



OPERA ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Updates: 1/2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We welcome all our students to OEPS.

1. Communication to parents

The school seeks to work closely with our parents/guardians for the holistic well-being of our students. From this year onwards, we will be sending monthly updates from the school and termly letters on level programmes from the Year Heads to keep you informed on your child's holistic learning at OEPS.

Our school's other official modes of communication with parents include:

- School phone (General Office: Tel: 6241 0417)
- School email (Email: oeeps@moe.edu.sg)
- Parents Gateway (PG)
- Class Dojo
- Pupils' Diary

While we place emphasis on working with parents for our students' holistic education, we are also mindful in balancing with our staff's core professional duties, particularly in teaching and learning. We seek your understanding on the following:

- communicate and engage with teachers within school hours (7.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.), on weekdays during school terms.
- Teachers are not expected to respond to parents' and students' queries after school hours, during the weekends and school holidays. They are also not expected to provide their personal mobile numbers to parents / students.
- Urgent messages to teachers may be directed to the school's General Office, should the teachers be in class and are uncontactable during school hours.
- Appointments for face-to-face meetings with teachers should be made in advance. Parents should email the teachers or contact the General Office at least 3 days in advance, to minimise disruptions to their teaching duties.
- Form Teachers and Subject Teachers will use ClassDojo to communicate with parents. The invites to parents to be onboard ClassDojo will be issued by the first week of school.
- Do remember to download PG as the school will upload termly and monthly letters for your acknowledgement and consent in this application.

2. Staff Updates

We would also like to take this opportunity to bid our Vice Principal, Ms Adila Ong a fond farewell. We are grateful for all her invaluable contributions to the school. She will be greatly missed by all of us at OEPS and we wish her all the best in her new posting and future endeavours.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the following staff who has joined the school.

Name of Staff	Appointment
Mr Reyes Kenny Raphael	Vice Principal
Mr Jackmond Tok Chek Puay	HOD PE & CCA
Ms Yu Xinyi	Assistant Year Head (Lower Pri)
Mdm Sarina Bte Arsad	Teacher
Mdm Siti Mariam Binti Mohammed Akhtar Khan	Teacher
Mr Ben Lee Chee Weng	Teacher
Ms Ang Hong Ling	Teacher
Mdm Boo Seow Fang	Teacher
Mdm Ng Wei-Ee	Teacher
Mdm Harlyn Nadiah Md Tahar	Teacher
Mdm Chanel Tay Siew Kwee	Corporate Support Officer

We would like to congratulate the following Ms Chua Jinxun on her new appointment with effect from **1 January 2023**.

Name of Staff	Appointment
Ms Chua Jinxun	Head of Department, Character & Citizenship Education

We would also like to bid farewell to the following staff and wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

Name of Staff	Appointment
Ms Adila Ong	Vice Principal
Mr Amir Hamzah Bin Mohamed Salleh	HOD PE
Mr Ben Lee Chee Weng	Level Head, CL
Ms Angeline Wee Pei Yi	Teacher
Mdm Erlis Binte Abdul Manaf	Teacher
Mr Stanley Ang Shih Piow	Teacher
Mdm Anna Lee Gee Fang	Teacher
Mdm June Yap Chou Yeng	Teacher
Miss Leong Sue Ning	Teacher
Mdm Siti Noor Khadijah Bte Othman	Teacher
Mdm Rafizah Binte Wahab	Teacher
Mr Nur Salim Bin Sumargonor	ICT Manager

3. P6 Graduating Cohort 2022

Congratulations to our P6/2022 cohort! We would like to express our appreciation to the teachers for their commitment and dedication and to the parents for their partnership the last 6 years.

We wish all P6 OEPS graduates all the best in their next phase of their journey of learning!

4. Parents Engagement for P1 to P6

As mentioned, we look forward to a collaborative partnership with you to enable our children to develop holistically. We believe that parental involvement and care about your child's/ward's education are key to his/her holistic development.

For you to have a better understanding of the curriculum and how to support your child's/ward's development as he/she journeys in primary school, we will be sharing the information on the respective subjects on our school website for your reference.

For the Principal's address, there will be a pre-recorded session for P1-P4 parents played during the Zoom sessions with the Form Teachers and a face-to-face session for P5 & P6 parents. You may access the curriculum slides from the school website from **17 January, Tuesday for P1-P5**.

There will also be an opportunity for you to meet and interact with your child's/ward's Form Teachers via Zoom meeting or face-to-face sessions. The details are as follows:

Date	Level	Time	Programme Details	Meeting Details	Remarks
12 Jan (Thu)	P6	3.00pm to 4.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principal's AddressPSLE Briefing by Year Head (UP)Form Teachers' Interaction	Face-to-Face	Parents are allowed to drive into school premises only after 2pm. Please note that parking lots are limited.
18 Jan (Wed)	P5	2.00pm to 3.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principal's AddressPSLE Briefing by Year Head (UP)Form Teachers' Interaction	Face-to-Face	Parents are allowed to drive into school premises only after 1.30pm. Please note that parking lots are limited.
	P1 & P2	2.00pm to 3.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principal's AddressForm Teachers' Interaction	Zoom	

Date	Level	Time	Programme Details	Meeting Details	Remarks
	P3	2.00pm to 3.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal's Address Form Teachers' Interaction 	Details of the Zoom meeting will be sent via Parents Gateway on 17 Jan 2023.	
	P4	2.00pm to 3.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal's Address Subject-Based Banding Briefing Form Teachers' Interaction 		

5. School Operation Matters

a) Temperature-Taking Exercise on 11 January

The temperature-taking aims to educate students on taking personal responsibility for their own health and practising social responsibility. Students are to bring their oral thermometers on 11 January, Wednesday, for this exercise.

b) Exercising Social Responsibility

The school believes in providing our students with a safe learning environment. If your child is not feeling well, please seek medical attention promptly and adhere to the instructions by the doctor. Do inform the school if your child/ward has a positive ART result.

