



## **MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we come to the end of semester one, we are grateful to all parent/guardian for partnering and supporting us as we resumed activities and programmes such as the P5 Outdoor Adventure camp, Swim Safer programme as part of your child/ward's Meridian Experience.

In this end-of-term letter, we would like to update all on the mid-year school holidays and Term 3 matters. Please go through this letter carefully as there are some important information for you to take note of.

### **1. Health, Safety and Travel-related Matters**

As more students' activities resume in the coming holidays, we would like to remind parent/guardian to monitor your child's/ward's activities during the holidays so that they continue to stay safe.

#### **1.1 Being Socially Responsible**

If your child/ward, or anyone in the household is unwell, do take them to the doctor and stay at home until they have recovered. Please inform your child's/ward's Form Teachers (FTs), if your child/ward has been diagnosed with communicable disease such as Covid-19, HFMD etc and unable to attend school so that the FTs can advise you accordingly. Let us all continue to do our part to keep the school and community safe by being socially responsible.

#### **1.2 Online Safety and Advisory against Crime-related issues**

When engaging in online activities, do remind your child/ward to be safe. Students should be cautious when corresponding with and meeting online friends, even if friendships have been established. Scammers have been known to impersonate victim's friends on social networking sites by creating fake accounts using their friends' profile pictures and details. Students should also be wary especially towards people who ask for money, personal information, or compromising photos/videos. They should be aware that personal information, such as phone numbers, can be used to make online purchases without their consent. They should approach a trusted adult family member or teacher to obtain advice, seek assistance, and report suspicious activity.

Singapore Police Force, Central Narcotics Bureau, National Crime Prevention Council and National Council Against Drug Abuse, have jointly provided an advisory (in the form of infographics) to assist parent/guardian to remind your child/ward, particularly on crime-related issues.

To raise awareness about the harms and consequences of vaping, the Health Promotion Board (HPB) and Health Science Authority would like to share the joint advisory infographics with both students and parents/guardians on the harm of vaping.

These infographics can be found on the school's website: <https://meridianpri.moe.edu.sg> under the Announcement tab. We seek parent's/guardian's assistance to go through this information with your child/ward to help them stay safe especially during the school holidays.

### 1.3 Declaration of Travel Plans during the Mid-Year School Holidays

We require parent/guardian to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling for the holidays. To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. **Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by 26 May**, the last day of the term. Only one parent is required to make the declaration. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.

## 2. Communication Channels between School and Parents/Guardians

### 2.1 Update of Contact Details

To ensure smooth school-home communication, it is important that the school has the updated contact details of parents/guardians. Please advise promptly of any changes to the contact details (phone numbers and home address) via the respective Form Teachers or General Office, even if it is only a temporary change.

### 2.2 Communication via Parents Gateway

One of the main communication channels used by the school is via Parents Gateway (PG) App. Through this mobile app, parents will receive information and can perform a range of administrative functions such as giving consent for school's activities and submitting of travel declaration.

Kindly ensure that you have enable the notification for the PG App, so that you will receive the alerts when the school sends any notification/form.

### 2.3 Meridian Primary School's Social Media Platforms

Besides getting information from Parents Gateway and our school's website at <https://meridianpri.moe.edu.sg>, we would like to invite you to follow our social media pages on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/meridianpri>) and Instagram ([https://www.instagram.com/meridianpri\\_official/](https://www.instagram.com/meridianpri_official/)).

Our social media platforms provide the latest updates on the school's programmes and events that your child/ward experience. Do take this opportunity to get to know more about latest happenings in Meridian Primary School! We have included the QR Codes so that you can link to these pages easily. Do like and share our social media pages!

Facebook



Instagram



## 3. Academic Support for Graduating Students (For P6 students only)

The school will provide academic support to our graduating students during the mid-year school holidays. The school has arranged for supplementary classes for P6 students on 22 and 23 June, from 8.00am to 12.30pm. For more information, please refer to the letter to P6 parents dated 2 May 2023 ref number: MPS/LM/2023/048. We look forward to your support to remind your P6 child/ward to attend the supplementary programme.

## 4. Calendar of Events for Term 3

Some important events in Term 3 are listed in Annex A for your easy reference. The information provided is correct at this point in time. We will keep all parents/guardians informed of the change(s).

