

16 September 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have come to final school term for 2019. Thank you for the continuous partnership in the education and well-being of your child / ward. Please take time to go through this termly parent letter that will contain all the important information for Term 4.

PART 1: IMPORTANT DATES

1) **Sale of School Uniform**

The school uniform supplier (Jeep Sing Fashion) will be selling the school uniform at the Canteen on the following days:

Dates	(Mondays) 23 September / 21 October	(Thursday & Friday) 12 & 13 December
Time	10.30am – 12.15pm 12.45pm – 1.30pm	10.00am – 1.00pm
Venue	School Café	

2) **Annual Health Check & Immunization by HPB**

Health Promotion Board (HPB) will be conducting the Annual Health Check and Immunization for our students (ages 7 to 16) from **25 September to 3 October 2019**. Doctors and nurses from the School Health Service (SHS) will carry out a series of screening activities to detect health conditions common among the school-going population. This year, SHS will also be offering the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination to female students (ages 13 to 18) whose parents have opted-in for the HPV vaccination to be administered for their daughter.

After the health screening, a summarised report will be placed in your child's / ward's health booklet for your information.

3) **NRIC Registration – For all 15-year-old students**

The school has arranged with the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) to conduct the NRIC Registration as follows:

Date	Tuesday, 1 October
Time	9.00am – 11.00am
Venue	Grace Orchard School
Important Note	Your child / ward is required to be present on the day (1 October) to stamp his / her thumbprint on the official document. If your child / ward is absent on that day, you will have to bring him/her to ICA for the NRIC Registration.

4) **English & Mathematics Semester 2 Assessments**

The assessments will be held from **14 to 18 October**.

MATHEMATICS		Monday to Wednesday / 14 to 16 October	
Levels		Assessment Coverage	
		Written Assessment (except JFM1 and JFM2 in Joy & Love classes)	Practical Assessment (All levels)
Junior Functional Mathematics (JFM) (14 –16 Oct)	JFM 1 – 3	Numbers, Measurement (Time, Money, Length, Mass, Volume)	Measurement (Money, Length, Mass, Volume)
	JFM 4 – 6	Numbers, Fractions, Measurement (Time, Money, Length, Mass, Volume)	
Senior Functional Mathematics (SFM) (14 – 15 Oct)	SFM 3 – 4	Numbers, Fractions, Measurement (Time, Money, Length, Mass, Volume)	
	SFM5	Numbers, Fractions, Decimals & Percentage, Measurement (Time, Money, Length, Mass, Volume, Area & Perimeter)	Measurement (Money, Length, Mass, Volume, Area & Perimeter)
	SFM 6 – 7	Numbers, Fractions, Decimals, Measurement (Time, Money, Area & Perimeter, Angles, Square & Rectangles)	Decimals, Measurement (Money, Area & Perimeter)

ENGLISH		Wednesday to Friday / 16 18 October	
Levels		Assessment Coverage	
		Paper 1	Paper 2 (Written Paper)
Junior Functional English (JFE) (17 – 18 Oct)		Reading Aloud Speaking Listening	Spelling (JFE 3 – 6 only) Vocabulary Graphic Stimulus (JFE 6 only)
Senior Functional English (SFE) (16 – 17 Oct)		Listening Speaking	Grammar and Vocabulary Reading Comprehension Writing

Important Notes:

a) **Conduct & Integrity:**

- Students who cheat, attempt to cheat or assist in cheating will not receive any marks for the assessment and will face disciplinary action.

b) **Absence:**

- Students who are unwell or unable to sit for any of the assessments are required to produce a formal medical certificate or other officially acceptable document.
- Students who are absent for any of the assessments without any acceptable reason will not receive any marks for the assessment.

5) **Principal’s Dialogue – An Invitation to ALL Parents**

We would like to invite you to attend the Principal’s Dialogue Session as listed below to hear your suggestions and feedback so that we can enhance the learning experience of our students. We will also give an update on the school’s latest happenings, strategic plans and achievements during the sessions.

