



Dear Parents / Guardians

On behalf of Elias Park Primary School, may I wish all a great year of joy, good health and every success in all that you do in the New Year.

To the parents who have just joined Elias Park Primary School (EPPS), let me also extend a warm welcome to you. Let us work together to make your child's education a fulfilling, enjoyable and enriching one.

This termly newsletter will share some key updates of our school's plans and how we can partner one another to support your child's learning and development.

Providing a forward-looking and balanced curriculum

In EPPS, we are committed to develop learners who are ready for life and to equip our children with the essential skills to take on challenges of uncertain times. We want our students to be confident, adaptable, resilient in a rapidly changing world and be self-motivated in their personal growth.

We are heartened to know our Eliasians have excelled through their drive, fortitude and hard work. Every child's growth and success are the result of concerted efforts of the entire school community, alumni, and community partners. Eliasians' passion and strengths are nurtured through varied programmes and activities offered in the domains like academics, aesthetics, community leadership and sports. Through these, we will strive to equip them with the right skills and attitudes such as confidence, curiosity and collaboration to help them be future ready.

Updates on School Infrastructure for 2024

Canteen Refreshed

The school has refreshed our canteen area to include more learning spaces for green education. It forms part of our school's Applied Learning Programme – nuCLEAR (nurturing Citizen Leaders with Empathy and Resilience) where Eliasians will be provided with various learning platforms across different levels, to acquire first-hand knowledge on sustainability concepts as well as how they can play an active role in adopting a green lifestyle.

Construction of MOE Kindergarten (MK)

The construction of the MK at Block C, Library Block and School Garden has commenced and is expected to be completed by December 2024. The relevant areas have been cordoned off and safety procedures will be shared with our Eliasians accordingly. We seek our parents' understanding to remind our Eliasians to comply with the respective safety procedures.

Staff Matters

We bid farewell to the following staff and extend our heartfelt appreciation to all for their dedicated contributions and wish them the best as they embark on their new endeavors.

Mdm Chan Jia En
Mdm Nur Sobah Mahmood
Mdm Siti Noorhuda Bagushair
Mrs Tjan Hiok Hoon
Mdm Valerie De Souza

We are pleased to welcome the following staff into the EPPS family in Semester 1 of 2024.

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| Mr Bryan Foo Chun Kiat | Subject Head, PE |
| Mr Saat Bin Arifin | ML Teacher |
| Mrs Devadas Thavamani | TL Teacher |
| Mdm Grace Tan Poh Kiang | Art / SS Teacher |
| Mdm Grace Yen Yern Chee | Art / SS Teacher |
| Mrs Elizabeth Ho | School Counsellor (Part-Time) |

We would also like to offer our heartiest congratulations to our newly appointed key personnel:

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| Mrs Tham – Seah Yi Ern | Assistant Year Head |
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As a school, we collaborate with our Eliasians, families, Alumni, and community partners to create a caring and joyful learning environment where all are given ample opportunities to develop their talents and reach their fullest potential.

May 2024 be filled with excitement and holistic endeavors for all of us!

Yours sincerely,



Mdm Chua Pei Pei
Principal

A IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Orientation and Bonding Week

As communicated in the press, only Primary 1 students and accompanying parents will report to school on Tuesday, 2 January 2024. (P1 parents are to refer to the PG message sent to you separately.) Primary 2 to 6 students report on Wednesday, 3 January 2024. They are to bring along a reading book, stationery, report book, portfolio, water bottle and a light snack. A separate PG message will be sent out by Form Teachers on the items to bring for the first week.

During the Bonding Week, students will be adjusting back to school routines such as social distancing, regular handwashing, wiping down of surfaces. Teachers will also share on school values, class expectations, and self-management skills such as setting of goals. Formal lessons will commence from Monday 8 January 2024.

2 Reporting and Recess Time

EPPS is committed to provide an optimal learning environment for our students. Please kindly be reminded that the school hours will be from **7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily**.

| Activity | Reporting Time |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Reporting Time for Students | By 7.25 a.m. |
| Flag-Raising Ceremony | 7.30 a.m. |
| First Period | 7.35 a.m. |
| Dismissal Time | 1.30 p.m. |
| School Bus Pick Up Time | Based on arrangement with vendor |

| Level | Recess Time |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Primary 1 and 2 | 9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. |
| Primary 3 and 4 | 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. |
| Primary 5 and 6 | 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. |

A 10 min break time for light snacks is also included in the Timetable.

3 Purchase of School Uniforms & Name Tags

The bookshop vendor, BL Marketing Pte Ltd, has been working closely with the uniform supplier, Yangtze Kiang Tailor, to assist in the sale of uniforms, and taking orders for name tags.

