



ZHANGDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

MF/23/003

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. Welcome Back to School and the Start of Term 2

Hope you had a great break with your children. We look forward to an exciting Term Two of rich learning and experiences.

2. Term 2 Calendar

The Hardcopy of the Term 2 Calendar was distributed to all students on Thursday, 9th March 2023. For easy reference, parents may also download the softcopy calendar from the School Website <https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parents/communication-with-parents>.

3. Term 2 Values of the Term (VOTT)

The VOTT in Term 2 are Empathy and Respect. Zhangderens demonstrate empathy by showing their care for family, friends and school. Showing empathy, they try to understand how people around them feel and at the same time, they consider the perspectives of others. They look out for people in need and lend a helping hand. Students show respect when they are courteous in their interactions, report to school on time and treat others the way they want others to treat them. They respect each other's differences and value the opinions of others, always weighing their words and actions carefully. Let us continue to provide opportunities for our students to apply these values and see them grow from strength to strength.

Respect for Punctuality to School

As we start off the new school term, we continue to stress the importance of inculcating punctuality to school as a core habit in our students. The school starts at 7.30am. Throughout term one, we continue to have a group of students who repeatedly report to school late. Our students should commit to coming to school on time as a mark of respect for the school rules and more importantly as a lifelong habit that is valued by all. We seek our parents' support to make this an important part of our children's habit formation.

4. Home-Based Learning (HBL) in Term 2

We have come a long way in the use of technology in learning. As we resume to face-to-face learning experiences, we hope to remind our students of the need to be nimble and be ready to learn virtually. For this semester, we have planned HBL sessions for P2s to P5s. It is important to ensure that your child is at home on these days and to follow the timing for the day. Your child should not leave the house from 7.30am to 1.30pm in accordance with the school hours.

Dates	Levels involved in HBL
Wednesday, 5 th April	P2 and P3
Thursday, 13 th April	P4 and P5

5. ZPS Applied Learning Programme: Developing Zhangde's GIVER³S Values Through Environment Education

Earth Hour and International Biodiversity 2023

Parents are encouraged to join your children in commemorating 3 special environmental events to weigh in on the importance of environmental education and conservation efforts.

Environmental Commemorative Days	Date	Purpose
World Water Day	Wed, 22 nd Mar	To create awareness of the need to save precious water and value the clean water that we get easily, unlike many other people in other countries.
Earth Hour	Sat, 25 th Mar at 8.30 am	Let's all turn off our lights to show our support in conserving energy to save the earth. School commemorates this on Friday, 24 th March.
International Biodiversity Day	Mon, 21 st May	To raise awareness and appreciate the rich biodiversity in the world and the importance of conserving this biodiversity. School commemorates this on Friday, 19 th May.

6. Home School Partnership

A) Financial Literacy Programme

The P3-P4 Financial Literacy Programme was crafted and implemented to nurture thinking individuals who have the knowledge and skills for real-life decision-making. Students learn the importance of saving and spending wisely through an online lesson package on Student Learning Space (SLS). The lessons are online so that parents can partner the school in guiding your children in their learning. We strongly encourage parents to work alongside your children in completing the learning package. Details will be shared via Parents Gateway (PG).

B) PSG: Let's Chat Session

The Parent Support Group (PSG) started their Let's Chat session in Term 1 with the other parents via the Zoom platform. The next session is scheduled on Wednesday, 22nd March 2023. All parents are invited to join in the zoom session. Details will be shared via Parents Gateway (PG) closer to the date.

C) Call for Parent Volunteers

We would like to enlist the help of the Parents to volunteer for our Active Recess Programme on Mondays to Fridays, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am. You would be assisting in the loaning of the PE equipment to students who are interested to play sports during recess time. The equipment would be returned after each recess. Do register your interest via this QR code. Your support will greatly help us.



D) P1 to P6 Parent Engagement Sessions in Term 2

The teachers will be engaging you through one of these platforms: Zoom, telephone or face-to-face in school to update you on your child's progress before the term ends.

7. Journeying together!

Let us stay connected, hand in hand, to see our students through to the end of the first semester!

Mrs Rita Dass, Principal