



# South View Primary School

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Dear Parents,

After ten weeks in school, we have come to end of Term 1. We hope that all staff, pupils and parents have had a meaningful and fulfilling term, and are all looking forward to the term break holidays.

## Summary of Events in Term 1

We thought that it would be a good idea to recollect the memories of the key events we had in Term 1 and to thank all the people involved in making these events a success.

- *Welcome Back to School Programme, Growth Mindset & P1 Transition Programme*  
In addition to the P1 Transition Programme which seeks to provide a smooth transition for our P1 pupils, this year we introduced the Welcome Back to School Programme to cater to all our pupils from P1 to P6. We realized that with each new level, our pupils needed to learn to adapt to their new classmates and teachers, and embrace the challenges and expectations of the level. We also introduced the concept of Growth Mindset to the pupils. Through such programmes, we hope that pupils will start off the year right, be prepared for the year ahead and develop a mindset of always valuing themselves and what they can do. We were pleased that the programmes were well-received by the pupils, parents and teachers. We would like to thank the team of teachers who worked very hard during the end of Term 4 and the December school holidays to prepare for these programmes.
- *Mass FTGP*  
This year, we started a series of mass FTGP lessons so that we could address the challenges and needs of the pupils of each level. Having large group sessions allows us to customize the messages we want to convey to the level. Our teachers from the Character & Citizenship Education Department and Student Development Team spent time to think through and plan suitable activities for each level to raise awareness of issues pertaining to their level. Our pupils enjoyed the session in Term 1 and we hope to continue to engage them in the terms to come.
- *Chinese New Year Celebrations & Commemoration of Total Defence Day*  
Chinese New Year celebrations would not be fun without the traditional lion dance. The excitement on our pupils' faces when they saw the lion dancers was just priceless. They cheered the lion dancers on to the beat of the drummers. Our own performing arts CCA mesmerized us with their passionate and well-coordinated dancers. It was apt that we were also commemorating Total Defence Day on the same day. Our pupils learnt that we are indeed fortunate that our country is a safe place for us to be able to celebrate such events in peace and harmony. They were also reminded not to take the peace and harmony for granted and that they need to play their part in the total defence of Singapore.



- *Student Leader's Investiture*

We were proud to have one of our ex-Head Prefects, Ms Ashley Ho, to grace our Student Leaders' Investiture as Guest-of-Honor. More than 100 Student Leaders: Prefects, CCA Leaders and Cyberwellness Ambassadors, were formally appointed in their roles. They stood proudly as they recited the Student Leaders' Pledge and we hope that they will live up to their roles and serve the school with pride.

- *Partnership with Parents*

We had several events in Term 1 involving parents such as the P2- P6 Parents' Briefing & CCA Briefing, and SVPA Konnection organized by the SVPA. This week, we are also in the midst of the P6 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference. We are glad that many parents attend these events to find out more about how they can support their children and we hope that our parents will continue to do so. We would like to thank all parents who make the effort to come down to the school for these events and for keeping in close touch with our teachers. We would also like to thank the SVPA who work tirelessly to provide meaningful activities and events for parents. It is with such strong support that we are able to do so much for our pupils.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank parents who have volunteered their time for the different school activities like Innochef and Learning Journeys. Special mention also to parents who accompanied pupils for the 8-week Swimsafer Programme and for being part of the Enhanced Reading Programme. We are indeed appreciative and grateful for your support.

- *Visits to the School*

We hosted a number of school visits this term, mainly groups of educators from other countries. We get many requests from schools overseas for school visits and it is really an affirmation of the good work we are doing. Sometimes, we have to decline requests because there are just too many of them. We are glad that our teachers and pupils have opportunities to interact and learn from their overseas counterparts. Indeed, our pupils are usually very excited when they see visitors and are keen to share about themselves and the school.

All these events are only possible through the hard work of the teachers and the support from parents, and we would like to once again, express our appreciation to all who have contributed in one way or another. Do also check our Facebook page for photographs of these events.

### **Keeping our Children (and Ourselves) Meaningfully Occupied during the Term Break**

Before the start of each term or semester break, we always remind our pupils to use their time wisely during the holidays. We often share with them three things that they need to make time for, be it during term time or school holidays: work, play and rest.

#### *Work*

Our teachers have gone through the Class Test/CA1 scripts with the pupils and the pupils will bring their scripts home by Friday. Some pupils would have done very well and others could have done much better. Regardless of their results, we are sure the pupils have put in effort and will continue to work harder. Do encourage your child by praising him/her for the effort he/she has put in, and go through the scripts with him/her to find out his/her challenges and how he/she plans to overcome them. Having a growth mindset, which is something we have been encouraging our pupils to have, means having the belief that one can do better with proper feedback and appropriate strategies. Sometimes, our pupils tell us that they work very hard but the results do not show it, and we always tell them that perhaps they need to change their strategy or approach. Do spend some time with your child to plan his/her school work and revision during the term break.