Sale of school uniforms will only be available at the School Bookshop from mid-January 2024 as the bookshop will be prioritizing the distribution of textbooks in early January 2024. The daily opening hours is from Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. for students to make their purchases and/or to order name tags. Parents/guardians may purchase the uniforms only on Fridays from 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. If you have other enquiries, please contact Yangtze Kiang Tailor at 6769 1260.

4 Student Planner

Students will receive their Student Planner from their Form Teachers. It provides students with important information such as the school contact details, rules and expectations and assessment information.

Form Teachers will share with students on how they can make good use of the planner, for example, to record their homework, assessment dates and instructions from teachers. Subject teachers may also communicate with parents/guardians on matters related to your child/ward by writing messages in the planner.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to spend time to go through the Student Planner to understand the academic requirements, values, and standards the school expects all students to uphold as upright, responsible and respectful Eliasians.

5 Partnership in Education

The school is committed to work closely with you and to provide support in nurturing and developing your children. We firmly believe that parents can play the key role to show continuous interest and support for our students.

5.1 Modes of Communication

(a) Parents Gateway (PG) is the main platform for communication between school and parents. Developed by MOE and GovTech, PG allows parents to provide consent/ acknowledgement for programmes, to make bookings for meeting teachers, travel declarations, and to keep previous PG messages for easy reference. Parents will receive information mainly through this platform and we encourage parents to check the PG app regularly and set up a notification system within the app so that you do not miss out on important information.

(b) You will receive a PG (Parents Gateway) message from your child/ward's Form Teachers in the first week of school. Form Teachers will introduce themselves and provide information about your child's subject teachers, including their email addresses. Please feel free to check in with your child's Form Teachers and seek clarification, so that they can address any concerns early, and partner you in ensuring the best school experience for your child.

(c) We also encourage you to use the Student Planner as a mean of communicating with the teachers to monitor your child's/ward's progress. Besides reflecting the homework given to your child/ward each day, the student planner also allows teachers and parents to keep in contact.

5.2 Health & Well Being

(a) In line with the national posture, the MOE guidelines are:

- No group size and safe distancing requirements for school activities including recess.
- All students will be able to participate in activities regardless of their vaccination status.
- No capacity limit for school events.

(b) To continue to safeguard the well-being of our students and staff, safe management measures in primary schools include the following:

- School staff will carry out daily general screening of students' well-being. Students and staff who are unwell with flu-like symptoms, are required to stay away from school. They should seek medical attention if needed and be tested for COVID-19 if required.
 - Frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces in school premises.
 - Students are advised to practise personal and social responsibility to protect themselves and others, such as not attending school if unwell, frequent handwashing throughout the school day and wiping down of tables and shared equipment after use.
- (c)** Mask-wearing is not mandatory for both indoor and outdoor settings, except in healthcare settings. However, those who prefer to continue wearing masks may do so.
- (d)** To enrich the learning experiences and better support the long-term holistic development and well-being of our students, MOE has resumed all school activities, including CCAs and residential camps, in our schools. All schools have resumed in-person CCA in school, based on the prevailing national Safe Management Measures (SMMs). CCAs held at external venues, residential camps, learning journeys and community-based VIA can proceed, subject to external venue's SMMs, where applicable.

5.3 Attendance for School

- (a)** All students are strongly encouraged to be in the Hall by 7.25 a.m. Flag raising ceremony will start punctually at 7.30 a.m. Students are encouraged to arrive earlier to enjoy their silent reading time.
- (b)** Please note that dismissal is at 1.30 p.m. daily. Parents/Guardians should check with their child/ward and/or on PG notifications, to know if they have after-school activities such as CCAs or remedial lessons.
- (c)** Curriculum time is precious, and students should not miss lessons where possible. If there are urgent matters in the family that require your child's absence from school, please inform the school and/or Form Teachers in writing. Your request will be subjected to the school's consideration and approval. When your child's/ward's leave application is approved, students should be prepared to put in more effort to catch up on their assignments. We seek your understanding to partner the school in this matter.

6 Safety & Security Matters

6.1 Updating of Personal Particulars

- (a)** MOE would like to request for an update of parents' and their child's information via the Student Details Form (SDF) Portal. Parents may login to the SDF portal using the SingPass account to submit information for themselves and their child.

