



# XISHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reference Number: LTP/2017/015

18 January 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## School Matters

- **Chinese New Year Celebrations**

The theme for this year's celebration is “一日之计在于晨 **Good Planning Starts Early In The Day**”, a reminder to our pupils to appreciate the start of each day early, be diligent, and work hard towards a fruitful year ahead.

The Chinese New year Celebrations Programme is as follows:

<b>Date / Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Venue</b>
25 Jan (Wed)	Recess Activity 10.30 am – 11.30 am	Finger printing Art for Chinese New Year Decorations	Area between canteen and bookshop
25 & 26 Jan (Wed- Thu)	Pre-assembly Singing 7.40am – 7.50am	Singing of Chinese New Year Songs	Hall
<b>27 Jan (Fri)</b>	<b>Chinese New Year Celebration 8 am to 10.30am</b>	<b>Classroom activities</b>	<b>Classroom</b>
		<b>Chinese New Year Concert</b>	<b>Hall</b>

As the school celebrates Chinese New Year on **27 Jan (Friday)**, pupils are strongly encouraged to come to school in their traditional Chinese New Year costumes (of appropriate design) **and the school shoes** OR report to school in their full school uniform. Pupils need only to bring their pencil case, colouring materials and water bottles for the day. All pupils will be **dismissed at 10.30 am**. All CCAs and afternoon lessons will be suspended on that day.

Please note that **31 Jan 2017 (Tuesday) will be a school holiday**. All pupils will report back to school on 1 Feb 2017 (Wednesday).

- **Snack Time**

Starting from 2017, in addition to recess, the school has implemented an alternative provision for pupils to have a second snack break during curriculum time. The school allows our pupils to eat dry finger food (e.g. wholegrain sandwiches, biscuits and fruit) from 12.30 pm to 1 pm while lesson is on-going.

All pupils have been briefed on healthy food choices, as we strive to inculcate good and healthy eating habits among our pupils from a young age. Our teachers have briefed all pupils not to bring foods high in sugar and salt content for personal consumption or to share snacks with their classmates. If your child is bringing snacks from home, we encourage parents to pack healthier snacks for your child to eat during snack time.

- **Labelling of personal belongings**

For our lower primary pupils, especially for Primary Ones, we appeal to parents to help your child to label their personal belongings. Please write both the child's name and class on their belongings, especially for water bottles. This is to facilitate the prompt return of “lost & found” items.

- **Silent Reading**

To inculcate a good reading habit and self-discipline among our pupils, Silent Reading is observed in the school hall from 7.30 am onwards, as follows:

Monday – Wednesday:	English Language books
Thursday & Friday:	Mother Tongue books

All pupils will be expected to have a story book in the respective languages with them for silent reading in the morning when they report to school. These can be brought from home or borrowed from the school or National libraries.

All pupils from P1-P6 have been invited to visit the school library for the “*Book Flood*” during recess/after school on 12 & 13 January to choose up to a maximum of 5 books each, to be kept with them for personal reading. These books need not be returned back to the school. They can be kept for personal reading in school or at home, and we strongly encourage all pupils to exchange them with their school friends after they have finished reading their own books.

We wish everyone a happy Lunar New Year and an enjoyable coming holiday.

Yours Sincerely,

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Mrs Chin Wai Peng  
Principal

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**Acknowledgement Slip**

<b>Student's Register Number:</b>  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

(Primary \_\_\_\_\_) acknowledge that I have read the above letter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_