



Ref : 2018/FCPS/COMMS/20

Date : 2 February 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Commemoration of Total Defence Day and Chinese New Year Celebration

Commemoration of Total Defence Day 2018

1. Total Defence Day (TDD) is commemorated on 15 February annually to mark the fall of Singapore to the Japanese in 1942. The theme for TDD this year is '**Together We Keep Singapore Strong**'.
2. The theme seeks to remind us that Singapore has remained safe and peaceful over the past 52 years because of the efforts of all Singaporeans. This is essentially Total Defence and it remains relevant because the threats faced today require all Singaporeans to step up and play their part. Our youths are encouraged to make Total Defence a part of their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient.
3. To help our pupils understand the importance of TDD and its significance to our lives as Singaporeans, there will classroom activities and school-based programmes planned for them to participate in from 12 February 2018 to 15 February 2018. As partners in education, you are strongly encouraged to reinforce the TDD message by sharing the following with your children:
 - i) The Public Warning System (PWS) will be sounded nationwide on Thursday, 15 February at 6.20 p.m. Encourage your child to share his / her thoughts on the PWS with you and your family.
 - ii) Talk to your child on what the theme means to him/her
 - iii) Reinforce at home the significance of the 5 Pillars of Total Defence, namely:
 - 1) Military Defence
 - 2) Civil Defence
 - 3) Economic Defence
 - 4) Social Defence
 - 5) Psychological Defence

* Information on the 5 pillars of TD can be found on the Mindef webpage:

https://www.mindef.gov.sg/oms/imindef/mindef_websites/topics/totaldefence/about_us/5_Pillars.html

4. Thank you & wishing everyone a meaningful Total Defence Day.

Chinese New Year Celebration

1. The school will function from **7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.** on **Thursday, 15 February 2018**, being the eve of Chinese New Year. All pupils will report to school in their school uniform.
2. A variety of activities have been planned for our pupils for the day. So, they are required to bring only their stationeries and water bottles.
3. Only the stall selling hot drinks and buns will be opened before the flag-raising ceremony that day. Hence, please ensure that your child/ward eats their breakfast at home before coming to school. Please also make the necessary transport arrangement for your child/ward.
4. Monday, 19 February 2018 is a school holiday. **Lessons will resume on Tuesday, 20 February 2018.**
5. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Chinese parents, guardians and pupils, A Happy Lunar New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Yap Dai Jee
Principal

Acknowledgement Slip
Commemoration of Total Defence Day and Chinese New Year Celebration

(Please return this acknowledgement slip to your child/ward's Form Teacher
by **Tuesday, 6 February 2018.**)

From: *Mr/Mrs/Mdm/Ms _____ Tel : _____

Pupil's Name: _____ Class : Primary _____

I have read the notification, "Commemoration of Total Defence Day and Chinese New Year Celebration", dated 2 February 2018, and acknowledge receipt of it.

Signature of *Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

*Please delete accordingly.