



XINGHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's the start of a new decade so allow me to wish everyone a very Happy 2020! We received our new Primary 1 cohort and they have all adjusted very well within the first week of school. My gratitude to the Parent Volunteers who helped out before school started and also after; the care and concern that you showered on the children won my admiration.

Many of you are curious about our PERI works which started last year. The works are completed but we need to allow time for the safety inspection to be carried out before we start using areas which have been under construction. The children are equally excited and waiting as well. I ask for all of you to be patient for a little longer. Once the inspection is completed and we are given the go ahead, there will be a new set of instructions, especially for parents who are driving into school.

During my first assembly address, I highlighted areas we would like our students to work on. I touched on how we would like them to be independent learners, taking charge of their learning and applying their learning in their lives. Importantly, our children must understand that each and every one of them has his own talent; they may not be good at everything but they must be willing to try. And this may mean failing at certain tasks. When that happens, they should have enough courage to pick themselves up and try again. I hope you can reinforce this message so that our children are willing to take risks and daring to fail.

The final point is the Xinghua legacy. We are 90 years old as a school and it is no ordinary feat. There is much we have been able to achieve since we first started. We have had committed and passionate people over the years who have contributed to the success of the school. We have had supportive parents and other stakeholders who have stood by us. Hence we should celebrate our 90 years as a community. Details of the events to commemorate our 90th anniversary will be coming your way soon. Do join us and let's look forward to a joyful 2020!

Warmest regards,

Mrs Chandrika Mano





UPDATES ON STAFF MOVEMENT

1. We welcome the following staff to the XHPS family:

Mr Fazlin Jaya Indra
Ms Latifah Mariyam Bte Adimai
Ms Siti Nadia Bte Kamar

Miss Ashika (NIE Trainee)
Ms Jasmie Tan (NIE Trainee)
Mr Jumaeen (NIE Trainee)
Mr Mohd Hafiz (NIE Trainee)
Mr Mohd Mahdi (NIE Trainee)

2. We thank the following staff for their contributions to the school and wish them the best in their future endeavours:

Mrs Amanda Soon
Mdm Farhanah
Miss Lavaniah

Mdm Nancy Lee (Retired from Service)
Mrs Rosalind How

CURRICULUM MATTERS

(a) Curriculum Hours

Please note that our curriculum hours are from 7.30am to 1.30pm, Mondays to Fridays. CCAs are conducted on Tuesdays, from 7.30am to 9am. Additional CCA practices may be conducted after school.

(b) Assessment Framework

The following table shows the assessment framework and the respective weightings for each assessment. Primary 1 and 2 pupils do not sit for formal examinations but they will have bite-sized assessments in class to monitor their progress. Primary 3 and Primary 5 pupils will have their formal examinations in term IV whereas Primary 6 pupils will have their SA1 and SA2 (Preliminary) examinations. Details, such as the topics to be tested, will be given later separately. For more information about assessment, please refer to the Pupil's Handbook, pages 17 and 18.

Level	Term 1 (CA1)	Term 2 (SA1)	Term 3 (CA2)	Term 4 (SA2)
Primary 1	No Weighted Assessment (Bite-sized assessments)			
Primary 2				
Primary 3	15%	15% (No SA)	15%	55% (SA)
Primary 4	10%	25% (SA1)	10%	55% (SA2)
Primary 5	15%	15% (No SA)	15%	55% (SA)
Primary 6	0%	30% (SA1)	70% (Prelim)	PSLE

SAFETY & SECURITY

(a) Access to the School

The school is a safe place for all our pupils. All visitors must register at the Security Guard Post at the front gate when you visit the school. You will be issued a Visitor Pass and are expected to wear and display the pass clearly. Thereafter, **please proceed to the General Office** so that our staff can attend to you. Do note that the classroom blocks are out-of-bounds to all visitors at all times.

The **Opening Hours** of the school gates are as follow:

Gate	Mondays to Fridays	School Holidays
Main Gate	6.30am to 7.00pm	7.00am to 7.00pm
Gate B (Front side gate)	6.30am to 7.30am 1.30pm to 2.00pm	Closed
Gate D (Back Gate)	6.30am – 7.30am 1.30pm – 2.30pm	Closed

Parents will be able to purchase books at the **School Bookshop** between 11.00am and 12.30pm from Mondays to Fridays and **School Uniform** only on Fridays.

(b) Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up

Due to PERI upgrading of the school car porch, a section of it has been cordoned off until permit is obtained to allow it to be used. Until then, only authorised buses and vehicles are allowed to enter the school compound. Parents who drive your children to school should park your vehicles in the nearby HDB carparks. Please do not park along Hougang Ave 1 as this will hinder traffic flow and obstruct the school buses from turning into and out of the school safely. Officers from LTA and HDB's appointed enforcement service provider will enforce summons for illegal parking offences. The school strongly encourages parents who drive to use the **Car-Park behind the school (photos below)** as there are more parking lots and a zebra crossing that is linked directly to the school.





(c) Outside the School

Parents are reminded to be good role models to all our children. Please use the designated pedestrian crossings and obey traffic signals.

(d) Early Dismissal For Pupils Who Are Not Feeling Well

If your child is unwell, our staff will contact you to pick up your child. Kindly proceed to the General Office where our staff will assist you. You will have to sign on an Early Release Form. For the safety of our children, the school cannot allow them to go home on their own.

