



**Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)**  
A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)

25 January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for taking time to attend the first Meet-the-Parents and Breakfast sessions of the year. As we are approaching the end of January, I trust that our children have settled into their new classes. In this journey of stewarding the hearts of our boys, we have reminded them about God's Love and how they should take responsibility for themselves, to love and be gracious to others. We continue in various ways to uphold the theme of the year 'Go and Bear Fruit', by teaching the boys to be recognised by our fruit – acts of love.

In 2019, the school will continue to give emphasis to its key areas of focus in the holistic development of our boys. These efforts are in line with our mission to nurture our students with a quality, holistic education, rooted in Christian values, that allows each to reach his fullest potential equipped with life skills to face the future and to serve God and nation.

To realize our objectives, we are continuing our efforts to refine and deepen our lesson design and pedagogical approaches. Through these refinements, we hope to better motivate our students through increased engagement in lessons and deepen their understanding of content knowledge and skills.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Methodist Walk Fundraising 2019

The school would like to appeal to all parents to encourage your boys to do their part using their Methodist Walk Fundraising cards to support the school's fundraising efforts as 100% of total collections will go back to the school's PERI Upgrading Fund for new facilities and upgrading projects which will be to the benefit of our boys. Please make your cheques payable to "**Methodist Schools' Foundation**". Donations of \$100 and above shall be eligible for tax exemption. The first collection for the Methodist Walk donations will take place on Friday 8 February till 15 February. Our P4 boys and staff representatives will be participating in the Methodist Walk on 30 March from 7.15am to 10.30am at ACS (I).

### 2. Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Hong Bao Donation drive 2019

As part of our initiative to inculcate the joy of giving in our boys, we are working with Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) to support them in their Lunar New Year Hong Bao (Red Packet) Donation drive. We would like to seek your kind support in encouraging your son to donate a portion of his red packet which will be used to benefit several beneficiaries under MWS. MWS runs 20 centres and programmes for over 12,000 underprivileged children, at-risk youth, distressed families, chronically ill, destitute and frail, and the socially isolated. You may visit <https://mws.sg> for more details on MWS' centres and services. Your son will be receiving an MWS envelope from his Form Teacher during the last week of January. Please

encourage your son to place his donation in the envelope and return the envelope to his Form Teacher after the Lunar New Year from 13th to 15th of February 2019 .Please note that for cheques issued, they are to be made payable to: **Methodist Welfare Services**. Please indicate 'Hong Bao Drive 2019' on the back of the cheque. We thank you for your kind support. Your support goes a long way to enable MWS to extend help to those in need.

### **3. Gracious Students Book**

All P1 pupils will receive a book in February, Gracious Students, written by one of our alumni, Mr Kevin Foo and donated by Mr and Mrs Christopher Chan. The book focuses on graciousness and has many illustrations demonstrating the correct behaviour in school, at home and in the public. Manners have to be taught and demonstrated - this book is a very useful tool to help educate our children and grow them into young gentlemen.

### **4. Primary 6 NE Quiz**

The National Education Quiz is administered yearly to all students (including PRs and foreign students) at milestone points in the education system i.e. Primary 6 and Secondary 4. The quiz aims to assess students' knowledge and understanding of Singapore's National Education. The content of the quiz is mainly on the NE events that the boys have participated over the years in school.

To better engage students, Character and Citizenship Education Branch has developed an online, browser-based version of the NE Quiz. The online version is an interactive game, and students will answer questions in the game at the basic level.

Your son will be informed by his Form Teacher of the actual date he will be taking the NE Quiz in early February. Absentees will be advised on the make-up date.

### **5. Security Matters**

We continue to place the safety of our boys as the top priority in school. Thank you for displaying your pass prominently when entering the school. This has greatly helped our security staff to manage trespassing. We would like to remind you to continue to wear your pass without demand whenever you are in the campus. Security passes are non-transferrable. If you wish to apply for a pass for your helper or care-giver, please approach the General Office for assistance.

