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Xinghua Link

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Xinghua Welcomes Our New Principal Mr Chew Mun Wai

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians, Colleagues, Boys and Girls,

I invite all of you to join me to begin this year 2021 with gratitude, anticipation and hope, as Singapore gradually emerged with good progress in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic, and has moved into Phase 3 of Safe Re-Opening since 28 December 2020.

Gratitude, because of the tremendous efforts and cooperation from everyone who have done what was necessary and even beyond to support Safe Management Measures, COVID-19 testing and contact tracing, so that good progress could be possible.

Gratitude, specifically to the staff, students of Xinghua Primary and our students' parents/guardians who have worked with us to ensure that Xinghua Primary remains a safe learning community for our children. Many of our staff worked hard to adhere to Safe Management Measures (SMM) in school and to put in place school-based arrangements such as staggered dismissals and recesses to keep our children safe and to minimise the risk of within school transmission. Teachers had to give up their rest time in order to provide closer supervision over the students during recesses and our Administrative and Operations staff had to manage tighter administration and provide more complex logistical support, since the start of the Circuit Breaker back in April 2020. This arduous work has not stopped.

While in 2021 and with further resumption of more activities in the community and in schools due to Phase 3, the need for vigilance and discipline to key SMM remains, e.g. wearing of masks, safe distancing, frequent washing of hands and minimal inter-mingling of students. More details will be shared in coming weeks on the gradual resumption of key school activities such as CCAs and learning journeys.

I seek the patience, understanding and support from our parents/guardians on such matters as we want to be as cautious and meticulous in our planning and communications so that our students will be able to benefit from these much anticipated learning opportunities while staying safe and healthy.

Apart from Phase 3 Safe Re-opening, 2021 will also be a year of transition as Mrs Mano has handed over the baton of Principal-ship to me when she retired in 2020, after more than four decades of leadership and service to education. Through her compassionate support and fearless leadership, she has worked with and supported the staff to ensure that our students are sufficiently challenged in their learning to fulfil their potential, and wonderfully cared for to become confident young men and women, rooted in sound values and ready to serve the community.

In your own special way, please join me to wish her every blessing and joy in all of her future endeavours.

Happy Retirement, Mrs Mano!

In the 2020 October issue of Xinghua Link, Mrs Mano ended her message with this exhortation: "I would like to see **this spirit of care and respect** continue and grow over the years. The **students have done well** and **my staff made this possible**. Of course you (*parents/guardians*) are also a huge part in all of this; So let's continue to work together and encourage the children to reach for the stars!"

As I take over from Mrs Mano the mantle of leadership for Xinghua Primary, I am committed, with humility and hope, to continue and grow the spirit of care and respect in this esteemed school, empowering and collaborating with our committed staff to uplift every student, with the support and close partnership with our parents and the community.

Let's embrace 2021 and look forward to new challenges and learning, as proud members of Xinghua Primary, joining our hearts as one, Towards Excellence, with Resilience, Respect and Responsibility!

Warmest regards,
Mr Chew Mun Wai

Quote of the month

"The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written."
Melody Beattie



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

Mr Chew Mun Wai
Mrs Mahes Nair
Mrs Bakhshish Singh
Mdm Niko

Mr Wong Yong Cong (NIE Trainee)
Ms Abigail Hung Mian En (NIE Trainee)
Nadya Farah Binte Zaidi

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

Mrs Dhillon
Miss Lim Su Xin
Miss Tan Pei Wei Fiona

Mrs Christina Chiam
Mr Saat Bin Arifin
Mr Bernard Foo Kwee Joo

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.

(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 wherelse 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 18 and 19.

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

GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE 2021 (P3s only)

This notification informs all primary schools of the tentative schedule for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise in 2021, as shown below:

GEP Screening Exercise	8 August 2021 (Wednesday)	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in government and government-aided schools	English Language Mathematics
GEP Selection Exercise	19 & 20 October 2021 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise	English Language Mathematics General Ability

Further details will be given in July 2021.