## 5. Meridian Primary School's Open House 2023

Meridian Primary is inviting K1-K2 children and their parents to our Open House on the **8 July 2023**. On that day, from 9.00am to 12.00pm, the school will be carrying out activities for P1-2 Meridians as well as K1-K2 children from our MK@Meridian and kindergartens from the community. We would like to extend the invitation to our P1 and P2 children and parents to join us for this event.

Through the different activities, including tours around the school, it will be a great opportunity to get to know the school better and learn more about the Meridian experience that our students go through as well as spend time bonding as a family. Our K1-K2 children and guests will gather in the hall from 10.00a.m -11. 00a.m for an engagement session with the Principal and Key Personal. During that period, activities for our P1-2 children will continue.

We hope you can spend a Saturday morning of fun-filled activities with your child and the other children and their families in our school. If you have family or friends with children due to enter P1 in 2024, please let them know about our Open House or bring them along when you come down with your own child/ward. Please use the QR Code below to register your interest in attending our Open House.

REGISTER



<https://go.gov.sg/mpsohreg2023>

EXPLORE



<https://go.gov.sg/mpsoh>

## 6. New School Bus Service - Shanz Transportation & Services

We are pleased to share that the school has identified Shanz Transportation & Services as the new school bus company with effect from 05 June 2023. They have been in operation since 2010 and has prior experience in providing bus services for students in a variety of schools such as Astor International School, 5 Steps Academy and Qihua Primary School.

If you wish to engage their school bus services for your child/ward, please liaise with the company directly as they will be able to accept any booking of service from 05 June 2023. You may contact them via email at [admin@shanztransportation.com.sg](mailto:admin@shanztransportation.com.sg) or contact number at 87206583.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your child/ward a restful and enjoyable mid-year school holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Liza Rahmat  
Principal

EVENT	DATE	REMARKS
<b>2023 TERM 3</b>		
'Start-Right, Start Bright' Programme	Mon, 26 Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All levels</li> </ul>
Start of Higher Mother Tongue Classes	Wed, 28 Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P3 to P6</li> </ul>
Hari Raya Haji	Thu, 29 Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Holiday</li> </ul>
Swimsafer (P4 and P5) Programme	30 June to 25 Aug (8 Fridays in Term 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to consent form issued on 23 Feb, Ref : MPS/LM/2023/025.</li> </ul>
Youth Day Holiday	Mon, 3 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Holiday</li> </ul>
Start of Remedial (P2 to P6)	Tue, 4 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remedial to start from Term 3 Week 2</li> </ul>
MPS Open House	Sat, 8 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00am to 12.00pm</li> </ul>
NAPFA Test (5 test items)	Mon, 10 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During curriculum hours</li> <li>For P4 and P6 students</li> </ul>
P5 NE Show	Sat, 15 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All P5 students are to attend the NE Show</li> <li>Details will be given nearer the date</li> </ul>
P6 Prelim Oral Examinations (EL & MTL)	Mon, 17 Jul Tue, 18 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After curriculum hours</li> <li>Details will be given nearer the date</li> </ul>
Racial Harmony Day Celebration	Wed, 19 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During curriculum hours</li> </ul>
P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension Examinations (EL & MTL)	Fri, 28 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During curriculum hours</li> <li>Details will be given nearer the date</li> </ul>
National Day Celebrations	Tue, 8 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School will function up till 10.30a.m. on eve of National Day</li> <li>Students are encouraged to come in red t-shirts and school PE shorts.</li> <li>Please make the necessary transport arrangement for your child/ward</li> </ul>
National Day	Wed, 9 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Holiday</li> </ul>
Day After National Day	Thu, 10 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Holiday</li> </ul>
PSLE Oral Examinations	Tue, 15 Aug Wed, 16 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No lessons for P1 to P5 students</li> <li>Details will be given nearer the date</li> </ul>
P3 GEP Screening Exercise	Thu, 17 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details will be given nearer the date</li> </ul>
P6 Prelim Written Papers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details will be given nearer the date</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language Paper 1 and 2</li> </ul>	Thu, 17 Aug	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics Paper 1 and 2</li> </ul>	Fri, 18 Aug	

• Mother Tongue Paper 1 and 2	Mon, 21 Aug	• Details will be given nearer the date
• Science	Tue, 22 Aug	
• Higher Mother Tongue	Wed, 23 Aug	
Staff Appreciation Day Celebrations	Thu, 31 Aug	• Details will be given nearer the date
Teachers' Day	Fri, 1 Sep	• School Holiday