

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are now in the 2nd term of the school year. We hope to have your continued support and partnership with us in your child/ward's education. Please take the time to read all the information in this termly letter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DUE TO COVID-19

1) **Start of Term 2: COVID-19 Management of Student Well-Being**

Additional Social Distancing Measures in schools (23 March to 3 April)	
To further mitigate the chance of disease transmission, the school will be implemented the additional social distancing measures for the first 2 weeks of Term 2 in the first instance.	
Area	Measure
Flag Raising Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be carried out in classrooms rather than assembly areas
Lessons and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (NEW) Fixed exam-style seating with spacing created; Implement daily wipe-down routine for tables used by students in the classroom Minimize mass movement of students to different venues; Reduce the use of air-conditioning in learning spaces where possible;
Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (NEW) Assigned canteen seating Staggered recess timings Continue hand washing and wipe-down routines
CCA & After School Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (NEW) All CCAs, including Athletics (that is conducted on Saturdays), will be cancelled from 23 March to 3 April. (NEW) All Vocational Education Training programmes will be cancelled from 23 March to 3 April. (NEW) The Youth Hub programme after school for Kindness, Victory and Glory students will be cancelled from 23 March to 3 April.
Mass Assembly and School Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspend or cancel mass assembly programmes and large-scale events involving students such as camps and programmes. (NEW) Our annual Sports Day scheduled on 9 April will be cancelled. Students will follow the normal school timetable. Practise appropriate visitor management and safe distancing measures for events/activities involving parents and external parties.
Learning Journeys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspend external activities with risk of exposure to the public Suspend activities which involve inter-mingling of students from different schools
Environmental Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school has also been awarded the SG Clean quality mark due to its personal and environmental hygiene practices and adherence to NEA's checklist.

2) **English & Mathematics (Semestral 1 Assessment)**

The school safety measures put in place given the Covid-19 situation has impacted our curriculum time and pacing. Considering the learning needs and outcomes of our students, the school has decided to cancel the English & Mathematics Semestral 1 Assessment. Students' learning will be assessed via formative assessments that take place regularly as the curriculum is being taught. The school will use the 'freed-up' time for curriculum recovery.

3) **Making the School a Safe Place for Learning**

The school seeks your help to ensure that your child practices good personal hygiene and social responsibility while at home and in public places. The school has taught your child how to wash his/her hands, clean up after himself/herself, and exercise social responsibility.

If your child is unwell, please allow him/her to rest at home. If he/she shows symptoms of COVID-19, please see the doctor immediately. Do inform his/her class teacher so that the school can activate Home-Based Learning, if necessary.

If you are unwell, please avoid visiting the school. Do rest and see the doctor.

The school will keep you updated on COVID-19 matters along the way. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form teacher.

Together, we can ensure that your child is safe and well, able to come to school and continue his/her learning.

FOR YOUR ACTION

1) **School Fees for April to June 2020**

The school fee payment date in Term 2 is on **5 May, Friday**. For parents/guardians who have not opted for GIRO deduction, or whose applications are unsuccessful, please pay the money to the General Office via cash/cheque (made payable to Grace Orchard School A/C 2).

2) **Sale of School Uniform**

The school uniform supplier (Jeep Sing Fashion) will be selling the school uniform at the Canteen on the following Mondays in Term 2:

Dates (Mondays)	27 April / 18 May
Time	10.30am – 12.15pm & 12.45pm – 1.30pm
Venue	School Cafe
Note	When out-of-stock occurs, the uniform vendor will contact parents directly for collection when the stock arrives. The school will not disperse uniforms to your child, and this includes students on the financial assistance scheme.

3) **Mid-Year Parent-Teachers Conference**

The Mid-Year PTC will be conducted for your child/ward on the respective day as listed below. This is a time where parents and teachers will review the progress of the Semester 1 educational goals for each student. More information on the timing for PTC will be provided at a later date.

Mid-Year PTC Schedule (8.00 am – 4.00 pm)	
21 May, Thursday	Love 1 – 7 and Victory 1 – 3
22 May, Friday	Kindness 5 – 7 and Joy 1 – 3
26 May, Tuesday	Peace 1 – 7 and Victory 4 – 7
27 May, Wednesday	Kindness 1 – 4 & Love 8 – 11
28 May, Thursday	Glory 1 – 2 & Hope 1 – 7

For students aged 7 to 10 years old who have an Individual Educational Plan (IEP), the interdisciplinary team consisting of parents, teachers, and allied professionals will also have a check-in on the IEP during the Mid-Year PTC.

