FERN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Vision: Reflective Inquirers, Aspiring Advocates, Steadfast Leader
School Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care, Harmony

15 November 2023

Dear Parents,

Our Strategic Thrusts *ST1: Nurturing Future-Ready Learners* *ST2: Growing Competent & Happy Staff* *ST3: Fostering Effective Partnerships*	

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1.	**Calendar of Events (T4W10)** T4W10 **Monday, 13 November** - Public Holiday **Tuesday, 14 November** - No CCA 7:30am P1 PAL: Share our Paths Safely and Graciously by LTA 8:00am 6H: ALP - IMDA Code For Fun (Session 1/2) 8:00am 6I: ALP - IMDA Code For Fun (Session 2/2) **Wednesday, 15 November** 8:00am 6C: ALP - IMDA Code For Fun (Session 2/2) 8:00am 6H: ALP - IMDA Code For Fun (Session 2/2) **Thursday, 16 November** 7:30am Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) 8:30am Assembly 11:45am Spring Cleaning **Friday, 17 November** - Award Recipients & Invited Guests: Award Presentation Day (APD) 2023 [No School] - Eat With Your Family Day [School Closes at 5.00pm] **NB:** **Friday, 17 November** - Award Presentation Day (APD) 2023 [No School] **School Vacation** starts on **Saturday, 18 November 2023** and ends on **Sunday, 31 December 2023**. - New school year starts on **Tuesday, 2 January 2024** for **P1(2024) students only** (Monday, 1 January 2024 is New Year's Day). - New school year starts on **Wednesday, 3 January 2024** for **P2-P6(2024) students**. - During School Vacation, the General Office will open at 8.00am and close at 5.00pm. (Events listed above are for the masses. Information is correct as on 15 November 2023. For updates or to subscribe to our calendars, please visit the school website at https://www.ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/School-Calendar/)

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2.	**Farewell to our Vice-Principal, Mdm Kylicia Soo** As communicated to all students on Tuesday, 14 November, the school will be bidding farewell to our Vice-Principal (Academic), Mdm Kylicia Soo who will be away in 2024. The school would like to take this opportunity to thank Mdm Soo for her dedicated service and supportive leadership during her time with us. She has definitely been an inspiration to the students and all staff and colleagues at Fern Green!
3.	**Curriculum Structure for 2024** The curriculum structure for 2024 is appended for parents' reference and forward planning:

Time	Period			Mon (0715: USSR @MPH)	Tue (0715: USSR, SEAIP)	Wed (0715: USSR)	Thu (0715: USSR, SEAIP)	Fri (0715: USSR @MPH)
0730	1			Assembly/CCT			FTGP	
0800	2			Assembly/CCT			FTGP	
0830	3			*P3&4 Snack Break (0845, 10 min)*	*P3&4 Snack Break (0845, 10 min)*	*P3&4 Snack Break (0845, 10 min)*	*P3&4 Snack Break (0845, 10 min)*	*P3&4 Snack Break (0845, 10 min)*
0900	4							
0930	P2&6	5	5	P2&6 Recess	P2&6 Recess	P2&6 Recess	P2&6 Recess	P2&6 Recess
1000	5	P1&5	6	P1&5 Recess	P1&5 Recess	P1&5 Recess	P1&5 Recess	P1&5 Recess
1030	6	6	P3&4	P3&4 Recess	P3&4 Recess	P3&4 Recess	P3&4 Recess	P3&4 Recess
1100	7							
1130	8			*P2&6 Snack Break (1145, 10 min)*	*P2&6 Snack Break (1145, 10 min)*	*P2&6 Snack Break (1145, 10 min)*	*P2&6 Snack Break (1145, 10 min)*	*P2&6 Snack Break (1145, 10 min)*
1200	9			*P1&5 Snack Break (1215, 10 min)*	*P1&5 Snack Break (1215, 10 min)*	*P1&5 Snack Break (1215, 10 min)*	*P1&5 Snack Break (1215, 10 min)*	*P1&5 Snack Break (1215, 10 min)*
1230	10							
1300	11			*Daily Cleaning (10 min before dismissal)*	*Daily Cleaning (10 min before dismissal)*	*Daily Cleaning (10 min before dismissal)*	*Daily Cleaning (10 min before dismissal)*	*Daily Cleaning (10 min before dismissal)*
1330				*1325: P1&2 Dismissal 1330: P3&4 Dismissal 1335: P5&6 Dismissal*	*1325: P1&2 Dismissal 1330: P3&4 Dismissal 1335: P5&6 Dismissal*	*1325: P1&2 Dismissal 1330: P3&4 Dismissal 1335: P5&6 Dismissal*	*1325: P1&2 Dismissal 1330: P3&4 Dismissal 1335: P5&6 Dismissal*	*1325: P1&2 Dismissal 1330: P3&4 Dismissal 1335: P5&6 Dismissal*
1400				Support/Enrichment Prog.	Support Prog. CCA		Support/Enrichment Prog.	Support Prog.
1430				Support/Enrichment Prog.	CCA		Support/Enrichment Prog.	
1500				Support/Enrichment Prog.	CCA		Support/Enrichment Prog.	
1530				Support/Enrichment Prog.	CCA		Support/Enrichment Prog.	
1600					CCA *(Ends 1600/1630)*			

