



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*

**T1W2
Parents
Notification**

10 January 2024

Dear Parents,

Our Strategic Thrusts

ST1: *Nurturing Future-Ready Learners*

ST2: *Growing Competent & Happy Staff*

ST3: *Fostering Effective Partnerships*

No.	Item
1.	<u>Calendar of Events (T1W2 & T1W3)</u> T1W2 Monday, 8 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P1 to P6: Annual Health Screening2:00pmP6 FMA Lessons Tuesday, 9 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P1 to P6: Annual Health Screening Wednesday, 10 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P1 to P6: Annual Health ScreeningAttendance & Temperature Taking Exercise (ATTE_x)P2: ICT Baseline Training [Session 1] Thursday, 11 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P1 to P6: Annual Health Screening7:30amP1 to P6: FTGP Lessons2:00pmP3 to P6 HMTL Lessons (Except P3, P4 & P6 HML) Friday, 12 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P1 to P6: Annual Health Screening T1W3 Monday, 15 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P1 to P6: Annual Health ScreeningAssembly: Fern Green Movement Knowing the Cleaners Tuesday, 16 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P1 to P6: Annual Health Screening2:30pmP4 to P6: CCA Wednesday, 17 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P1 to P6: Annual Health ScreeningP2: ICT Baseline Training [Session 2] Thursday, 18 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:30amP1 to P6: FTGP Lessons2:00pmP3 to P6 HMTL Lessons (Except P3 HML & P4 HML) <p>(Events listed above are for the masses. Information is correct as on 10 January 2024. For updates or to subscribe to our calendars, please visit the school website at https://www.ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/School-Calendar/)</p>

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2.	<p data-bbox="193 293 831 322"><u>Overview of Programme for Orientation Week</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 356 1493 456">To welcome students back to school in Term 1, Week 1, our <i>Ignite & Shine</i> orientation programme was planned and conducted for all students from Tuesday, 2 January 2024 (for P1) and Wednesday, 3 January 2024 (for P2 to P6) till Friday, 5 January 2024.</p> <p data-bbox="193 495 970 524">The objectives of the orientation programme are as follows:</p> <ul data-bbox="244 528 1493 629" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="244 528 1493 562">• To build a culture of discipline among students through co-creation of class rules and routines.<li data-bbox="244 566 1493 600">• To nurture a sense of belonging to the class/school and an inclusive learning environment.<li data-bbox="244 604 1493 629">• To set goals for the year with the incorporation of a Growth Mindset. <p data-bbox="193 633 1493 696">While we have concluded the <i>Ignite & Shine</i> orientation programme, the teachers will continue to help your child with the transition back to school in the coming weeks.</p>
3.	<p data-bbox="193 736 986 766"><u>SMS Notification on Students' Absence Pending Reason</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 804 1493 1003">From Term 1, Week 3 (15 January 2024), parents who have identified/registered yourselves as the Primary Contacts for your child will receive a SMS notification <u>at 8.30am</u> IF your child has been marked "Absent Pending Reason" by his/her Form Teacher as they take the class attendance at the start of the school day. Please note that this will NOT apply to students marked "Absent" <u>with reason(s)</u> provided by parents or caregivers, which the Form Teachers will follow-up with the child when he/she returns to school.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1043 1493 1106">Parents are strongly encouraged to notify the Form Teacher(s) on the reason(s) via the established modes of communication should your child is not attending school.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1146 244 1176">NB:</p> <p data-bbox="193 1180 1469 1209">Parents can update the Primary Contact for your child via the Parents Gateway (PG) application.</p>
4.	<p data-bbox="193 1252 1390 1281"><u>Revised Arrangement for Students Waiting for their Siblings during School Dismissal</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 1319 1493 1518">Students who wait for their siblings in school to leave together during school dismissal have been briefed in T1W1 and will wait for their siblings in the school canteen (at the benches in front of the school bookshop) during dismissal henceforth. This revised arrangement aims to provide a more conducive environment for the younger siblings, who are usually dismissed earlier, to wait comfortably for their elder brothers/sisters, especially during inclement weather, in the canteen. It will also help to decongest the pathways to Gate 2 during school dismissal.</p>
5.	<p data-bbox="193 1554 692 1583"><u>1st Emergency Evacuation Exercise</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 1621 1493 1753">The school will be conducting an emergency evacuation exercise in Term 1, Week 3. This is part of our emergency preparedness plan to familiarise both staff and students on the proper safety procedures in an event of a real emergency. The students have also been briefed in school on Monday, 8 January about the exercise.</p>
6.	<p data-bbox="193 1794 839 1823"><u>P3 to P6 Parents: School Dismissal via Gate 2</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 1861 1493 2085">Due to the wet weather, the waiting areas just outside Gate 2 are especially crowded on rainy days during school dismissal. We would like to appeal for P3 to P6 parents' support to arrange for a further meeting point (e.g. at specific corner of void decks of nearby blocks) with your children during dismissal (if they are not going home on their own) so you need not have to wait right outside Gate 2 which can get really crowded and be in the way of the students who are passing through. Students who could not find their parents would be allowed to return to the school to wait behind Gate 2 for their parents too.</p>