For students aged 15 and 16 years old, we will also be discussing the Individual Transition Plan (ITP) for post-school goals during the Mid-Year PTC. For students aged 17 and 18 years old, we will be reviewing the goals set during the ITP meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

1) **Workplace Literacy & Numeracy (WPLN) Assessment**

Students aged 16 and 17 years old who have not taken or did not attain 2-2-1 for their WPLN will take their assessment on the following dates. More details on the assessment will be given at a later date in the acknowledgement form.

Date	Class
14 May, Thursday	Victory 3
15 May, Friday	Glory 1 & 2, Victory 1 & 2

UPCOMING SCHOOL PROGRAMME / ACTIVITIES

1) **Youth Hub – For Kindness, Victory & Glory Students Only**

The Youth Hub provides the students with a safe environment for meaningful engagement after school. There is also pastoral care staff on duty to supervise and befriend the students. Do encourage your child to join the Youth Hub activities. If your child is taking the school bus and wants to join the Youth Hub activities, please inform the school bus drivers and ensure that alternative arrangements are made.

Day	Date	Time	Targeted Classes
Mondays	6/4, 13/4, 20/4, 27/4 4/5, 18/5	1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Kindness 5 – 7
Tuesdays	7/4, 14/4, 21/4, 28/4 5/5, 19/5		Kindness 1 – 4
Wednesdays	8/4, 15/4, 22/4, 29/4 6/5, 20/5		Victory 1 – 3
Thursdays	9/4, 16/4, 23/4, 30/4		Victory 4 – 6
Fridays	17/4, 24/4 8/5		Glory 1 & 2, Victory 7

2) **Science Centre Lessons**

Science Centre Lessons are planned for students to conduct science experiments in a proper laboratory setup, as well as to hone their scientific inquiry skills and experimental techniques. They will be conducted during curriculum time, and students from the following levels are involved:

Date	Time	Classes
18 May, Monday	9.00 am – 11.45 am	Love 1 – 4 & Victory 4 – 5
	2.00 pm – 4.45 pm	Hope 5 – 7
19 May, Tuesday	9.00 am – 11.45 am	Kindness 1 – 7 & Victory 1 – 3
21 May, Thursday	9.00 am – 11.45 am	Victory 6 – 7

3) Cyberwellness E-Trail

A Cyberwellness E-Trail to help our students to have an understanding of positive online behaviour and develop an awareness of how to protect oneself in cyberspace will be conducted for the following levels during curriculum time:

Date	Class
20 May, Wednesday	Kindness 1 – 7 & Hope 1 – 3

4) English & Math Learning Journey

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. The learning journeys will be conducted during curriculum time:

Date	Time	Classes
26 May, Tuesday	8.00 am – 12.30 pm	Kindness 1 – 7
27 May, Wednesday	12.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Peace 1 – 7
28 May, Thursday	12.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Joy 1 – 3 & Love 8 – 11

The above activities are subjected to change depending on the COVID-19 situation. The school will keep you updated.

Thank you for taking the time to read all the information in the letter. Please complete and return the acknowledgment slip (Annex A) to your child/ward's class teacher by **25 March, Wednesday**.

We look forward to a fruitful term of collaboration with you for your child/ward's learning and development.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Lisa Goh
Principal

2020 TERM 2 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT / ACTIVITY	REMARKS
10 April	Public Holiday – Good Friday	NO School for students
27 April	Sale of School Uniform	10.30 am – 12.15 pm & 12.45 pm – 1.30 pm
1 May	Public Holiday – Labour Day	NO School for students
7 May	Public Holiday – Vesak Day	NO School for students
18 May	Sale of School Uniform	10.30 am – 12.15 pm & 12.40 pm – 1.30 pm
	Science Centre Lesson	AM: Love 1 – 4 & Victory 4 – 5 PM: Hope 5 – 7
19 May	Science Centre Lesson	Kindness 1 – 7 & Victory 1 – 3
20 May	Cyberwellness E-Trail	AM: Kindness 1 – 7 PM: Hope 1 – 3
21 May	Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conference	Love 1 – 7 & Victory 1 – 3
	Science Centre Lesson	Victory 6 – 7
22 May	Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conference	Kindness 5 – 7 & Joy 1 – 3
25 May	Scheduled Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa	NO School for students
26 May	Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conference	Peace 1 – 7 & Victory 4 – 7
	English & Math Learning Journey	Kindness 1 – 7
27 May	Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conference	Kindness 1 – 4 & Love 8 – 11
	English & Math Learning Journey	Peace 1 – 7
28 May	Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conference	Glory 1 – 2 & Hope 1 – 7
	English & Math Learning Journey	Joy 1 – 3 & Love 8 – 11
30 May – 28 June	Term 2 School Holidays	NO School for students

Term 3 will begin on 29 June 2020.