(e) Attendance & Punctuality

Xinghua Primary School recognises that arriving in school on time is vital to a student's success in school. In order to take full advantage of the educational programmes offered by the school, it is essential that your child/ward arrives on time on a daily basis. We seek your cooperation in ensuring that your child/ward is punctual for all school activities.

Pupils are expected to be regular in their attendance. The school cannot grant permission for vacation before the term ends. If a pupil is absent from school, he/she has to produce a medical certificate (MC) or letter from parents when he/she returns to school. If your child were to be absent from school for more than 3 days, for example due to chicken pox, please inform the General Office immediately. Parents are reminded not to send their child/ward to school if he/she is not well.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(a) Year Heads and Assistant Year Heads Structure

The school has 2 Year Heads: Mr Lim Kok Peng and Mrs Dhillon. They will be assisted by Assistant Year Heads: Miss Neo Yuan Ling and Mdm Siti Hajar. Their role is to look into Student Well-being and Holistic Development. I have included their email addresses below. Do contact them should you need their help.

Levels	Year Head/ Assistant Year Head
P1	Mdm Siti Hajar siti_hajar_saini@moe.edu.sg /
P2	Miss Neo Yuan Ling neo_yuan_ling@moe.edu.sg
P3 & P4	Mr Lim Kok Peng lim_kok_peng@moe.edu.sg
P5 & P6	Mrs Dhillon lasime_kumari@moe.edu.sg

(b) You've Got Mail via Parents Gateway!

We understand that parents may miss out on hardcopy letters or notifications passed to you through your child. As such, school has leveraged on the MOE App Parents Gateway to issue notices to parents. This means that parents who have downloaded the free Parents Gateway mobile app will be able to receive school notifications via the app.

There are many advantages for parents to use the app. Parents need not worry over misplaced school notifications or letters as these are now logged inside your smartphone, and accessible anytime and anywhere. The app also enables you to give consent for school trips or programmes, update school of your latest contact numbers and email addresses; declare travel plans of your children; and register for Parents-Teachers meetings etc.

Please also note that letters or notifications will be issued to your child if he/she is required to come to school for co-curricular activities (CCA), remedial lessons, enrichment lessons, excursions, etc. Please ensure that your child produces the relevant letter or Consent Form for your written consent before you permit him/her to participate in the activities.



(c) Update of Student Particulars and Student Medical Records

At the start of every year, MOE requires parents to update the school on the changes in contact details and the pupil's medical condition. The school has distributed the form to your child. Parents are to complete the form and attach supporting medical document, if any.

(d) Student Personal Accident Plan for 2020

The MOE insurance policy for pupils will provide 24-hour worldwide accident coverage for activities organized by school. Do note that you have to submit claims within one month from date of accident. Please approach the General Office if you require a claim form.

(e) Calendar of Events for Semester 1

To help you in your planning, we have attached the Calendar of Events for Semester 1 at the end of this circular. Please note that the activities are correct at the time of printing.

Message from Mdm Nasreen

I/C of 90th Anniversary Planning Committee

Hi everyone!

I am proud to announce that Xinghua Primary School will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary this year. The theme we have chosen is *Many Stories, One Xinghua*.

We have planned activities to celebrate this joyous event.

More information will be given when we get closer to the dates.

Do look out for it!

You may find a brief description of Xinghua's history in the centre pages of our special edition of the Pupil's Handbook.

Till next time!

Mdm Nasreen



XINGHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEMESTER 1 2020

DATE	EVENTS	REMARKS
2 Jan	Start of Term 1	
2– 3 Jan	New U 2020 (Orientation Program)	For all levels
16 Jan	Temperature-Taking Exercise	For all levels
24 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebration	Early dismissal for all
27 Jan	Chinese New Year Public Holiday	
28 Jan	Chinese New Year School Holiday	
6 Feb	Photo-Taking Session for School Smart Card	For P1 & P6 pupils only. Tto be in school uniform.
17 Feb	Total Defence Day	
9 Mar	P4 Traffic Games	P4 Pupils only
13 Mar	Combine Sports and Games Carnival with 90 th Anniversary event #1	
14 – 22 Mar	March School Holiday	
23 Mar	Start of Term 2	
10 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday	
13 Apr	Commemoration of International Friendship Day	For all pupils
24 Apr	P6 NAPFA Static Test	P6 pupils only
1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	
4 May	SA1 P4 & P6 EL Oral	During school hours
5 May	SA1 P4 & P6 MT Oral	During school hours
7 May	Vesak Day Public Holiday	
11 May	SA1 P4 & P6 MT Paper 1 & LC	P4 & P6 pupils only
12 May	SA1 P4 & P6 EL Paper 1 & LC	P4 & P6 pupils only
13 May	SA1 P6 HMT Paper 1 & 2	P6 HMT pupils only
14 May	SA1 P4 & P6 Science Paper	P4 & P6 pupils only
15 May	SA1 P4 & P6 EL Paper 2	P4 & P6 pupils only
18 May	SA1 P4 & P6 Math Paper	P4 & P6 pupils only
19 May	SA1 P4 & P6 MT Paper 2	P4 & P6 pupils only
25 May	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday	
28 May	Clean My School Day	For all levels
30 May	90 th Anniversary Event #2 (Fun Fair Carnival)	For all pupils
1 – 28 Jun	June School Holiday	
29 Jun	Start of Term 3	

Activities are correct at the time of printing. Any update will be put up on our school website.