Session	Date	Time
English	Friday, 18 October	6.30pm – 8.00pm
	Saturday, 19 October	9.00am – 10.30am
Mandarin	Monday, 21 October	6.30pm – 8.00pm
Malay	Tuesday, 22 October	6.30pm – 8.00pm

RSVP by indicating your preferred session on the reply slip (**Annex B**).

If you have any questions regarding the Dialogue, you may contact the General Office at 65619128.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

6) Parent- Teacher Conference (PTC) 3

PTC 3 will be conducted from **Tuesday, 29 October to Friday, 1 November**. Further details will be given nearer the date.

Semester 2 – PTC 3 Schedule (8.00am – 4.00pm)	
Tuesday, 29 October	Peace 1 – 5 *Victory 4 – 7 *Glory 1 – 2
Wednesday, 30 October	Love 1 – 10
Thursday, 31 October	Kindness 1 – 7 *Victory 1 – 3
Friday, 1 November	Joy 1 – 3 Hope 1 – 7
* Please note that Victory 1 – 7 and Glory 1 – 2 will be having the Individualised Transition Plan (ITP) meeting during of the PTC session.	

7) Strategic Planning Day

We will be having our annual strategic planning day on Wednesday, 6 November. This day is set aside for our staff to evaluate the implementation of the school's 2019 strategic plans and begin our planning for 2020. Kindly note that there will be no school for all students on that day.

PART 2: UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1) Youth Hub – For all Kindness, Victory & Glory students

Youth Hub provides a safe environment for students to relax and have fun with their schoolmates before / after school. There are also staff on duty to supervise and befriend the students. Do encourage your child / ward to join the Youth Hub activities. If your child / ward is taking school bus and wants to join the Youth Hub activities, please inform the school bus drivers and ensure that alternative transport arrangements are made.

Day	Date	Time	Targeted Classes
Mondays	23, 30 September	10.00 – 11.30am	Kindness 5 – 7
	7, 21 October	1.00 – 4.00pm	Victory 1 – 3 & Glory 1 – 2
Tuesdays	24 September 1, 8, 22 October	1.00 – 4.00pm	Victory 1 – 3 & Glory 1 – 2
Thursdays	26 September 3, 10, 24 October	1.00 – 4.00pm	Kindness 1 – 4 & Victory 4 – 7
Fridays	27 September 4, 11, 25 October	1.00 – 4.00pm	Kindness 1 – 4 & Victory 4 – 7

2) **Children’s Day Celebration – For all 7 to 12-year-old students**

Date	Thursday, 3 October
Classes involved	Love 6 – 10, Joy 1 – 3, Peace 1 – 5 & Hope 1 – 7
Time to report to school	12.10pm
Dismissal from school	5.00pm
Venue	Children’s Day Celebration @ S.E.A. Aquarium

Important Notes:

- AM Love students (ages 11 & 12) will also report to school for PM session on 3 October by 12.10pm and be dismissed at 5.00pm (except for those involved in the 12-year-old camp). Please refer to the Children’s Day letter and acknowledgement form for more information.
- Kindness 5, 6 & 7 students will attend school as usual on 3 & 4 October 2019.

3) **Milestone Camp – For all 12-year-old students**

The camp will be held on **Wednesday & Thursday, 2 & 3 October**. All 12-year-old students are required to attend and participate in this milestone camp specially customized for them. Through various team-based experiential activities and the one-night stayover in the school campus, the students will achieve the objectives of practising both independent living and social-emotional learning skills. The camp programme will end with the Children’s Day celebration at the S.E.A Aquarium. Please refer to the 12-Year-Old Milestone Camp letter and acknowledgement form for more information.

4) **Values-in-Action (VIA) Projects – For all Kindness Level students**

Students from Kindness 1 to 7 will be given the opportunity to apply school values at this platform which will be held at the West Coast Park on **Friday, 3 October**. They will be picking up and sorting litter to demonstrate their love and responsibility for their community and the environment. Further details will be given nearer the date.

