



TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A Community School of Excellence: Caring Hearts and Creative Minds

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

With your encouragement and support, our students have been able to settle down quickly to their new class routines.

Homework Policy

Our school's homework policy is attached at the annex. We look forward to the active engagement of parents so that our students will develop the life-skill of being self-disciplined regarding work.

Parent Support Group (PSG)

We warmly invite all parents (moms and dads) to join our PSG. Hopefully the SMM will ease later this year, enabling more PSG activities to resume. The objectives of the PSG include:

- Forge partnership between parents and Tampines Primary – work with school to promote holistic learning as well as a safe and happy environment for all students;
- Opportunities for parents to volunteer, share and contribute knowledge and time for the benefit of all students;
- Opportunities for parents to network and support one another.

The application form is available in our school's website

<https://tampinespri.moe.edu.sg/for-parents/parent-support-group> or via the QR Code:-



<https://go.gov.sg/61d4ef63369b3a00130b5b8b>



Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations

On Monday, 31st January 2022, Tampines Primary will celebrate CNY from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All students will report to school at the regular time in their uniforms. The school canteen is closed on that day. The school bus service will be available at 10:15 a.m. for dismissal. Please make your own transport arrangements to pick your child up if he/she does not take the school bus home. We encourage all parents to be punctual as school will be closed from 12:00 p.m. Monday, 31st January 2022. All students will return to school on Thursday, 3rd February 2022. The details of the dismissal on Monday, 31st January 2022, are:

Levels	Dismissal Time	Dismissal Gate
Primary 1	10:00 a.m.	Gate 1 (Primary School Gate)
Primary 2	10:15 a.m.	Gate 1A (Primary School Gate)
Primary 3	10:00 a.m.	Gate 2 (Secondary School Gate)
Primary 4	10:15 a.m.	Gate 1 (Primary School Gate)
Primary 5	10:15 a.m.	Gate 2 (Secondary School Gate)
Primary 6	10:15 a.m.	Gate 7 (New Gate next to MK Gate 6)

Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) Community Fund: Project Hongbao 2022

This CNY, our school is supporting TTSH Community Fund – the charity arm of TTSH –in its fundraising effort.

For Project Hongbao, students will design their own red packet(s) during a class activity on 31st January 2022. Students can put \$2, or any amount they wish, into the hand-made red packets. Students are reminded to bring their donations on the 31st January 2022.

We believe that this activity will help our students appreciate what they have, and to share their resources with the less fortunate in society.

Funds raised will go towards helping needy patients with their out-of-pocket medical expenses, as well as supporting healthcare innovation, research and training for the community to deliver better patient care. If you wish to find out more about TTSH Community Fund, please visit their website or email donate@ttsh.com.sg.

Conclusion

The coming of spring is a time of celebrations and new hope. My staff and I wish all our Chinese students and their families: 新年吉祥，虎跃新程，健康平安，幸福美满。May happiness, good fortune and good health follow you in the Year of the Tiger! For all other families, please have a happy bonding time with your loved ones over the holiday!

Yours in partnership,
Mrs Lay See Neufeld
Principal
Tampines Primary School
#KnowEveryChild
#GrowEveryChild



Annex: Homework Policy 2022

Why is Homework Important?

Homework has immediate as well as long-term benefits for students.

Immediate Benefits

Students will

- have opportunity to practise the skills taught
- be able to process the information learnt
- be encouraged to learn outside the classroom resulting in overall better understanding of learning and mastery of skills.

Long Term Benefits

Students will

- practise self-discipline and time management
- be more inquisitive
- be more independent
- be better problem solvers resulting in forming good study habits as well as improving their attitude towards school.

Parents' Role

As parents, we are important partners in our children's education. Since there is a clear link between good homework performance and overall student performance, parents play a critical part in ensuring successful completion of students' homework. Parents can do the following to help their children:

- spend time to talk about their daily school activities and / or experiences
- assist them to establish a good pattern of study
- guide them to set aside a regular study time
- have a study area away from household distraction(s)

Students' Role

To ensure effectiveness of homework, students should do the following:

- have a home study timetable
- have sufficient study materials to do their homework
- organise their school materials: study notes, assignments, books, papers, etc
- make sure they understand all the given assignments
- do not be afraid to ask questions, if necessary
- do not be shy to seek help from classmates, friends or teachers if they face any difficulty.



General Guidelines on Homework

❖ Primary 1 and 2

- ✓ Daily reading for enjoyment
- ✓ Either English, Mathematics and/or Mother Tongue homework
- ✓ About 0.5 to 1 hour in total every weekday

❖ Primary 3 and 4

- ✓ Daily reading for enjoyment
- ✓ English, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue homework
- ✓ About 1 to 1.5 hours in total every weekday

❖ Primary 5 and 6

- ✓ Mathematics, English, Science and Mother Tongue homework
- ✓ About 1.5 to 2 hours in total every weekday

❖ Primary 5 and 6 Foundation

- ✓ Foundation English, Foundation Mathematics, Foundation Science and Foundation Mother Tongue homework
- ✓ About 1 to 1.5 hours in total every weekday

Students who are unable to finish the work set in class will also need to complete it at home. Students may also do corrections as part of their homework. In addition, teachers may ask the students to do some journal writing, reading (fiction and non-fiction), Music and Art. In the course of the year, students may also need to do some research as part of their homework for their group / class projects. There may be some homework set over the weekends and school holidays depending on the needs of the class.

These are general guidelines for reference and may be differentiated to meet the needs and interests of different students.

In 2022, for classes with spelling, Mother Tongue spelling will be conducted on Mondays / Thursdays and English spelling will be on any of the other weekdays. If there is a public or school holiday, spelling will be postponed to the next school day. Homework to be given for the day will be clearly written on the class whiteboards. Teachers will remind students to note the homework in their diaries.

Teachers will not be setting assessment practice for the students on a regular basis. Assessment practice is only useful when students are going to sit for coming examinations. The aim of learning and homework extends beyond examination practice. If there is any need for tests, these will be spaced out and be set on different days. Please help your child by making sure that homework is done before tuition work. If you want your child to learn, do not do the work for him/her. Help us to guide your child to good study habits.

It is useful and important for all parents to ensure that their children check their student diaries daily so as to be updated regarding school matters or homework set. Children sometimes take a long time over their homework not because of a lack of understanding but because they are not able to be focused and disciplined.

