



17 August 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

Together, Our Singapore Spirit @ ACS(J)

1. We celebrated Singapore's 56th birthday on 6 August 2021 with our staff and students clad in red, clapping to the community songs and dancing enthusiastically to the GetActive Workout 2021.
2. Despite celebrating in the individual classrooms, everyone enjoyed the video contributions of various student groups. We are proud of the creativity of our P1 and P2 boys in coming up with the many *Jamtastic Jingles* as a class to celebrate their love for Singapore. Our P3 and P4 boys also collaborated in their classes to craft their very own *Singaporean Poems* - "Our hopes for Singapore" to capture their hopes and wishes for Singapore. We were definitely moved by the photojournalism project "Home" put up by the P5 boys, where they shared proudly with the school what *Home* meant to them.
3. Everyone received an ACS custom-made Rubik's Cube as a gift from the school. An aesthetic interpretation of the Lion Head as one of the National Symbols was included in the design of the Rubik's Cube. As our boys put in their best efforts to solve the Rubik's Cube puzzle, they reflected on how Singapore needs to respond with creativity and grit during times of crisis. We are thankful for this warm and cosy National Day celebration which demonstrated the love and support we have for our nation together, as ONE ACS.

Teachers' Day Celebration

4. The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 2 September 2021. As we wish all our teachers a very Happy Teachers' Day, there will be a special morning assembly programme conducted virtually to pay tribute to our teachers, including an appreciation video prepared by our Student Leaders.
5. **Students will report to school by 7.30am as usual and be dismissed from 10.15am according to the staggered dismissal timing from 10.15 to 10.45am.**

Time (am)	Programme
7.30	Flag Raising Ceremony
7.45	Teachers' Day Message
7.50	Appreciation Video
8.00	Lessons
10.15	End of Lessons
Staggered Dismissal	
10.15	Leaving by School Bus
10.30 (P4, P5, P6)	Leaving school by foot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Parents/Siblings in the foyer or

10.35 (P1, P2, P3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking home or taking public transport or • Walking out of school to meet parents or • Walking to the location where parents' cars are parked (e.g. Newton carpark, 10 Winstedt carpark)
10.45 Cars should arrive only after 10.45	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Leaving school by car /SCC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picked up by car at foyer • Picked up by car at external lay-by • Proceed to ACSJ SCC or External SCC

6. The canteen will be closed on that day. The boys may bring their own snacks. Students do not need to report to school on Friday, 3 September, which is Teachers' Day. For boys who wish to show their appreciation to their teachers, we have encouraged them to do so through thank you cards or a simple thank you message instead of gifts of any form.

THANK YOU 'CHER GRATITUDE PORTAL (End Aug – End Nov)

7. Students and parents are encouraged to contribute notes of thanks and gratitude to the national online Gratitude Portal which is a symbolic gift to appreciate and affirm our teachers, hosted at ThankYouCher.edu.sg. The Portal will be up by end August.

Children's Day Celebration

8. To celebrate Children's Day on 7 October 2021, we have planned various activities for the boys with safe management measures, including some workouts and games in the classrooms. All boys are to report to school in their PE attire on that day. School hours are as usual from 7.30am to 1.30pm.
9. The theme for this year's Children's Day is "Love Is". Our school is collaborating with the Community Chest of Singapore to support their Children's Day Appeal (CDA), to encourage our boys to embody the spirit of loving and caring for others by giving joyfully. The boys will be given the CDA envelopes on Children's Day and the envelope will be collected from 13 to 15 October. Donations in cash or cheque are to be sealed in the CDA envelope and given to the Form Teachers. Community Chest will then collect the envelopes from the school. Donations can also be made directly to Community Chest via the QR code found on the envelope. Through this drive, we aim to develop our students to look beyond self to show love and care to the less fortunate in the community.

PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination

10. **Students from P1 to P5 do not need to report to school on Friday, 17 September 2021** as the Primary 6 students will be taking their PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination. The school campus is strictly out of bounds on that day.

Harnessing Technology to Make Thinking Visible

11. Technology can be harnessed to encourage our children's inquiry of their environment and enable them to express themselves in varied and often fun ways. Please refer to the attached information sheet (**Annex A**) on some IT tools that our children can use to communicate their ideas and experiences while developing relevant thinking skills to share acquired information effectively. Do try out these tools with your children. When learning is fun, they will want to learn.

Personal Trips during September Holiday (3 to 12 Sep)


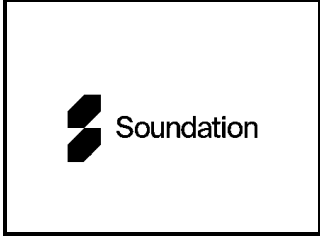



12. Given the evolving situation, parents are advised to regularly check MOH's website (www.moh.gov.sg) for updates on current MOH Travel Advisory. **Please inform the school immediately** should there be any exceptional travel by students or travel to countries/regions approved in the MOH travel advisory.
13. To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a **travel declaration** for your child/ward only if he/she **intends to travel** for the September holidays. NIL return is not required.
14. To make your travel declaration through 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 23 August 2021. Only one parent is required to declare. If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, **please inform the school directly** rather than through PG.

My staff and I wish all of you an enjoyable upcoming break in September and may you have a restful and wonderful time as a family.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan
Principal

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Purpose	Free Tools on Web	
<p><u>Audio Recording</u> Record summaries, skits, mock interviews, radio shows, news segments, reflections and perhaps add music and sound effects.</p>	<p>vocaroo.com</p> 	<p>soundation.com</p> 
<p><u>Collages</u> Construct meaning through visual images. Make art, posters, diagrams, flyers, charts, advertisements, and illustrations.</p>	<p>pizap.com</p> 	<p>pixlr.com</p> 
<p><u>Comics</u> Putting speech bubbles and captions on top of illustrations can tell a story, represent knowledge, and showcase creativity.</p>	<p>makebeliefscomix.com</p> 	<p>pixton.com</p> 
<p><u>Posters</u> Craft visually appealing posters, flyers, infographics, and documents.</p>	<p>canva.com</p> 	<p>smore.com</p> 

Note: These apps work on all web browsers - Windows, Mac, and Chrome.