### **6. Road Safety**

Thank you for your co-operation and support to get your child to school on time. To ease congestion along Winstedt Road, please park at the nearby car park at Newton and walk your son to and from school. If you are alighting your child at the foyer or external lay-by, we seek your understanding to ensure that your child comes out of the car swiftly without holding up the traffic. If you are picking your child after school at the foyer or external lay-by, please also ensure that you come at a time that he has been dismissed and that he will be fetched promptly. This is a gentle reminder that there is no parking in the school compound unless it is for an emergency. Please drive carefully within the speed limit in the school premises and along Winstedt Road. Do be mindful of the zebra crossing within the School Zone.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### 7. Chinese New Year Celebrations

Date: Monday, 4 February 2019  
Time: 7.30am to 10am

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Monday, 4 February. To add to the festive mood, we would like to encourage all boys to wear Chinese traditional costumes to school. Students will be dismissed at 10am. Lessons will resume on Thursday, 7 February.

### 8. 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Swimming Championships

As part of our "Sports for All" initiative, our Primary 5 boys will be coming together to support the swimmers at the Swimming Championship. Please note that school dismissal for all students will be at 11.30am. It is compulsory for all Primary 5 students to attend this event.

Date: Tuesday, 12 February 2019  
Time: 2pm to 5.30pm  
Venue: Anglo-Chinese Junior College

### 9. Total Defence Day

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Friday, 15 February which marks Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942. This commemoration serves to remind all of us that Singapore is defensible and is worth defending, and we ourselves must defend Singapore. Through the theme of 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong', we will encourage our students to put Total Defence into action daily by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people.

### 10. 133<sup>rd</sup> Founder's Day Service

Our 133<sup>rd</sup> Founder's Day Service and Academic Award Presentations will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> March from 8.30 am to 11.00 am. Only prize recipients currently in P3 to P6, and all P6 boys are to be present. These boys are to report to school as usual by 7.30 am. The Guest-of-Honour is Rev Leslie Quahe, Distinguished Old Boy and Elder of Bangna Christian Fellowship (Bangkok). P1 to P5 boys will be having a separate Founder's Day celebration on 27 February.

### 11. Programme for Active Learning (PAL) at ACS (J)

PAL, which started in Week 1 this year, aims to provide enriched learning modules for all P1 and P2 students beyond the curriculum. PAL modules are experiential in nature and incorporate values education and social emotional learning.

The PAL modules cover domains such as Sports, Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Outdoor Education and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. All PAL modules are facilitated by the Form Teachers of Primary 1 and Primary 2 classes.

#### Primary 1 PAL

##### Sports

- The boys are introduced to rugby and taught techniques associated with playing the game. They learn about teamwork, resilience and develop awareness of self and the environment.
- The boys are taught how to play local traditional games like Chaptah, Hopscotch, Five-Stones and Sepak Takraw. Through such games, they learn more about local

culture.
<b>Visual Arts</b> - The boys learn the art-forms of different ethnic groups through 2D and 3D craftwork.
<b>Drama</b> - The boys are introduced to drama elements through teamwork and experiential learning. They are trained to develop greater confidence when speaking to an audience.

### Primary 2 PAL

<b>Sports</b> - The boys deepen their skills in rugby and refine techniques associated with playing the game. Through these sessions, the boys practise teamwork, resilience and demonstrate awareness of self and the environment.
<b>Visual Arts</b> - The boys learn to use colours creatively and explore different art forms (eg. Batik art).
<b>Music</b> - The boys are also introduced to music around the world and gain greater understanding of the music of different cultures.
<b>Outdoor Education</b> - The boys explore nature and pick up basic navigation skills through map reading activities. The module also develops curiosity as the boys learn about nature through activities like Leaf-Art and Tree Bark Shading.

In addition to the PAL modules, filler activities such as Lifeskills, Cyberwellness, Science and Thinkers are incorporated into PAL days to further enrich the students.

## OTHERS

### 12. Parents Gateway

Parents Gateway, a mobile app available on iOS and Android for parents, was successfully launched by Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education. It affords schools the convenience of updating parents of schools' programmes and for parents to provide consent for their children to participate in school activities.

Parents are required to download the app and authenticate via SingPass. Please refer to the attachments on FAQs for Parents and a video for more details. This resource can also be found on our school website. More information about Parents Gateway will be provided in due course.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan  
Principal

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FOR PARENTS)**

### **1. What is Parents Gateway?**

Parents Gateway is a mobile app available on iOS and Android for parents. It affords schools the convenience of updating parents of your schools' programmes and for parents to provide consent for their children to participate in school activities.

### **2. Why Parents Gateway?**

The digitalisation of administrative paperwork (such as issuing, collating of forms) will help alleviate the administrative load of teachers and allow them to devote more time to nurture their students.