5) **CCE Learning Journeys**

Learning journeys are planned for students as an extension of their learning beyond the classroom. Students from the respective levels will participate in the following learning journeys that will be conducted during curriculum time. Further details will be given nearer the date.

Dates	Classes	Venue
Tuesday, 1 October	Hope 1 – 3 Kindness 5 – 7	The Bicentennial Experience @ Fort Canning Centre As the centrepiece event of the Singapore Bicentennial, this multimedia sensory experience brings you back in time to witness key moments in Singapore’s transformation from as far back as 1299.
Friday, 1 November	Victory 1 – 3 Selected Kindness classes	The Time Traveller’s Trail @ the Singapore River Water, Wind and Sun – Sustainable Solutions (Bicentennial Special Edition Trail 2019)
Tuesday, 12 November	Kindness 1 – 4	The Bicentennial Experience @ Fort Canning Centre

6) **Inter-Class Games**

All senior students (ages 13 – 18) will be involved in our Inter-class Games on **4, 24 & 25 October** during the curriculum time. Students must be in their PE attire in order to participate in the games. Students who are not in proper PE attire will not be allowed to participate in the games.

7) **National Library Board (NLB) Molly Bus Visit**

The NLB Molly Bus is coming to GOS for the monthly book-borrowing exercises on the following dates. Students will visit and borrow books from the Molly Bus during curriculum hours on these days. Please remind your child / ward to bring his / her library membership card.

Tuesdays	Thursdays
8 October	10 October
22 October	24 October

8) **Science Learning Journeys**

Learning journeys are planned for students as an extension of their learning beyond the classroom. Students from the respective levels will participate in the following learning journeys that will be conducted during curriculum time. Further details will be given nearer the date.

Dates	Classes	Venue
Tuesday, 29 October 2019	Love 6 – 10	KidsSTOP
	Kindness 1 – 7, Victory 1 – 3	Science Centre
Wednesday, 30 October 2019	Joy 1 – 3	KidsSTOP
	Hope 1 – 3, Victory 4 – 7	Science Centre
Friday, 1 November 2019	Peace 1 – 5	Science Centre

9) **Cyberwellness E-Trail**

The Cyberwellness E-Trail helps our students to understand “What Positive Online Behaviour is?” and develop awareness of how to protect oneself in cyberspace. It will be conducted for the following levels in school during curriculum time.

Dates	Classes
Monday, 4 November	Glory 1 & 2, Victory 1 – 7 & Hope 4 – 7

10) **School-Based Awards Ceremony**

The annual School-Based Award Ceremony will be held on **Thursday, 7 November at 8.00am (for AM session) and 12.45pm (for PM session)**. Parents of student awardees will be invited to attend this event. Further details will be given nearer the date.

The following awards will be presented:

- CCA Awards (Excellence Awards)
- Student Well-being Awards (Best in Conduct, Best in Progress, PENCIL Awards, Caring Student Awards & Leadership in Class / CCA Awards)
- Vocational Education Awards (Outstanding Vocational Education Trainee and School-based & Community-based Work Experience Awards)

11) **Prize-Giving Day**

The annual Prize-Giving Day will be held on **Friday, 15 November, 10.30am to 12.00pm** to celebrate the many achievements of our students. Parents of awardees and performers, as well as corporate partners and guests will be invited to attend this major school event. This year’s theme is “God’s Masterpiece”. Further details will be given nearer the date.

12) **Graduation Ceremony**

The Graduation Ceremony will be held after the Prize-Giving Ceremony on **Friday, 15 November, 2.30pm to 4.00pm**. The Graduation Ceremony is a special occasion to celebrate our graduating students' achievements before they leave GOS for other institutes of learning or employment. Parents of graduating students will be invited to attend this event. Further details will be given nearer the date.