Work does not always have to mean school work. It is also good to have your child help you with household chores or making the home a nicer place. Encourage him/her to help with simple household chores such as sweeping the floor, washing the dishes or folding the clothes. Ask him/her (if he/she can) to cook simple meals at home or assist you in cooking. Our pupils love Innochef lessons and they show us that they can make simple dishes. They can also be quite creative in their plating. So, make work fun for your children! Let him/her decide how he/she can make the home a nice and happy place and let them have fun doing it.

### *Play*

Children or adults – we all need to have some form of play. Play develops many physical, emotional, social and cognitive skills and brings out the creativity in us. If you have been in the school during recess times, you would be amazed how our pupils can create games out of nothing. Last year, we had a group of pupils who created a game out of an old empty purse and they made rules and strategies for the game. They even managed to get other pupils to participate in their game and they had so much fun. Did they learn anything from all of these? I can certainly say yes. We can learn so much from play and we should provide opportunities for children to do so. So, take your child to the playground and watch him/her unleash his/her creativity and socialize with others. For older children, take them to the beach, to the park to fly a kite, or maybe just simply explore Singapore. There are many activities that are free and fun, but most of all, you get to spend time with your children and that is priceless for them.

### *Rest*

Our staff and pupils work very hard during the term, sometimes even going home late on some days. We know that our parents work very hard too to make sure that their children are well-provided for. We hope that everyone can make time to get some well-deserved rest during the term break. Take some time to do things by yourself, like reading a good book in a cosy place or taking a walk, or simply do nothing and watch time go by. Rest is important for us to recharge and renew ourselves so that when we come back in Term 2, we are all ready for the next ten weeks!

Many of you would have noticed that we have changed the way we write our weekly notification from the start of this term. We thought it would be more meaningful to write on issues that are current, relevant and matter to all of us. We hope that you enjoy reading our letters and if you do so, do drop us an email to let us know. Do also let us know if there are issues that you would like us to write about for future weekly notifications.

Have a good and well-deserved term break. See you all in Term 2!

Thank you.

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Mdm Sharida Batcha Sahib  
Principal

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Ms Achary Gopalan Shiyamala  
Vice Principal, Acad

## 1) Event Calendar

### **March Holidays: 12 - 16 March 2018**

There are no activities planned during the March holidays unless otherwise informed by your child's teacher.

### **Term 2 Week 1: 19 - 23 March 2018**

Date	Day	Time	Target Group	Description
21 Mar	Wednesday	2.00 pm to 5.30 pm	P5.1 & P5.2 pupils	NE LJ to Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM)

## 2) Teaching & Learning and Co-curriculum - Supplementary/Remedial Classes and CCA

All supplementary/remedial lessons and CCA will resume in Term 2 Week 1.

## 3) The Curriculum – P5 National Education Learning Journey to Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM)

P5.1 and P5.2 pupils will be going on a National Education Learning Journey to Asian Civilisations Museum on 21 March 2018. The objective of the learning journey is to enable our pupils to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the History of Asia.

More details of the learning journey will be given by your child's form teachers. As the learning journey will end after 4 pm, please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child on that day.

## 4) The Co-Curriculum - SYF Appreciation & Showcase

The Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation 2018 will be in April and all of our SYF performers have been practicing hard for the SYF Presentation. Besides the acquisition of techniques and skills, SYF is also a platform for our pupils to develop core values and life skills such as team-work, resilience and responsibility. SYF is an excellent opportunity for our pupil to achieve his/her personal best and develop self-confidence.

We would like to acknowledge the effort and support of everyone who has been contributing in the preparations for SYF. Time and commitment is required in ensuring that the objectives of SYF are met; and we would like to express our appreciation to all pupils, parents, teachers and instructors for their commitment.

Details of SYF Appreciation & Showcase as below:

**Date:** 23 March 2018 (Friday)

**Venue:** Multi-Purpose Hall, South View Primary School

**Time:** 12 noon – 1.30 pm

It will be a platform for all parents of SYF performers to see the fruits of the hard work of their child; and also for our pupils to express their appreciation to those who have made SYF a meaningful learning experience for them. Some light refreshments will also be served after the session. More details will be given out to parents of all Performing Arts CCA groups.

## 5) The Co-Curriculum - Values-In-Action (VIA) Plan for 2018

Values in Action (VIA) are learning experiences that support pupils' development as socially responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to the community, through the learning and application of values, knowledge and skills. VIA fosters student ownership over how they contribute to the community. As part of VIA, pupils reflect on their experience, the values they have put into practice, and how they can continue to contribute meaningfully.

In South View, our VIA programme provide opportunities for our pupils to put in practice values that they have learnt as they interact with the world around them, and act with consideration of their actions on themselves and others. The VIA activities are organised throughout the whole year at different levels, ranging from class to integration into CCA. Values inculcation helps to reinforce the importance of showing care and compassion to others.