### **3. Who can access Parents Gateway?**

Parents Gateway contains sensitive information about students and their parents. Access to the mobile app is restricted to parents and legal guardians who are Singpass holders.

If you fall into any of the following categories, you are eligible to apply for SingPass:

- i. Singapore Citizen and Permanent Resident
- ii. Employment Pass and Personalised Employment Pass holders
- iii. EntrePass holders
- iv. S-Pass holders
- v. Dependant Pass holders (of EP, PEP, EntrePass and S-Pass holders)
- vi. Long Term Visit Pass-Plus (LTVP+) holders
- vii. Long Term Visit Pass holders
- viii. Selected Work Permit Holders who require SingPass to access government digital services. Visit [WPOL Enquiry Service](#) to check your status.

[WPOL link:

[http://www.ifaq.gov.sg/SINGPASS/apps/fcd\\_faqmain.aspx#FAQ\\_2101385](http://www.ifaq.gov.sg/SINGPASS/apps/fcd_faqmain.aspx#FAQ_2101385)]

Schools will continue to issue hardcopy letters and consent forms to parents and legal guardians who are unable to onboard Parents Gateway.

**4. How do I apply for SingPass?**

Please visit the SingPass website (<https://www.singpass.gov.sg>), or scan the QR codes below to register for a SingPass and set up the 2-Step Verification (2FA).

Should you require further assistance, please contact SingPass Helpdesk at 6643-0555.

SingPass Registration	2FA Activation
	

Please note that SingPass Mobile login is currently not yet supported for Android version of Parents Gateway. Parents using Android devices are advised to login using SMS 2FA or OneKey token in the meantime.

**5. I forgot my SingPass password. How do I reset it?**

If you have set up your SingPass 2FA, you can reset your password instantly online:

- i. Visit <https://www.singpass.gov.sg>
- ii. Select “**Reset Password**” icon on the scroll bar. Enter your NRIC/FIN details, followed by your SMS/Token One-Time Password.
- iii. Create your new SingPass password.

**6. I have to use my SingPass for login. Is it secure?**

SingPass is an online account management for access to Singapore Government e-services. It allows you to access hundreds of government services easily and securely online.

**7. Must I pay for the app?**

Parents Gateway is free-of-charge.

**8. I have more than 1 child, do I require multiple accounts?**

No, you do not need multiple accounts. You will be able to access all your children’s information through a single platform on Parents Gateway, even if your children are attending different schools.

**9. Can I receive information on both Parents Gateway and through hardcopy forms so that I can pin up the forms as reminders?**

Parents are encouraged to view the school announcements and consent forms using the app. For parents who wish to receive reminders on upcoming events, there is an “Add to Calendar” feature. Upon selection, the event would be synced with your phone calendar.

**10. Can I access Parents Gateway on the computer?**

Parents Gateway is only available as a mobile application. Supported OS Versions: Android 5.0 or later & iOS 9.1 or later.

**11. Are the access rights limited to one parent only?**

No, both parents can access their children’s information simultaneously from their respective Parents Gateway accounts.

**12. Do both parents have to reply to consent forms?**

Only a single consent is required. Once consent has been given, it cannot be edited by either parent. Should there be a change in decision, parents have to inform the school directly.

**13. Does the usage of the app require large data consumption?**

Parents Gateway does not require large data consumption.

**14. Can I communicate with my child’s teacher directly via the app?**

This feature is not available at this point in time.

**15. I am experiencing difficulty using the app, who should I go to?**

You may approach your child’s school for assistance.

**16. I have more than one child in school. I can see only my first child’s school’s notices on Parents Gateway. My second child’s school’s notices are not visible on Parents Gateway. Why is this so?**

Initial implementation of Parents Gateway involved implementation in 66 pilot schools. Your first child’s school might have been one of these schools which piloted Parents Gateway. Your second child’s school may not have onboarded yet because it was not part of the initial 66 schools who implemented Parents Gateway.

Your child’s school will notify you on the date of implementation.

**17. When can I start using Parents Gateway?**

Parents are advised not to rush to download Parents Gateway until the school has notified them of its date of implementation.

**18. Will Parents Gateway be available to Independent Schools?**

Yes, Parents Gateway will be available to all government / government-aided and independent schools.