Thank you for taking time to read the termly letter. Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year in advance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lisa Goh', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Mrs Lisa Goh
Principal

2019 TERM 4 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT / ACTIVITY	REMARKS
23 September	Sale of School Uniform	10.30am – 12.15pm 12.45pm – 1.30pm
25 September to 3 October	HPB Annual Health Check	For all students (7 – 16yo)
30 September	Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination	For female students only (13 – 18yo)
1 October	NRIC Registration	For 15-year-old students
	CCE Learning Journey: The Bicentennial Show	Kindness 5 – 7 & Hope 1 – 3
3 October	Children’s Day Celebration – S.E.A Aquarium	For Junior students (7 – 12yo)
	Values in Action: West Coast Park Clean Up	Kindness 1 – 7
4 October	Scheduled School Holiday – Day after Children’s Day	NO School for Junior students (7 – 12 yo) Senior students (13 – 18yo) will report to school as usual
	Inter-Class Games	Kindness 5 – 7
14 to 18 October	Mathematics & English Semester 2 Assessment	
18 October	Principal’s Dialogue (English)	6.30pm – 8.00pm
19 October (Sat)		9.00am – 10.30am
21 October	Sale of School Uniform	10.30am – 12.15pm 12.45pm – 1.30pm
	Principal’s Dialogue (Mandarin)	6.30pm – 8.00pm
22 October	Principal’s Dialogue (Malay)	6.30pm – 8.00pm
24 & 25 October	Inter-class Games	All Kindness, Victory & Glory classes & Love 1 – 5
27 October	Public Holiday – Deepavali	
28 October	Scheduled School Holiday – Day after Deepavali	NO School for students
29 October	Parent-Teacher Conference 3	Peace 1 – 5, Victory 4 – 7 & Glory 1 – 2
	Science Learning Journey: Science Centre	Kindness 1 – 7 & Victory 1 – 3
	Science Learning Journey: KidsSTOP	Love 6 – 10
30 October	Parent-Teacher Conference 3	Love 1 – 10
	Science Learning Journey: Science Centre	Hope 1 – 3 & Victory 4 – 7
	Science Learning Journey: KidsSTOP	Joy 1 – 3
31 October	Parent-Teacher Conference 3	Kindness 1 – 7 & Victory 1 – 3
1 November	Parent-Teacher Conference 3	Joy 1 – 3 & Hope 1 – 7
	Science Learning Journey: Science Centre	Peace 1 – 5
	CCE Learning Journey: Bicentennial Special Edition Trail	Victory 1 – 3 & Selected Kindness classes
4 November	Cyberwellness E-Trail	All Victory, Glory classes & Hope 4 – 7
6 November	Strategic Planning Day	NO School for students
7 November	School-Based Awards Ceremony	AM: 8.00am / PM: 12.45pm
12 November	CCE Learning Journey: The Bicentennial Show	Kindness 1 – 4
15 November	Prize-Giving Day	NO School for students
	Graduation Ceremony	
16 November to 31 December	Term 4 School Holidays	NO School for students
12 & 13 December	Sale of School Uniform in School During School Holidays	10.00am to 1.00pm