2020 年第二学段校历

日期	事项 / 活动	备注
4 月 10 日	公共假日 - 耶稣受难日	学生没有上课
4 月 27 日	校服销售	上午 10.30 至下午 12.15 和 下午 12.45 至下午 1.30
5 月 1 日	公共假日 - 劳动节	学生没有上课
5 月 7 日	原定公共假日 - 卫塞节	学生没有上课
5 月 18 日	校服销售	上午 10.30 至下午 12.15 和 下午 12.45 至下午 1.30
	科学馆学习课程	上午: Love 1-4 和 Victory 4-5 班级 下午: Hope 5-7 班级
5 月 19 日	科学馆学习课程	Kindness 1-7 和 Victory 1-3 班级
5 月 20 日	网路安全学习之旅	上午: Kindness 1-7 班级 下午: Hope 1-3 班级
5 月 21 日	年中家长教师会议	Love 1-7 和 Victory 1-3 班级
	科学馆学习课程	Victory 6-7 班级
5 月 22 日	年中家长教师会议	Kindness 5-7 和 Joy 1-3 班级
5 月 25 日	公共假日 - 开斋节	学生没有上课
5 月 26 日	年中家长教师会议	Peace 1-7 和 Victory 4-7 班级
	学习之旅	Kindness 1-7 班级
5 月 27 日	年中家长教师会议	Kindness 1-4 和 Love 8-11 班级
	学习之旅	Peace 1-7 班级
5 月 28 日	年中家长教师会议	Glory 1-2 和 Hope 1-7 班级
	学习之旅	Joy 1-3 和 Love 8-11 班级
5 月 30 至 6 月 28 日	为第二学段学校假期。	学生没有上课
第三学段于 6 月 29 日开学。		

Kalender Sekolah Untuk Penggal Kedua 2020

TARIKH	ACARA / ACTIVITI	CATATAN
10 April	Cuti Umum – “Good Friday”	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
27 April	Jualan pakaian seragam sekolah	10.30 pagi – 12.15 petang 12.45 pagi – 1.30 petang
1 Mei	Cuti Umum – Hari Pekerja	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
7 Mei	Cuti Umum – Hari Vesak	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
18 Mei	Jualan pakaian seragam sekolah	10.30 pagi – 12.15 petang 12.45 pagi – 1.30 petang
	Darmawisata di Pusat Sains	AM: Love 1 – 4 & Victory 4 – 5 PM: Hope 5 – 7
19 Mei	Darmawisata di Pusat Sains	Kindness 1 – 7 & Victory 1 – 3
20 Mei	Program : “Cyberwellness E-Trail”	AM: Kindness 1 – 7 PM: Hope 1 – 3
21 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru	Love 1 – 7 & Victory 1 – 3
	Darmawisata di Pusat Sains	Victory 6 – 7
22 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru	Kindness 5 – 7 & Joy 1 – 3
25 Mei	Cuti Umum – Hari Raya Puasa	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
26 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru	Peace 1 – 7 & Victory 4 – 7
	Darmawisata Mata Pelajaran Inggeris & Matematik	Kindness 1 – 7
27 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru	Kindness 1 – 4 & Love 8 – 11
	Darmawisata Mata Pelajaran Inggeris & Matematik	Peace 1 – 7
28 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru	Glory 1 – 2 & Hope 1 – 7
	Darmawisata Mata Pelajaran Inggeris & Matematik	Joy 1 – 3 & Love 8 – 11
30 Mei – 28 Jun	Penggal kedua cuti sekolah	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
<i>Cuti Sekolah Penggal ketiga akan bermula pada 29 Jun 2020.</i>		

Please return this Acknowledgement Slip to the Class Teacher by 26 March, Wednesday

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP – LETTER TO PARENTS (TERM 2 – 2020)

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 23 March 2020.
(Class)

Signature: _____

Date: _____