USSR	: Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (Mon to Wed – EL books; Thu to Fri: MTL books)
SEAIP	: Strategies to Ensure more Attention to Individual Pupils (one-to-one student-teacher interaction)
CCT	: Class Contact Time
FTGP	: Form Teacher Guidance Period
CCA	: Co-Curricular Activities (for P3-6 students only)

Students are to report to their respective classrooms (or the Multi-Purpose Hall) by 7.30am, beyond which they would be considered late for school.

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4.	**[P2] Arrangements for P2 Students (P3 Students in 2024)** **Dismissal** Parents of P2 students who have been picking your child from the Drop-Off Point (at the car porch) during dismissal, please note that your child will be dismissed at Gate 2 from P3 onwards. They will be allowed to travel to and from school on their own, without parents having to inform the school. **Attire** Students would wear the School Uniform from P3 onwards. The table below summarises the attire they need to put on. **Uniform Rules**

Level	Days with PE Lessons	Days with No PE Lessons
Primary 3 Onwards	**PE Attire:** School Polo shirt and shorts to be worn <u>during</u> PE lessons. **Half Uniform:** Students are expected to don the half uniform <u>before or after</u> their PE lessons.	**Full Uniform:** • School Shirt and Bermuda Shorts (Boys) • School Shirt and Skirt (Girls)

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5.	**[P6] Release of 2023 PSLE Results and Secondary 1 Posting Exercise** The results of the 2023 Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) will be released on **Wednesday, 22 November 2023 at 11.00am**. P6 students are required to **report to school (Multi-Purpose Hall) by 10.45am** on that day to collect their PSLE results. Candidates who are unable to return to school to collect their results may appoint a proxy to do so on their behalf by Friday, 24 November 2023. **Choosing Secondary Schools** Students are encouraged to consider schools holistically when choosing a secondary school that would be a good fit for their educational needs, strengths and interests. While schools' PSLE Cut-Off Points from last year's Secondary 1 (S1) Posting Exercise can serve as a reference, students are encouraged to also consider factors such as school culture, distinctive programmes, subject offerings, and Co-Curricular Activities when making their school choices. Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB), which will be fully implemented in 120 secondary schools from the 2024 S1 cohort, will provide students greater customisation and flexibility in their learning. Students are encouraged to visit the schools' open houses and explore their websites. More information is available at: • SchoolFinder (go.gov.sg/secschoolfinder) • Open houses held by secondary schools (www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/open-house-for-secondary-schools-2023) • PSLE Full SBB Microsite (moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/) • Websites of secondary schools

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	Crest Secondary School and Spectra Secondary School Crest Secondary School (CSS) and Spectra Secondary School (SSS) offer an alternative educational pathway for students eligible for Posting Group 1 only or the Posting Group 1/2 Option Band, and who are more inclined towards practice-oriented, hands-on learning. The schools offer a customised skills-based curriculum and exposure to unique learning opportunities, putting students in good stead for progression to the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). Both schools also provide a whole-school approach that emphasises values, socio-emotional learning and character-building to nurture holistic and confident learners. More information on CSS and SSS can be found on their school websites (www.crestsec.edu.sg and www.spectra.edu.sg). The schools also organise open houses, where students can find out more about the schools' distinctive programmes, subjects, culture, ethos, and other offerings. Eligible students interested to study in CSS or SSS can apply directly by submitting their school application to CSS and SSS starting **from 11.30am on Wednesday, 22 November 2023 to 3.00pm on Tuesday, 28 November 2023**. Application forms for these two schools are available at students' respective primary schools, or on the school websites of CSS and SSS. **Students who have applied directly should continue to submit the S1 Option Form, to facilitate posting to another school of their choice if they are not admitted to CSS or SSS**. Students who applied directly to CSS or SSS and are admitted will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday, 13 December 2023**, and their other S1 school choices will be voided. For eligible students who did not apply directly to CSS or SSS but wish to be considered for admission to these schools, they may indicate CSS and SSS as one of their school choices in the S1 Option Form. **Submission of Secondary 1 School Choices and Options** The S1 Option Form to select secondary schools will be given to eligible students together with their PSLE results. The S1 Option Form provides key information regarding the submission of school choices. A unique S1 Personal Identification Number (S1 PIN) can be found on the top-right hand corner of the S1 Option Form. Students should use the S1 PIN to log in to the Secondary 1 Internet System (S1-IS) and submit their S1 school choices and options online. The S1-IS will be accessible **from 11.30am on Wednesday, 22 November 2023 to 3.00pm on Tuesday, 28 November 2023** through MOE's S1 Posting website at www.moe.gov.sg/s1-posting. Students, in discussion with their parents, should first consider their school choices and complete the S1 Option Form before logging on to the S1-IS to submit their S1 school choices and options. This will help in the smooth completion of their online submission. Parents who require assistance with their online submission may contact the student's primary school before 3.00pm on Tuesday, 28 November 2023. **Release of Secondary 1 Posting Results** The S1 Posting Results will be released **between Wednesday, 20 December 2023 and Friday, 22 December 2023**. The posting results can be accessed through any of the following channels: • Short Message Service (SMS) via a local mobile number (if provided by the applicant during the application process); • S1-IS (www.moe.gov.sg/s1-posting) using the student's Birth Certificate number / FIN, and the S1 PIN; or • At the student's primary school.