2019 年第四学段校历

日期	事项 / 活动	备注
9 月 23 日	校服销售	上午 10.30 至下午 12.15 下午 12.15 至下午 1.30
9 月 25 至 10 月 3 日	年度健康检查	所有 7 岁到 16 岁的学生
9 月 30 至	注射 HPV 疫苗	所有 13 到 18 岁的女学生
10 月 1 日	身份证登记	所有 15 岁学生须登记
	新加坡“二百周年纪念”活动	Kindness 5 - 7 和 Hope 1 - 3
10 月 3 日	儿童节庆祝活动 - 水族馆	7 岁到 12 岁的学生
	品格公民教育- 价值观行动计划	Kindness 1 - 7 的学生
10 月 4 日	原定学校假期 - 儿童节 (只限于 7 岁到 12 岁的学生)	所有 7 岁到 12 岁的学生停课一天 所有 13 岁到 18 岁的学生照常上课
	班际竞赛	Kindness 5 - 7 的学生
10 月 14 至 18 日	数学和英文学期考核(二)	
10 月 18 日	校长对话会 (英语)	傍晚 6.30 至傍晚 8.00
10 月 19 日 (六)		上午 9.00 至上午 10.30
10 月 21 日	校服销售	上午 10.30 至下午 12.15 下午 12.15 至下午 1.30
	校长对话会 (华语)	傍晚 6.30 至傍晚 8.00
10 月 22 日	校长对话会 (马来语)	傍晚 6.30 至傍晚 8.00
10 月 24 至 25 日	班际竞赛	所有 Glory, Victory, Kindness 和 AM Love 1 - 5
10 月 27 日	公共假日 - 屠妖节	
10 月 28 日	原定学校假期 - 屠妖节	学生没有上课
10 月 29 日	家长教师见面会 (三)	Peace 1 - 5, Victory 4 - 7 和 Glory 1 - 2
	学习之旅 - 科学馆	Kindness 1 - 7 和 Victory 1 - 3
	学习之旅 - 科学馆 KidsSTOP	Love 6 - 10
10 月 30 日	家长教师见面会 (三)	Love 1 - 10
	学习之旅 - 科学馆	Hope 1 - 3 和 Victory 4 - 7
	学习之旅 - 科学馆 KidsSTOP	Joy 1 - 3
10 月 31 日	家长教师见面会 (三)	Kindness 1 - 7 和 Victory 1 - 3
11 月 1 日	家长教师见面会 (三)	Joy 1 - 3 和 Hope 1 - 7
	学习之旅 - 科学馆	Peace 1 - 5
	新加坡“二百周年纪念”特别活动	Victory 1 - 3 和选定 Kindness 的学生
11 月 4 日	网路安全之旅	所有 Victory, Glory 和 Hope 4 - 7
11 月 6 日	学校策略规划日	学生没有上课
11 月 7 日	学校颁奖典礼	上午班: 早上 8.00 / 下午班: 下午 12.45
11 月 12 日	新加坡“二百周年纪念”活动	Kindness 1 - 4
11 月 15 日	颁奖典礼	学生没有上课
	毕业典礼	
11 月 16 至 12 月 31 日	第四学段学校假期	学生没有上课
12 月 12 至 13 日	校服销售 (学校假期)	周四至周五 (早上 10.00 至下午 1.00)