Please look out for the Parent Gateway Announcement from MOE for instructions to complete the exercise. All online submissions should be duly completed by 31 January 2024.

| S/N | Groups of Parents | Schedule Date/Time to receive MOE PG announcement | Remarks |
|-----|----------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Parents with P1 to P3 child/ward | 3 Jan 2024 at 10.00am | Parents with youngest child in P1-P3 accessing SDF at this stage can also update for their elder children (in Primary, Secondary, JC) when they login. Deadline to complete SDF submission: 31 Jan 2024. |
| 2 | Parents with P4 to P6 child/ward | 5 Jan 2024 at 10.00am | Parents with youngest child in P4-P6 accessing SDF at this stage can also update for their elder children (in Primary, Secondary, JC) when they login. Deadline to complete SDF submission: 31 Jan 2024. |

(b) Informing MOE of A Change of Particulars through the School or Parent Gateway App

| Category | MOE Form Type | Remarks |
|---|--|---|
| Students' Address | Form C Request Form for Updating of Student's Address | Your child may approach their Form Teacher or the General Office for the MOE Forms. |
| Parents' / Legal Guardians' Particulars | Form A Updating of Parents' / Legal Guardian's Particulars | |
| Parents' / Legal Guardians' Contact Numbers | N.A. | You may update the contact numbers on the Parent Gateway app directly, and the school/Form Teachers will receive the auto-notification. |

It is important that any changes are updated in a timely manner to enable easier communication with parents / legal guardians.

6.2 Consent for Photography & Video-Taking

Please note that photographs and video images of parents/guardians and/or your child/ward may be taken during lessons, CCA, school camps and events. Parents are deemed to have given consent for the school to use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, school website, social media channels and other communication channels. Please be assured that any personal data received by our school is managed according to the MOE Data Management Policy and Guidelines. Should you have enquiries, please write in to epps@moe.edu.sg for clarification.

6.3 Entry into School

- (a) In the interest of the safety and security of our students, parents or visitors are not allowed into the school. All visitors must first report to the Gate 2 Security Guard Post to obtain a 'Visitor Pass' before proceeding to the General Office to register the purpose of your visit.
- (b) Please note that except for medication and spectacles, the school will not accept any other items to be delivered to our students. We seek parents' cooperation in encouraging our students to be responsible for their belongings.

6.4 Safety Routes

- (a) Our Student Planner also contains important information on safety for all Eliasians. Please spend some time going through the safety information in the Student Planner with your child/ward and reinforce the key points with them.
- (b) To ensure orderly dismissal at staggered times, we appeal to parents/ guardians/ care givers not to obstruct student movement, and to practice social distancing when waiting outside all the school gates.
- (c) We would also appreciate if you could train your child/ward to look out for the right person to accompany him/her home and not to follow strangers or their friends. If your child is unable to find his/her caregiver during dismissal, he/she should go the General Office for assistance.
- (d) We would like to appeal to all parents who drive their child to school, to use the designated covered drop-off/pick-up points located near Blocks 517 and 504, Pasir Ris Street 52, during peak traffic periods. This will ease the traffic congestion at Gate 1 – entrance to school carpark.

6.5 Prohibited Items

Students are reminded that items that may inflict injury (to self and/or others) such as box-cutters, penknives and lighters should not be brought to school. Parents are encouraged to educate their child/ward on the proper handling of such items outside of school.

7 Appreciation of Teaching Staff

7.1 President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2024

The President's Award for Teachers (PAT) gives national recognition to experienced teachers for their dedication and hard work in developing our young. These teachers inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

We welcome parents and students to make nominations for the PAT 2024 as an appreciation of the effort of our teachers. PAT 2024 nomination will close on Wednesday 10 January 2024. You may submit your nominations online through this link go.gov.sg/pat2024.

7.2 Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2024

The Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) recognizes young teachers, aged 35 and below, who are role models for the teaching profession. These teachers personify youthful idealism, enthusiasm, and inspire their students and peers.

We welcome parents and students to make nominations for the OYEA 2024 as an appreciation of the effort of our teachers. Nomination for OYEA 2024 will close Wednesday, 10 January 2024. You may submit your nominations online through this link go.gov.sg/oyea2024.

B SCHOOL PROGRAMMES IN TERM 1

1 Parents' Engagement Sessions

Engaging parents/guardians on school matters, both academic and non-academic early in the school year is important to us. This allows us to build a positive school-home partnership to help our children achieve their best in the coming year.

| Level | Date | Time/ Mode |
|---------------|----------------------|--|
| Primary 1 | Tuesday 2 January | 7.45 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. P1 Orientation Day in the Hall |
| Primary 2 | Thursday, 1 February | 4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Zoom Webinar Details will be provided near to the respective sessions. |
| Primary 3 & 4 | Friday, 2 February | |
| Primary 5 & 6 | Friday, 26 January | |

Information shared during the briefing will include:

- School's Directions
- Level Initiatives / Key Programmes
- Assessment Matters
- Programme for Active Learning (for P1 & P2 only)
- Subject-Based Banding (for P3 & P4 only)
- PSLE Matters and Choice of Secondary Schools (for P5 & P6 only)

Should parents/guardians have enquiries on their child's/ward's progress, they can contact subject teachers separately via email or telephone call. In May, there will be a Meet-The-Parents session for updates on students' learning progress.