If your child has gone for vaccination, please inform the Form Teacher. Your child will be excused for two weeks from strenuous physical activities after each vaccination. All PE teachers will also check in with students before the start of the PE lessons.

c) School Smart Card Photo-taking (Primary 1 and Primary 6)

There will be a photo-taking session on 13 January, Friday, for all Primary 1 and Primary 6 students for the issue of School Smart Card (SSC).

Students are required to be in their **school uniform** during the photo-taking. Students having PE lessons on 13 January 2023 can pack their school uniform and change before the photo shoot. The School Smart Card for Primary 1 will be ready by end March 2023 while the photo-images captured for Primary 6 students will be used for Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2023.

d) Annual Health Screening by Health Promotion Board ("HPB")

Health Promotion Board (HPB) School Health and Dental Services conducts annual health screening, immunisation and dental services for Primary School students. The annual health screening will be held from 25 January, Wednesday to 1 February, Wednesday.

The types of health screening include vision and hearing screening, growth and development assessment and medical check-up. These services ensure the protection of your child's health and early detection of health issues.

- To find out more on the types of health screening the various levels will be going through, please access the link here:
https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/365/health_screening_for_primary_school
- To find out more on the types of dental services provided, please access the link here:
https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/15/school_dental_programme
- If your son is in P1 and/or your daughter is in P6 this year, we urge for your collaboration in preparing him and/or her regarding the check-up by a doctor for specific conditions. Should you wish to decline that particular medical condition screening done for your son and/or daughter in school, please inform HPB @ HPB_Mailbox@hpb.gov.sg

e) Group Personal Accident (“GPA”) Insurance with NTUC Income

MOE has partnered with NTUC Income which offers GPA insurance for primary school, secondary school and junior college students.

All student accident insurance claims submission are to be submitted electronically. Parents/students are to submit their claims online and check the claims status through the online portal. Information on claims, FAQs and other details pertaining to the GPA Insurance Plan for students can be found on NTUC Income's website at <https://www.income.com.sg/studentgpa>.

f) OEPS Privacy Policy

All photographs/videos of students/parents taken at all school events/ competitions by the school may be published on the school's official communication channels (e.g. newsletters, school website or similar platforms) and may be used for briefings, workshops and other educational purposes.

The school may occasionally publish photographs, videos and students' work/achievements together with the names of the students. Photographs, videos, and/or sound recordings of students will not be used in publicity campaigns placed with external media outlets unless parental consent is given.

When an application or email enquiry is made, the school may share necessary data (e.g. personally identifiable data) with other Government agencies, so as to serve you in a most efficient and effective way, unless such sharing is prohibited by legislation. We will NOT share your personal data with non-Government entities, except where such entities have been authorised to carry out specific Government services.

6. Lunar New Year Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Lunar New Year on 20 January, Friday. The students will learn about the customs and traditions of Lunar New Year and engage in a hands-on craft activity through classroom activities.

Please note that dismissal is **as usual at 1.30pm**.

7. PAT / OYEA Nominations

We would also like to remind parents to submit your nominations for Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) and President's Award for Teachers (PAT) which close on **11 January, Wednesday 2023**.

You can submit your nominations online via the link go.gov.sg/pat2023 for PAT nominations and/or go.gov.sg/oyea2023 for OYEA nominations.

8. Calendar of Activities (Term 1)

The key activities for Term 1 can be found in the attachement.
We wish all our students a fruitful year of learning ahead!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Tan Wai Ling
Principal

Calendar of Activities Term 1 2023		
Date	Events/Programme	Level
3 Jan (Tue)	First day of school for P1 only	P1
4 Jan (Wed)	First day of school for P2 to P6	P2 to P6
12 Jan (Thu)	Parents Engagement Session (P6)	P6
13 Jan (Fri)	P1 and P6 School Smart Card Photo-Taking <i>P1 and P6 pupils are required to wear their school uniform during the photo-taking.</i>	P1 and P6
16 Jan (Mon) onwards	Commencement of CCA <i>*More information will be given by the respective CCA teachers-in-charge.</i>	P3 to P6
18 Jan (Wed)	Parents Engagement Session (P1 to P5) <i>P1 to P4 (via Zoom)</i> <i>P5 (Face-to-Face)</i>	P1 to P5
20 Jan (Fri)	Lunar New Year Celebrations Dismissal Time at 1.30p.m.	All levels
23 Jan (Mon) to 24 Jan (Tue)	Lunar New Year (<i>Public Holiday</i>)	All
25 Jan (Wed) to 1 Feb (Wed)	Annual Health Screening by Health Promotion Board	All levels
11 Mar (Sat) to 19 Mar (Sun)	Term 1 School Holidays	All Levels
20 Mar (Mon)	School Re-opens for Term 2	All Levels