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	Students do not need to report to their posted secondary schools upon receiving their S1 Posting Results. Students should refer to their posted schools' websites after receiving their posting results for more information, such as the reporting details, booklist, and purchase of books and uniforms. Parents of the incoming S1 cohort who are on Parents Gateway (PG) will also receive instructions from the posted schools from the afternoon the S1 Posting results are released. If students are unable to report to their posted secondary school on the first day of school in January 2024 due to valid reasons, they should inform their posted secondary school directly after receiving their posting results to confirm that they are taking up the place, and the school will be able to reserve the place for them. More information on S1 Posting and S1-IS are available at MOE's S1 Posting website. For enquiries, please visit www.moe.gov.sg/contact.
6.	**[P6] Full SBB Handout for P6 Students & Parents** To support our P6 students as they prepare for post-primary education, copies of a Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB) handout will be issued to them on **Wednesday, 22 November 2023**, when they report to school to collect their PSLE results, as reference. This A4 handout provides an overview of secondary school experience and post-secondary pathways under Full SBB. We hope this information will be useful to all P6 students and parents in giving an idea of what to expect when they (the P6 students) transit to Secondary 1. Soft copy of the handout: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GCOfkDDGftItl5StetglJXhlaoDC3O3q/view?usp=sharing Translations in Malay, Mandarin and Tamil can be found on the PSLE-Full SBB Microsite (link here).
7.	**Joint Advisory by External Agencies** SPF (Singapore Police Force), CNB (Central Narcotics Bureau of Singapore), NCPC (National Crime Prevention Council) and NCADA (National Council Against Drug Abuse) have jointly provided an advisory (in the form of an infographic) to assist schools in the provision of reminders to students, particularly on crime-related issues. We (schools and parents) have a common responsibility to alert our children about the dangers of common crimes such as online scams, underaged smoking/vaping and to protect them from becoming victims of crime. HPB (Health Promotion Board) and HSA (Health Sciences Authority) have also jointly provided an advisory and Electronic Direct Mail (EDM) material to remind students and parents of the harms and illegality of vaping. Link to infographic and EDM: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eeKN9_mzyqEG0LiKUw7Vq979zFbUG3Xo/view?usp=sharing
8.	**National Health Care Group (NHG) Parents Survey 2023** *Message from NHG* National Healthcare Group (NHG) is collaborating with several schools in Singapore, including Fern Green Primary School, to improve the well-being of your child. As part of our review, we would like to gather some information from parents via a simple survey.

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	Information gathered from you will provide valuable understanding on your family lifestyle habits and preferences. Your responses can help the school improve connections with you and enable us to design effective programmes to improve your child's life. Your individual responses will remain confidential. Please fill this survey, which will take less than 15 minutes to complete, **by Thursday, 30 November 2023**. Thank you. Link to Survey: https://for.sg/phf-parents-post
9.	**Reminder for Parents: FGPS Parents Survey 2023** With reference to T4W9's Parents Notification, the school is conducting the above survey (via Parents Gateway) to gather your invaluable feedback as part of our continual efforts to review and improve our school processes. Kindly share with us your views and feedback, if you have not already done so, so we can also serve your needs better. This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We would appreciate if you could complete it **by Friday, 17 November 2023** so we can do the necessary consolidation before the new school year starts. Thank you in advance and we look forward to hearing from you.
10.	**Reminder for Students: FGPS Students Survey 2023** With the same intent (as above) in mind, the school is conducting a Students Survey via the Student Learning Space (SLS) to gather your child or children's feedback on the curriculum, school engagement efforts, programmes and activities (as shared in T4W9's Parents Notification). Please allow your child to access the SLS to complete the Students Survey (under 'Announcements') **by Friday, 17 November 2023**, if he/she has not already done so. Thank you.
11.	**Say It From Your Heart** As we work closely together to support our children, there could be times where a staff member would go the extra mile and make someone's day, and you hope you could express your thoughts and/or appreciation and 'say it from your heart'. We hope to leverage the Parents Gateway platform to allow all to do just that! Please share with us here if any of our staff members have made an impression during their interactions with you, so we could affirm their efforts and encourage them on! Thank you in advance for your time! Say It From Your Heart: https://form.gov.sg/646f0ad7eec24e0011967608

Thank you.

Mr See Kok Kiong
Vice-Principal (Academic)