We would like to thank all our parents for supporting your child in the contribution and packing of "Fu Dai" (福袋) for the elderly to spread the joy of festive season in February. We are proud of our pupils' efforts and thoughtfulness put in to pack the "Fu Dai" with their teachers and peers as well as the donation of pre-loved clothes. This is made possible through your support in partnering the school to impart sound values to our pupils, teaching them the importance of showing care, concern and compassion for the elderly, as well as, the disadvantaged and vulnerable groups in our community.

In extending our care and help to the community, we also educate our pupils to contribute genuinely from their heart and within their means. We would like to seek our parents' support to encourage your child to take part in these meaningful activities using the savings from his/her pocket money. We take this opportunity to share our class VIA activities for 2018 so that the school and parents can continue our partnership to support our pupils to develop as socially responsible citizens who contribute to the building of stronger communities.

<b>Term &amp; Week</b>	<b>Values-In-Action Activity</b>
Term 1 Week 7 (completed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ CNY contribution and packing of "Fu Dai" to share festive joy with elderly</li><li>➤ Collection of pre-loved clothes to help children and young girls who have been trafficked and exploited</li></ul>
Term 1 Week 9/10 (in progress)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Values in Action (VIA) lesson for Primary 1 to Primary 6 pupils on the donation of food items during their CCE lesson in Term 1 Week 8</li><li>➤ Bring food contribution for needy families, Bethany Methodist Nursing Home and SASCO Senior Citizens Home from Term 1 Week 9 to Week 10.</li><li>➤ Form teachers will guide the pupils in reflecting on their experience in caring and sharing during FTGP lessons</li></ul>
Term 4 Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Community Chest Children's Day Appeal to share with the less fortunate in our society</li><li>➤ Toy Donation Drive to collect pre-loved toys to be distributed to children of low-income families</li></ul>

**6) Student Well-Being – Use of School Smart Cards (SSC) For Concessionary Travel - P1 Pupils**

The School Smart Cards (SSCs) for P1 pupils will be issued to the pupils soon. To start using the SSC for concessionary travel, pupils are required to activate the card at the TransitLink Ticket Office/TransitLink Concession Card Replacement Office/Passenger Services Centre (PSCs) located in the MRT Stations/Bus Interchanges by topping-up the value for the card. In support of national initiative to steer commuters towards adopting e-payments in transit ticketing, top up at Passenger Services Centre is progressively ceased. However PSCs will continue to assist in the activation of concession card for MOE students. To avoid being turned away, students are advised to inform the PSC staff that they would like to activate their concession card. The minimum top-up value is \$5.

Please check the photograph and details printed on the card upon receipt of your child's SSCs and inform the school immediately of any discrepancies.

**7) Partnership – SVPA's Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The SVPA will having their 13<sup>th</sup> AGM on Saturday, 24 March 2018 at 8.30 am. It will be held at the Dance Hub (2nd level), South View Primary School. All SVPA members are welcomed to join in the upcoming AGM.

**8) Partnership – SVPA's VIA Event: Let's Make a Difference**

For the past few years, SVPA organised the Parents' Learning Festival to encourage effective bonding time between parents and their children and for parents to find out how they can support their children. Aligned with our school's vision of 'A School of Passionate Learners with a Heart to Serve', SVPA will be organising an event titled "Let's Make a Difference" this year.

Date: 7 April 2018 (Saturday)

Time: 8.30 am to 1.00 pm

The objectives of the event are to create the opportunity for pupils and their families to bond with the teachers in a meaningful and fun way and, to inculcate the values of care and concern by giving back to the community.

The cost per participant is \$10 and includes light refreshment. Registration will held in the canteen during recess on Monday, 26 March 2018. We would like to strongly encourage parents to join us in this meaningful activity.

**9) Partnership – Great Music for All Ages**

The Singapore Symphony Orchestra will be organizing three free concerts during the March holidays. They will be performing pieces from Beethoven to Puccini, Bernstein to Rossini – there will be something for everyone! Do find out more details on their website <https://www.sso.org.sg/free-concerts> and take your family to the concerts.

**10) Administration - March Holidays Travel Declaration**

If your child/ward is travelling out of Singapore during the above period, please keep the school informed of the travel plans. Pupils are to declare their travel plans by completing the online form, "Travel Planner", found on MCOOnline. Details on logging onto MCOOnline were provided in the T1W2 weekly notification.

You may request for a hard copy from the General Office if you are unable to submit the declaration online. If your travel plans change after you have submitted them, please notify the General Office via email (svps@moe.edu.sg) or in writing.

**11) Student Well-Being – Vector Control**

The school will be conducting the next thermal fogging operation on Saturday, 17 March 2018 from 7.30 am to 8.30 am.