SAFETY & SECURITY

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

Due to constraints of space and safety of our pupils, only authorized school buses are allowed to park and wait inside the school. Parents who drive their child to school can drive into school to drop off and pick up your child. We seek parents' co-operation to comply with the road safety measures and traffic signages inside the school. This is especially critical as young children do not always fully appreciate the dangers presented and their small physique also makes them less visible to motorists. Please follow the one-lane traffic flow and the speed limit of 15km/h in school.

The Back Gate is ideal for parents who wish to park and wait for their child during dismissal. There are many parking lots at this public carpark and the fully-sheltered zebra crossing is linked to the school gate. Kindly check the attached map (Annex A) for the location of the different **Gates**.

May we remind parents that it is an offence to park along Hougang Avenue 1 as this will hinder traffic flow and obstruct the school buses from turning safely into and out of the school. Officers from LTA and HDB's appointed enforcement service provider will enforce summons for illegal parking offences.

On days of heavy rain, all vehicles are allowed to enter the school. All drivers must observe the speed limit of 15km/h and follow the directions given by the security guards or the Operations Managers

(b) Outside the school

Pupils are to use the pedestrian crossings and obey traffic signals. They should observe kerb drill (always look right, look left and then look right again before crossing the road). We seek parents' cooperation to reinforce the critical messages on road safety to the children and hope you will model safe road behaviour for them to follow.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(a) Year Heads and Assistant Year Heads Structure

The school has one Year Head: Mr Lim Kok Peng. He 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 & P2	Mdm Siti Hajar siti_hajar_saini@moe.edu.sg /
P3 & P4	Miss Neo Yuan Ling neo_yuan_ling@moe.edu.sg
P5 & P6	Mr Lim Kok Peng lim_kok_peng@moe.edu.sg

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

Parents Gateway (PG). The school utilises PG for the dissemination of letters of consent / announcements / information leaflets to parents / legal guardians. For parents of P1 students who are eligible for PG and who have yet to come on-board, the school urges you to subscribe to PG in order to stay connected and informed. For those parents who are not eligible for PG, the school will continue to send hard copy letters.



(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 2021

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 the 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.

Feedback from Parents

As partners in education, we value your feedback and suggestions to make the school a more conducive learning environment for our children. Please feel free to give us your feedback via the QR Code placed within the link. It will give you access to our digital form to pen down some of your thoughts, compliments or comments for the school.



XINGHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEMESTER 1 2021

DATE	EVENTS	REMARKS
4 Jan	Start of Term 1	
4 Jan	P1 Only New U Program (Orientation)	P1 only
5 – 6 Jan	New U Programme	For P2 – P6
Daily	Temperature Taking Exercise	For all levels
1 Feb	Photo-Taking Session for School Smart Card	For P1 & P6 pupils only. To be in school uniform.
11 Feb	Chinese New Year Celebrations	Early dismissal for all
19 Feb	Commemoration of Total Defence Day	
12 – 13 Feb	Chinese New Year Public Holiday	
15 Feb	Chinese New Year School Holiday	
8 – 12 Mar	Sports Challenge Week	For all pupils
13 – 21 Mar	March School Holiday	
22 Mar	Start of Term 2	
2 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday	
5 Apr	Commemoration of International Friendship Day	For all pupils
29 April	SA1 P4 & P6 English Oral	During school hours
30 April	SA1 P4 & P6 MT Oral	During school hours
3 May	Labour Day School Holiday	
6 May	SA1 P4 & P6 English Paper 1 & LC	P4 & P6 pupils only
7 May	SA1 P4 & P6 MT Paper 1 & LC	P4 & P6 pupils only
10 May	SA1 P4 & P6 Science	P4 & P6 pupils only
11 May	SA1 P4 & P6 English Paper 2	P4 & P6 pupils only
13 May	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday	
17 May	SA1 P4 & P6 Math Paper	P4 & P6 pupils only
18 May	SA1 P4 & P6 MT Paper 2	P4 & P6 pupils only
19 May	SA1 P6 HMT Paper 1 & 2	P6 HMT pupils only
26 May	Vesak Day Public Holiday	
27 May	Clean My School Day	For all levels
29 May– 27 Jun	June School Holiday	
28 Jun	Start of Term 3	

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

Location of the different Gates @ Xinghua Primary School

Annex A