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No. Item**7. P4 to P6: Commencement of CCA (Co-Curricular Activities)**

CCA for P4 to P6 students will commence in Term 1, Week 3 (on Tuesday, 16 January). All students attending CCA must have their meals in the school canteen. All CCAs will start at 2.30pm and end at 4.30pm. Please make the necessary arrangements with your children to pick them up at Gate 2 or Gate 4 during dismissal after CCA (if they are not going home on their own).

8. P2: ICT Baseline Training

The school has planned for a 3-session training module to ensure all P2 students are equipped with the necessary ICT competencies that are in alignment with the MOE ICT Baseline Standards. These standards outline the minimum level of proficiency required in areas such as digital literacy, safe and responsible technology use, etc. The objective is to equip students with the skills they need to effectively leverage technology for learning and to safely navigate the digital world.

9. P5 & P6: Subscription of English Language (EL) Newspapers, 'What's Up'

As part of the school's effort to inculcate a love of reading in our students, the English Language (EL) Department has arranged for Primary 5 and 6 students to subscribe to 'What's Up' newspapers. The publication comprises current affairs which are presented in a comprehensive yet interesting manner. In addition, extension activities related to the news articles will be conducted during EL lessons. The newspapers will be distributed by the EL teachers to the students in the following months:

No.	Month
1.	January (23 - 25 January)
2.	February (27 - 29 February)
3.	March (26 - 28 March)
4.	April (23 - 25 April)
5.	May (14 - 16 May)
6.	June (25 - 27 June)
7.	July (23 - 25 July)
8.	August (20 - 22 August)
9.	September (24 - 26 September)
10.	October (22 - 24 October)

The cost of subscription for the ten issues is \$30. The school will subsidise \$15.00 of the subscription cost while your child only needs to pay \$15.00. Payment for the newspapers will be made through deduction from your child's Edusave account. The subscription cost will be included in the next school bills. No action is required from parents for now. Please contact your child's EL teacher via email if you require additional information.

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11. P1 to P6: ‘The Young Scientists’ Magazine Subscription Drive

As part of our continuous efforts to inculcate an interest in the learning of Science amongst our students, we are introducing the “The Young Scientists” magazines to all students. With access to these rich resources, we hope our students’ interest and knowledge in Science would be further enhanced.

The school has made arrangement for parents to subscribe to “The Young Scientists” magazines with the publisher directly.

Do note that subscription is on an opt-in basis and not compulsory. Interested parents can scan the QR code below and follow the subscription instructions or visit www.EtutorMall.com/SubsFGPS to access the special site for the school to subscribe.

	Scan the QR code on the left to <u>Subscribe Online</u> and make payment through <u>PayNow</u> or <u>Online Bank Transfer</u> via the link: www.EtutorMall.com/SubsFGPS	Magazines will be sent to HOME
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Upon successful subscription, the magazines will be delivered directly to your mailing addresses.

Should you have further queries related to the subscription, please contact the publisher. You may also refer to the FAQ below for more information.

FAQs

- 1. Is subscription compulsory?**
Subscription is not compulsory and is on an opt-in basis.
- 2. Can we pay using Edusave fund?**
No. Payment for subscription is to be made personally to the publisher.
- 3. Will subscription cost be pro-rated if I subscribe at a later time of the year?**
No. The subscription cost will not be pro-rated. Regardless of when parents start the subscription in the year, they will receive the first issues of Year 2024.
- 4. Will the magazine be delivered to our home?**
Yes. We have arranged for home delivery for subscriptions made through the above QR Code or URL.
- 5. Who should I contact if I have further questions?**
Please contact vendor directly at 6742 7555 (Tel) or email them at service@ecombay.com.

12. Harmful Effects of Vaping

Globally, there is a worrying trend on the uptake of e-cigarettes, especially among youth. The promotion of e-cigarettes to the young has resulted in an exponential increase in the number of young people using e-cigarettes in other countries.

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E-vaporisers are illegal in Singapore. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components.

Parents play an important part in your children's education. Parents are encouraged to have a serious conversation with your children about vaping to prevent it from becoming a life-long habit. Schools will continue to educate our students about the dangers of vaping and the associated health risks.

You may get more information about the effects of Vaping from <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

Thank you.

Mr See Kok Kiong
Vice-Principal (Academic)