



# TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*A Community School of Excellence: Caring Hearts and Creative Minds*

TPPS/10/2024

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your partnership and we trust that your child has settled in nicely in the first week of school.

### **Temperature Taking Exercise (TTEEx) 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 & 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

We thank parents for their support in ensuring that their child has a working Oral Digital Thermometer for educate students on personal responsibility for their own health and social responsibility.

### **Recess Timings**

Students will have their recess at the following timings on school days:

Level	Recess
P1	10.00 am to 10.30 am
P2	10.30 am to 11.00 am
P3	11.30 am to 12 noon
P4	
P5	11.00 am to 11.30 am
P6	

Parents can find more information on the recommended healthy snacks at our school's website:

<https://www.tampinespri.moe.edu.sg/about-us/General-Information/Curriculum-Hours/>

### **Lunar New Year Celebrations – Year of the Dragon**

There will be a celebration on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 during school hours. School dismissal is at 10.30 am. Our school will close at 12.00 pm sharp. All parents are gently reminded that they need to be punctual in fetching the child/children home on that day.

Parents and Guardians whose child is in Student Care Centre (SCC) are to refer to Commit Learning SchoolHouse (CLS) schedule for the operating hours for that day.

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 is a public holiday and school will be closed on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Students report back to school on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024.



## Travel over the Chinese New Year Holidays

If you intend to travel, please make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG). Go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**. Only one parent/guardian is required to make the declaration. You can continue to submit the travel declarations after the date if there are new or amended travel plans. When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates.

**If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.**

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

## 2024 Project Hong Bao

In developing our Tampinesians to be caring individuals, the school has partnered Tan Tock Seng Hospital to support the hospital through the Project Hong Bao. Details can be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17JRfa1Rqv6wUY3GEVNCpzp9Yeirg7Sdy/view?usp=sharing>

We would like parents to help to encourage all students to try to save some of their pocket money to donate to this worthy cause.

## Total Defence Day Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Total Defence remains relevant to deal with the ever-evolving threats and challenges to Singapore. These include misinformation, supply chain disruptions and food security, which affect communities and Singapore's way of life. Every Singaporean has a part to play in our daily lives to ensure that Singapore is prepared for crises and disruptions and that we remain resilient and united.

TPPS will commemorate Total Defence Day on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The theme '**Together We Keep Singapore Strong**' focuses on the many ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives. Students will enhance their knowledge on the 6 pillars of Total Defence and how they can put them into action. As part of TD40 (40 years of Total Defence), students will appreciate Singapore's food security as part of Total Defence.

School programmes include the TPPS Community Cafe hosted by NE Ambassadors during Early Bird Programme, TD40 Food Disruption Exercise, and assembly talks by SPF SGSecure and Commitment to Defence Ambassadors (C2DA). Aligned with our National Education (NE) Theme for 2024, '**Language**', students will be engaged in the creation of an Emergency Language Kit on SLS to promote the importance of clear communication during crises while introducing basic language survival skills.

Selected P6 NE Ambassadors will also represent the school in the annual Junior SCDF Lionhearter Challenge, a virtual event which will see our students pit their emergency preparedness knowledge and quick wits against other schools.



## Parent Engagement

Parents can contact teachers through your child's student diary, the school's official phone number or staff's official email address posted on our school's website. For urgent matters, our staff will respond within the next working day. We seek your patience that for non-urgent matters, parents can expect a response within three working days. We seek your understanding that the school will not reply to or follow-up with anonymous feedback. In all instances, we appreciate parents who provide full details of themselves and their child/ren so that we can respond accordingly. The form teachers, with the Year Heads, will likely follow up with your feedback. We have scheduled our Parent Engagement session on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. More details will be provided in due course.

We thank parents for encouraging their children to be punctual to school. Engaging and educational activities including singing, calisthenics and performances will be scheduled from 7.30 am onwards. Latecoming is a habit that we strongly discourage as it shows a lack of self-discipline and respect for others. It will be noted and be taken into consideration in the assigning of conduct grade as well as the appointment of student leadership roles. A student will be marked late if he or she arrives at the hall after 7.50 am.

## Instagram

We would like to recommend two Instagram accounts that you might like to follow:

- **MOE Parent-Focused Instagram** at <https://www.instagram.com/parentingwith.moesg>  
This account shares tips and MOE resources, celebrates the ups and downs of the parenting journey, and grows with parents as a community by inspiring and supporting each other through shared experience. One of the parenting tips shared in the Instagram is on having a conversation with your child going beyond what they have learnt in the classroom.
- **Tampines Primary Instagram** at [https://www.instagram.com/tampines\\_pri/](https://www.instagram.com/tampines_pri/)  
This account shares stories, current highlights and learning experiences of students and staff at Tampines Primary. These would include celebration of school events and activities.

## Conclusion

The school's monthly updates and memos are sent via Parents Gateway. These memos are also uploaded on our school's website at [Letters to Parents \(moe.edu.sg\)](https://www.moe.edu.sg/letters-to-parents) should you need to retrieve them.

The coming of spring is a time of celebrations and new hope. My staff and I would like to wish all students and their families: 龙年行大运，好运常相伴。

May the Year of the Dragon Bring Success and Good luck in All your Endeavours!

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Lay See Neufeld

Principal

#CelebrateEveryChild