KALENDER SEKOLAH UNTUK PENGGAL KEEMPAT 2019

TARIKH	ACARA / AKTIVITI	CATATAN
23 September	Jualan pakaian seragam sekolah	10.30 pagi – 12.15 petang 12.45 petang – 1.30 petang
25 September – 3 Oktober	Pemeriksaan Kesihatan Tahunan (HPB)	Untuk murid (7 – 16 tahun)
30 September	Suntikan Virus Human Papilloma (Human Papilloma Virus)	Untuk murid perempuan sahaja (berumur antara 13 – 18 tahun)
1 Oktober	Pendaftaran NRIC	Untuk Murid 15 tahun sahaja
	Darmawisata CCE: Pameran ulangtahun Bicentennial	Kindness 5 – 7 & Hope 1 – 3
3 Oktober	Perayaan Hari Kanak-Kanak	Untuk Murid (7 – 12 tahun) sahaja
	“Values-In-Action” – Aktiviti Pembersihan Taman West Coast	Kindness 1 – 7
4 Oktober	Cuti Sekolah – Selepas Hari Kanak Kanak	Tiada sekolah untuk murid (12 tahun kebawah sahaja) <u>Murid (13 – 18 tahun)</u> harus melaporkan diri ke sekolah seperti biasa.
	Aktiviti permainan antara kelas	Untuk Kelas: Kindness 5 – 7
14 – 18 Oktober	Ujian Semester Matematik & Inggeris	
18 Oktober	Sesi Dialog bersama Guru besar (Bahasa Inggeris)	6.30 petang – 8.00 petang
19 Oktober		9.00 pagi – 10.30 pagi
21 Oktober	Jualan pakaian seragam sekolah	10.30 pagi – 12.15 petang 12.45 petang – 1.30 petang
	Sesi Dialog bersama Guru besar (Bahasa Mandarin)	6.30 petang – 8.00 petang
22 Oktober	Sesi Dialog bersama Guru besar (Bahasa Melayu)	6.30 petang – 8.00 petang
24 & 25 Oktober	Sukan Permainan Peringkat Sedarjah – AM & PM	All Kindness, Glory, Victory & Love 1 – 5
27 Oktober	Cuti Umum - Perayaan Deepavali	
28 Oktober	Cuti Sekolah – Selepas Deepavali (Hari Isnin)	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
29 Oktober	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru (PTC 3)	Peace 1 – 5, Victory 1 – 4 & Glory 1 – 2
	Darmawisata ke Pusat Sains	Kindness 1 – 7 & Victory 1 – 3
	Darmawisata ke Kidsstop	Love 6 – 10
30 Oktober	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru (PTC 3)	Love 1 – 10
	Darmawisata ke Pusat Sains	Hope 1 – 3 & Victory 4 – 7
	Darmawisata ke Kidsstop	Joy 1 – 3
31 Oktober	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru (PTC 3)	Kindness 1 – 7 & Victory 1 – 3
1 November	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru (PTC 2)	Joy 1 – 3 & Hope 1 – 7
	Darmawisata ke Pusat Sains	Peace 1 – 5
	Darmawisata CCE: Edisi Khas Jejak Pameran ulangtahun Bicentennial	Victory 1 – 3 & Selected Kindness classes

4 November	Program- “Cyberwellness E-Trail”	All Victory, Glory classes & Hope 4 – 7
6 November	Hari Perancangan Strategik	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
7 November	Majlis Anugerah Kecemerlangan	Sesi pagi (AM): 8.00am / Sesi petang (PM): 12.45pm
12 November	Darmawisata CCE: Pameran ulangtahun Bicentennial	Kindness 1 – 4
15 November	Hari Penyampaian Hadiah	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
	Majlis Pengijazahan Tahunan	
16 Nov – 31 Disem	Cuti Sekolah Penggal keempat	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
12 & 13 Disember	Jualan pakaian seragam sekolah semasa cuti sekolah	10.00 pagi – 1.00 petang Khamis – Jumaat
<i>Penggal pertama akan bermula pada 2 Januari 2020 (Rabu)</i>		

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Annex A

Please return this Acknowledgement Slip to the Class Teacher by Friday, 20 September 2019.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP – LETTER TO PARENTS (TERM 4 – 2019)

Dear Class Teacher,

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____
(Name of parent/guardian) (Name of child/ward)

of _____ have received and read the letter given by the school on 16 September 2019.
(Class)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this Dialogue Session Reply Slip to the Class Teacher by Friday, 20 September 2019.

PRINCIPAL'S DIALOGUE SESSION REPLY SLIP

Kindly tick the boxes below, as applicable.

No, I will not be able to attend.

Yes, I will be able to attend.

Date	Time	Language of Session
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 October (Friday)	6.30pm – 8.00pm	English Session 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 19 October (Saturday)	9.00am – 10.30am	English Session 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 21 October (Monday)	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Mandarin Session
<input type="checkbox"/> 22 October (Tuesday)	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Malay Session

I would like the Principal to address the following areas during the dialogue:

Name of Parent(s) Attending		Total Number of Persons	
Contact Number(s)	(Home)		(HP)
Child's Name		Class	

Instructions for Class Teachers

Please submit the reply slips to Sharon Su by **Friday, 20 September 2019.**