Dear Parents/Guardians

1. Warm Welcome & Happy New Year!
   My staff and I would like to warmly welcome all back for a brand new year. We look forward to working closely and collaboratively in partnership with you to continue to provide a quality holistic school experience, rich in learning with growth for your child. We will be implementing new changes in the curriculum to enhance the current academic and co-curricular structures.

   The Term 1 Calendar has been uploaded on to the school website at: http://www.zhenghuapri.moe.edu.sg/zhenghua-family/information-for-parents.

   - Please print a copy for your child to keep in his/her school bag.
   - Please take note of the dates and times that your child will have to be in school for the different activities. Do also note the Parental Briefing/Meeting/Workshop dates in your personal calendar.
   - There will be no remedial/extra lessons and CA1 in term one. This is to allow our children time to settle down and have the time to complete all homework, revise his/her work daily and engage in their personal hobbies.

2. 2015 PSLE Results
   263 (100%) of our students have been posted to secondary schools. It is a remarkable achievement for us as a family. My heartiest congratulations to all our students for their good achievements and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. I would also like to thank our parents for working in close partnership with the school which is an important part of the success of our students.

3. No Continual Assessment 1 (P1 to P6)
   There will be no formal assessment in Term 1. Teachers will be using formative assessment strategies to ensure that students master the concepts/skills taught on a timely basis and also to spend more time re-teaching and learning in challenging areas. Please work with your child to create a home time table to enable daily homework and revision time. Consistency is critical for success.

   Special Academic Support
   a) Homework: In Term 1 Upper Primary Students (P4, P5 & P6) who do not complete their daily homework will be kept back in school from 2pm to 3.30pm to complete their homework under the supervision of our Teachers. Responsibility is one of our core values and it is important that our students live our value by handing in their homework on time.
b) Selected P6 students, based on their 2015 year-end P5 results, will be identified for an after school P6 Mathematics Bridging Programme (GEM) and Mother Tongue Language Programme (GPS) in term 1.

If your child is selected for either programme, you will receive a consent form with the details. Please ensure that your child is present for all sessions as this will be helpful to him/her.

**Code for Fun Enrichment for all Primary 3**
The school has partnered Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) to start the ‘Code of Fun Enrichment’ for all Primary 3 students in Term 1 and Term 2. This enrichment serves to increase students’ exposure to coding and computational thinking. Under this programme, students will undergo a 20 hour programming training (over 2 years) using a visual, drag and drop software with robotic kits. Fees for students’ training and purchase of education kits are heavily subsidised by IDA.

In line with Every Parent, a Supportive Partner, we hope to work together to meet the needs of our children. Inculcation of good study habits and regular monitoring will greatly enhance their daily learning experience. Please contact the school/teachers if you have any concerns to allow us to work effectively together.

**4. Student’s LMS Portal**
All Zhenghua, students will be issued with an account in the LMS portal. Both the user id and password will be their birth certificate numbers. Kindly advise your child not to change the password. Students can access the portal via the school website.

Teachers will also create lesson packages or activities for their classes throughout the year and upload these in the portal. Please encourage your child to set aside time to access these resources in the portal to further enhance their learning. Your child will be guided to regularly post remarks on the class’s Social Learning Wall. This is to build up their self-directed and collaborative learning skills which are in line with ICT Master Plan 4.

Throughout the year, the school will also be using the e-learning portal for various purposes such as online registration, parent and student surveys, travel declaration and digital homework.

**5. Value Education (R³ICH)**
In 2016, we have included the values of ‘Resilience’ and ‘Harmony’ as we want our students to be ready for a future that is challenging and unpredictable. It is also critical for them to know the importance of social cohesion so as to preserve the Unity among Singaporeans.

Throughout Term 1, the school will be emphasizing the importance of the value of ‘Care’ to all students. We want our students to be willing to share, always ready to give a helping hand and be able to show sensitivity and empathy for others. We hope you will reinforce the value of ‘Care’ at home, with the goal of developing concerned citizens.

**Safe & Healthy School Environment**
We have many policies, structures and rules in place in ZHPS to make our school a safe and healthy environment for your child. Please do help us to continue to keep ZHPS safe by abiding to these policies, structures and rules.

As part of the National Environment Agency’s (NEA) ongoing efforts to achieve better air quality and safeguard public health, all parents who drive are urged to turn off their engines while waiting to pick your child in the school premises.

**6. CCA Carnival & CCA Selection**
CCA is compulsory for all P3 to P6 students. All P3 students will attend the CCA Carnival on 16 January 2016 from 11 a.m. Students will be required to exercise their option to select a CCA of their choice via the E-Learning Portal, All P4 to P6 students without a CCA and newly transferred students into the school will have to make their
CCA selection by week one. Please take note that students without CCA will be given Fair as their conduct grade.

7. Library
We request all parents to check that your children return any outstanding books borrowed from the library in 2015. Students will be given a grace period till Friday, 15 January 2016 to return all overdue books. For lost books, students will be required to replace a book of the same value as we want to cultivate in our students a sense of responsibility from a very early age. Students will be allowed to borrow books from Term 1 Week 4 after they have completed the Library Induction Programme.

P1 students will only be allowed to borrow library books after they have received their Student EZ-Link cards. The cards will be issued about a month after the photo-taking session which will be arranged by the school.

8. Student’s Time Table
The weekly timetable will be given to all students after our trial period and once it is confirmed. Please help your child to pack his/her bag according to the timetable and do not allow him/her to bring unnecessary books or things as the bag will be too heavy. Whenever possible, the students' books will be kept by the school to lighten the school bags. Students will also be allocated lockers to allow them to store some of their books and other materials.

9. Student Handbook
All students will receive a copy of the Student Handbook by the second week of school. Students are required to pay $3.90 to their form teacher by Monday, 11 Jan 2016. The handbook serves as a communication tool between parents and the teachers, besides providing useful information of the school. Students are to bring this handbook to school every day. Please check this book daily for your child’s homework or notes from their Teachers.

10. Temperature Taking Exercise
As part of the school’s temperature-taking regime, as well as to ensure that all new students are familiar with temperature-taking, the school will conduct a temperature-taking exercise on Wednesday, 6 January 2016 and Thursday, 7 January 2016. We would like to seek your assistance in ensuring that your child/ward (except for P1 students) brings his/her personal Oral Digital Thermometers (ODTs) to school. If your child’s ODT has been misplaced or is not working, please purchase a new one from any pharmacy. Limited stocks of ODTs are available for sale in the school bookshop. All P1 students will be given an ODT each on 5 January 2016.

11. Relief Teachers
From time to time, the school will need to engage relief teachers for a variety of reasons. For example, we would definitely have teachers:
- Falling sick
- Taking maternity leave and child care leave
- Taking examination leave
- Attending workshops, conferences, etc
- On urgent personal matters
- On National Service (NS) duty

We seek your understanding and assure you that we will monitor our relief teachers closely. All relief teachers engaged by the school are registered with MOE.

12. School Bookshop
Please be informed that the school bookshop will be open daily from Monday to Friday from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. during normal school days.

13. Working in Partnership
It takes a village to raise a child. By contributing in every small way as a parent, your child will definitely benefit in his/her growing years. We will succeed if we work together in partnership to help our children achieve our school motto: The Best That We Can Be!

Mrs Rita Dass
Principal