able to reach all its stakeholders especially parents in emergency situations, we appreciate everyone's timely co-operation and consideration to read all the notifications sent out and take the necessary actions.

### 7. Safety Drills

The school conducts physical safety drills to maintain its preparedness in times of emergencies and raise baseline competency and awareness in students and staff. Besides fire drills, the school will conduct a lockdown drill followed by evacuation to an External Holding Area on Tue, 2 May 23. Students will be briefed before any emergency exercises are conducted. More details will be shared via PG closer to the date.

### 8. Cyber Wellness (CW)

In UPS, we introduced the Cyber Wellness Awareness Initiative (CWAI), guided by MOE CW Framework, focusing on developing students' instincts to protect and empower themselves to be responsible for their own well-being in cyberspace. To help your child stay safe and have positive experiences online, you can:

- ✓ Activate parental control on your home devices.
- ✓ Model good digital habits for your child.
- ✓ Set ground rules for internet use.
- ✓ Navigate the internet together to understand their usage.

Learn more about how to keep your child safe online and how to manage their screen time through these resources:

https://go.gov.sg/moe-raising-a-digitally-smart-child https://go.gov.sg/screentimeadvisory-7to12

Thank you for your kind attention and we appreciate your continual partnership and support. Have a good family bonding time this March holiday.

Yours sincerely Mrs Lee-Koh SC Principal