



NORTHOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Letter to Parents 65/2018

29 June 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back to the second semester of 2018. I hope you and your child have had a good vacation together, enjoying each other's company and that your child is refreshed and recharged for the new semester.

We would like to thank parents for the positive feedback you have given us for the Parent-Teacher-Child Meet held last term. We would also consider the suggestions gathered through the feedback. My staff and I look forward to working together with you to make the remaining school year an equally meaningful experience for our children.

New Staff

We welcome Mr Thamilselvan (Year Head), Ms Gayathry (Tamil Language Teacher), Mdm Yam Wen Shiew (AED-LBS) and Miss Grace Lee (Chinese Language Teacher), to Northoaks Primary.

Class Time-Table

There will be some changes to the class time-table due to some staff movement and hence changes to some of the subject teachers. The new time-table will be effective from Term 3 Week 2, that is starting from Tuesday, 3 July 2018.

STUDENT'S WELL-BEING

Primary 4 Day Camp – Friday, 6 July

The 1-Day Camp is organised for all Primary 4 students. Details on the camp have been released in the newsletter dated 18 May 2018 (reference number: 57/2018).

Racial Harmony Day – Monday, 16 July

The school will commemorate Racial Harmony Day on 16 July to remind students about the importance of racial harmony, and to inculcate respect, empathy and cross-cultural skills in our students. The theme for this year's Racial Harmony commemoration is "Diversity Our Strength" and a series of activities have been planned for our students.

School hours on that day remain unchanged.

Public/ School Holidays – Term 3 in 2018

The school will close on the following public / school holidays:

	School closes on	School resumes on
Youth Day	Monday, 2 Jul	Tuesday, 3 Jul
National Day	Thursday, 9 Aug and Friday, 10 Aug	Monday, 13 Aug
Hari Raya Haji	Wednesday, 22 Aug	Thursday, 23 Aug
Teachers' Day	Friday, 31 Aug	
Term 3 School Holidays	Saturday, 1 Sep to Sunday, 9 Sep	Monday, 10 Sep

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CURRICULUM MATTERS

Holistic Assessment for Primary 1

As in semester 1, there will be no examinations for Primary 1 this semester. Assessment will be conducted in bite-size to assess students' level of understanding and to assess them holistically. Please refer to the attachment for details of the assessment plan for Semester 2.

Holistic Assessment and Semestral Assessment 2 (SA2) for Primary 2

Holistic Assessment will continue to be conducted in Term 3. All Primary 2 students will sit for the formal SA2 examinations in Term 4. Please refer to the attachment for details of the assessment plan for Semester 2.

Assessment for Primary 3, Primary 4 and Primary 5

There will be no Continual Assessments (CA) for the Primary 3, 4 and 5 students in Term 3, instead tests / performance tasks will be conducted for them. In Term 4, all Primary 3, 4 and 5 students will sit for the formal SA2 examination. Please refer to the attachment for details of the assessment plans for Semester 2.

Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2018 for Primary 3 Students

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable students with high intellectual potential. Test-preparation activities could inflate students' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it.

The tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2018 is given below:

(a) GEP Screening Exercise (English Language and Mathematics)	Friday, 24 August
<u>Shortlisted students</u> are invited to participate in the Selection Exercise: (b) GEP Selection Exercise (English Language, Mathematics and General Ability)	Tuesday, 16 October and Wednesday, 17 October

The above information was given in our first newsletter dated 4 Jan 2018 (reference number 01/2018). Details regarding the GEP Screening Exercise on 24 August will be released at a date closer to the exercise.

PARTNERHIP WITH PARENTS

Open House – Saturday, 14 July

The school will hold its annual Open House on 14 July from 9.00 a.m. to 11.30a.m. All parents are invited to support the performances and visit our subject/programme booths to learn more about our school.

If you know of friends or other parents who have a child born between 2 January 2012 and 1 January 2013 and is registering for Primary 1 (for admission in 2019) this year, please encourage them to sign up for the Open House through our school website www.northoaksPri.moe.edu.sg. The deadline for registering for the event is 11 July.

Breakfast with Parents (7.30a.m. to 8.00a.m.)

Breakfast with Parents sessions are scheduled for the following dates in July, August and September. We hope to have your continued support for these sessions.

Levels	Dates in July	Dates in August	Dates in September
Primary 1	Tuesday, 10 Jul	Thursday, 16 Aug	Friday, 21 Sept
Primary 2	Tuesday, 17 Jul	Friday, 24 Aug	Thursday, 27 Sept
Primary 3	Friday, 20 Jul	Tuesday, 28 Aug	Thursday, 20 Sept
Primary 4	Thursday, 26 Jul		Friday, 14 Sept
Primary 5	Friday, 27 Jul		Tuesday, 11 Sept

In partnership with you

Mrs Theresa Hong
Principal



Northoaks Primary School
Primary 4
Holistic Assessment Calendar 2018

Date(s)	Term 3 (20% of SA2, 14% of Overall)
15 Aug (Wed)	EL Mini Test 2
17 Aug (Fri)	Maths Mini Test 2
20, 23 or 24 Aug*	Science Performance Task 2
21 Aug (Tue)	MTL Mini Test 2

Date(s)	Term 4 (80% of SA2, 56% Overall)
8 Oct (Mon)	EL Paper 1 (Writing)
10 Oct (Wed)	EL & MTL Oral
11 Oct (Thu)	MTL Paper 1 (Writing)
19 Oct (Fri)	EL Listening Comprehension MTL Listening Comprehension
25 Oct (Thu)	EL Paper 2
26 Oct (Fri)	Mathematics
29 Oct (Mon)	MTL Paper 2
30 Oct (Tue)	Science

Note:

* Your child may be tested on any of the days within this period.

If your child is unwell on the day of the assessment, he/she will be assessed upon his/her return.