27 June 2016

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

1. **WELCOME BACK!** I am sure that the break was a refreshing one for all of us. We are very happy to see all our children back in school. We continue to seek your support in our pursuit of a holistic development and education of our children.

To welcome all our students back, we have designed an inspirational notebook and a set of core values stickers for each child. *My Little Book of Values* is part of our School value in education programme and we hope that you will spend some time with your children sharing and capturing your experiences in the book.

2. **Term 3 Calendar**
   The Term 3 calendar is attached to this note so that you can keep abreast of the series of activities or events that are happening in the school for the new term. This will include our enrichment programmes, examination dates and CCA days. Please make it a habit for your child and you to check on the programme for the day on a daily basis. The soft copy is also available on our school website – parents’ portal.

3. **P6 Preliminary Examination, P6 PSLE Oral Examination, P3 to P5 Continuous Assessment (CA) 2**
   The schedule for the above is attached to this note. Please work with your child to ensure that he/she is well-prepared for the examinations. Our goal is that every child gives his/her personal best and this will be best reflected by improvement from their SA1 results. There will be no make-up examinations for students who are absent on any of these days. Good ethics and values are vital for our children and the school will take strict action against any student caught cheating during the examinations. *(Please refer to Parents’ Handbook page 32 and the Students’ Handbook pages 34 and 35.)*

4. **E-Learning Fest (P1 to P5) on 22 July 2016**
   P1 to P5 students will be having their E-Learning Fest on 22 July 2016. P1 to P5 students do not need to report to school on this day. The list of E-Learning assignments will be issued to the students. Please ensure that your child uses his/her time wisely to complete all the assignments and spend time revising school work.

Our P6 students will be sitting for their P6 Prelim Oral Examinations on this day. All our staff will be scheduled to run this examination.
5. **P5 Tamil Language (TL) Theatre Experience – Sang Nila Utama**
The P5 TL students watched a drama entitled Sang Nila Utama on 21 April at Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre. They enjoyed the richness of the Tamil language as the play was filled with poetic proses, witty comments, ancient songs and proverbs. Through this drama, students also learnt more about the values of the Indian culture. This is also the very first time the drama Sang Nila Utama was staged in Tamil Language.

6. **CCA Programme**
The CCA will begin from week one. Please refer to the calendar for days when CCA will not be conducted. There will be no other reminders.

7. **CCA for Primary 6 Students** will be suspended from the start of Term 3 till the completion of the PSLE to allow for more focussed lessons.

8. **Mozzie Watch Keeper @ North West**
Zhenghua Primary School, in partnership with North West Community Development Council (CDC), Holland Bukit-Panjang Town Council and the National Environment Agency (NEA), launched the Mozzie Watch Keeper @ North West ‘app’ on May 24 2016 at ZHPS.

This interactive e-learning mobile application is part of the NWCDC's effort to rally the community to learn about, prevent, spot and report cases of potential mosquito breeding sites. All the P3 to P6 students in Zhenghua Primary School have used the app to learn more about the danger of the Dengue and Zika viruses and how to prevent mosquito breeding. We hope that they will continue to share with their family, friends and neighbours the importance of staying vigilant and the 5 step mozzie wipe out.

For every successful completion of the e-learning module by a participant, the Building & Estate Management Alumni (BEMA) of the National University of Singapore (NUS) will make a $2 donation towards the North West Student Support Fund, up to as sum of $30,000. The fund provides basic tuition, transport, meal allowance, stationery and book vouchers for about 3,000 needy students residing in the North West District.

The mobile app is available for download from Apple App Store and Android Google Play. Do visit www.mozziewatchkeeper.com to find out more.

9. **National Reading Movement**
The National Library Board (NLB) aims to cultivate a vibrant reading culture in Singapore by initiating the National Reading Movement. Our school has pledged to contribute to this movement by strengthening our reading culture in school. The following link recognises our school’s active involvement in promoting reading: http://www.nationalreadingmovement.sg/Organisations.

We would like your strong support in inculcating the love to read more and read widely in our children by bringing them to the library to be exposed to the world of books. Our school library also provides a wide range of reading materials. Reading is one of the best gift a child can receive.

10. **“Together We Pass It On” Project 2016**
Since 2013, our ZHPS Parents Support Group has initiated the project, “Together We Pass it On”, where used storybooks are collected and sold to our students. A total of $973.10 was collected during the sale from 18 to 20 May 2016. All the proceeds will go to Zhenghua’s Financial Assistance Scheme to support needy children. We hope to have your...
continued support for the “Together We Pass It On” Project. Used storybooks can still be placed in the collection box located in the school library. This is in line with NLB working hard at increasing the reading habit among Singaporeans.

11. Values Education Programme (R³ICH)
   The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day in Term 3. We have prepared a host of activities for the students to internalize the following key messages.
   • Students should learn to make friends with people of other races and religions and not make fun of people who are different.
   • Students should also learn that in Singapore, people are treated equally regardless of their race and religion and they should also do the same.
   • Students should appreciate the different cultures that make up Singapore and make it so unique.
   We hope you will join us in our efforts to promote the value of ‘Harmony’ in our students.

12. P5 National Education (NE) Show
   All P5 students will be attending the NE Show (a preview of the National Day Parade) on 16 July 2016. We are confident that the NE Show, will instil a sense of patriotism in students, bring across the significance of our National Day and develop group spirit among students and commitment to community and nation. More details will be given to the students and parents closer to the date.

13. Chopin Chamber
   To enhance our total aesthetics programme our digital lab has been in use from Term 2. Digital music lessons have begun with the use of Garage Band for the primary 5 and 6 levels. We will continue to do our best to bring music into the lives of all our children.

14. School Safety
   As part of the school’s safety programme, we invited the Traffic Police to conduct a safety talk on 16 May 2016. They have shared with all our students on how to take precautions, to exercise responsibility and to practice good road safety habits. We would like to seek your cooperation to also set good examples and role-model these to your children, both in and outside the school to stress the importance of road safety.

15. P1 Registration 2017
   Thank you all existing parents who have expressed your interest in enrolling your younger child at Zhenghua Primary School under the Phase 1 (Sibling Phase). You would have received a copy of P1 Registration Form (in Pink) for your completion and submission with the relevant supporting documents, via the form teachers by 29 June 2016.
   At Zhenghua, not only are we focussing on a balanced and holistic education, we strive to develop every individual to reach his or her fullest potential through their individual peaks of excellence and thus uphold our Motto: The Best that We Can Be.
   To achieve the above, our programmes are thoughtfully crafted to inject elements of fun through learning without compromising on quality teaching. We firmly believe that it is pertinent to ignite the joy of
learning in our students and create learning opportunities that will excite them through their engagement in both academic and co-curricular programmes. The School’s sterling performance, in both the performing and visual arts, speaks volumes of Zhenghua’s success in grooming our individual students to be confident persons and active contributors; qualities that are imperative in the 21st Century.

In the process of our pursuit for excellence through the academic field, we at Zhenghua also leverage on our co-curricular programmes to enhance, strengthen and mould the character of our students. We take pride in graduating our students, after nurturing them for 6 years, to be of good character; and academically and culturally vibrant through our values-driven and student-centric education.

Let me take this opportunity to warmly invite you to join our Zhenghua family to share our beliefs, to experience the dedication of our teachers, to witness the commitment of our students and to discover our success stories.

Thank you
Mrs Rita Dass
Principal