2 Co-Curricular Activities Schedule

CCAs are a key component of students' holistic education. Through CCAs, students discover their interests and talents. Through CCAs, students develop their character, learn values, social emotional competencies and skills to prepare them for future challenges. CCAs bring students from diverse backgrounds together. By learning and interacting with one another, students develop friendships and deepen their sense of belonging to the school and community. The Term 1 CCA Schedule will be from Monday 15 January – Friday 8 March 2024. For more information, please refer to the PG notification sent by the respective CCA Teachers.

3 Photo-Taking for School Smart Card (for P1 and P6 only)

P1 and P6 students will be taking photos for their School Smart Cards on Monday, 15 January 2024. Students are expected to be in their school uniform and have neat hairstyles. The stored value smartcard allows primary school students to use for travel on the public transport system. Students can activate the card by making a minimum top-up of \$2 and bringing along their birth certificate/passport for verification purposes to any TransitLink Ticket Office.

4 Code for Fun Programme (for P5 only)

Code for Fun Enrichment programme is a collaboration between IMDA and MOE. It includes academic learning of related concepts using visual based programming language. Students apply reasoning to solve problems by breaking them down in a fun way. Each P5 class will participate in a two-day coding experience during curriculum hours in January 2024.

5 Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations

Chinese New Year (CNY) falls on Saturday, 10 February 2024. The school will have our CNY celebrations on Chinese New Year Eve on Friday, 9 February 2024 from 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Please note that dismissal is at 10.30 a.m. for all students. Students should be in their PE attire for the celebrations. Students will return to school on Wednesday, 14 February 2024.

The school wishes all Eliasians and families a prosperous and healthy Chinese New Year!

6 Total Defence Day

The Total Defence campaign will profile Total Defence in action and encourage students to play a greater role in Total Defence by showing them how they can contribute in small and big ways.

Our students will participate in a series of activities from Wednesday, 14 February to Friday, 16 February 2024, to gain better understanding that Total Defence can help rally and mobilize Singaporeans to prepare for future threats and be resilient to recover quickly when crises strike. More information will be shared in February via Form Teachers and PG notification.

Summary of Term 1 Events (January – March 2024)

| Date | Events | Remarks |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 2 January | Only P1 students report to school | Please refer to PG notification. Dismissal is at 10.30 a.m. |
| | P1 Parents' Engagement Session | For P1 parents/guardians only and conducted during P1 Orientation Day. |
| 3 January | All students report to school | P2-P6 students report back for new academic year. |
| 3 January – 5 January | Bonding Week Activities | During curriculum time for all students. |
| 3 January – 31 January | Submission of Individual Student Detail Form | Parents/Guardians can make online submissions via the Student Details Form (SDF) Portal. Please refer to the MOE PG message dated 3 January (for P1-P3) and 6 January for (P4-P6). |
| 8 January – 19 January | Code for Fun Programme | For P5 only. During curriculum hours. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date. |
| 10 January | Temperature-taking Exercise | All students should bring along a working thermometer for this exercise. |
| 15 January – 8 March | Term 1 CCA Sessions | Please refer to the PG notification sent by the respective CCA Teachers. |
| 15 January | Photo-taking for School Smart Card | For P1 and P6 only. Students are expected to be in school uniform and have neat hairstyles. |
| 26 January | Parents' Engagement Session for P5 & P6 | For parents/guardians of P5 and P6 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date. |
| 2 February | Parents' Engagement Session for P3 & P4 | For parents/guardians of P3 and P4 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date. |
| 1 February | Parents' Engagement Session for P2 | For parents/guardians of P2 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date. |
| 6 – 16 February | Health Screening by HPB | For P1 – P6 students Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date. |
| 9 February | Chinese New Year Celebration | School hours from 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Please note that dismissal is at 10.30 a.m. for all students. Students should be in their PE attire for the celebrations. |
| 10 February – 13 February | Chinese New Year Holiday | All students return to school on 14 February. |
| 14 February – 16 February | Total Defence Day Activities | During curriculum hours for all students. |

| Date | Events | Remarks |
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| 8 March | Eat with Family Day | Home celebrations |
| 9 March – 17 March | Term 1 School Holidays | The General Office remains open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on weekdays. |