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REF: 01/2018/Jan/Sch Coms/Welcome Letter

2 January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Blessed and Happy New Year 2018 to you and your family! We hope that you had the opportunity to spend quality time with your family.

Our theme for the year is...

**Living the IJ Spirit,
Serving with Love and Joy,
Courage to make a difference (2018)**

We hope to work closely in partnership with you as we embark on our 2018 journey to develop your child holistically.

For the Primary One students as well as the new students who have just joined us, we hope that they will be able to adjust quickly into the school routine and into our culture of love and care.

In Partnership with You

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we were undergoing the Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) upgrading process. We are pleased to inform you that it is nearing completion. More upgrades were carried out during the year end school holidays. The new Father Barre Block houses the Primary 2 classrooms as well as the new Student Care Centre. There are special rooms and additional support rooms to enhance teaching and learning. Final touches are put to the gymnasium to provide timber flooring and added toilet facilities. Rain shelters have also been erected in the foyer.

Pertaining to car parking, please note that parking spaces within the school grounds are strictly for staff and parking at the Church of St Francis Xavier is strictly for parishioners attending Mass. On days with special events planned by the school, we would like to seek your cooperation by adhering to the following guidelines given by the traffic police when parking outside the school premises:

- Vehicles should be parked as close as possible to the edge of the road to minimize obstruction to the vehicular flow;
- Vehicles parked must not pose any danger to road users (motorists and pedestrians);
- Parking abreast is strictly prohibited;
- There should not be any parking within 3m of fire hydrants, 6m of road junctions, 9m of bus-stops, at or near road bends or designated pedestrian crossings.

As the school is located in a private residential estate, vehicles should not be parked in such a manner as to cause obstruction to residents' driveways or to be an inconvenience to the residents.



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UPDATES

Staff

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Valerie Tan (LH/EL), Ms Avelyn Wei (PE), Mrs Chan Qiong Ling (CL) and Mr Darren Lee (EL), to the OLG family. Our best wishes to Mrs Catherine Seah and Mrs Mary Augustine who have retired; Mdm Dorothy Lee, Mrs Michelle Goh and Mrs Jean Teng who have left the school.

PSLE Results

We would like to congratulate our P6 students of 2017 for the good performance. We attained 100% passes. A big thank you to our teachers for their hard work put in and to all our parents for the support given to the school. We wish our graduating students all the best in their future endeavours.

Student Care Centre (SCC)

Our school will have a Student Care Centre (SCC) that will be operated by YMCA starting from January 2018. P1 students will be given priority to enrol in the SCC. However, if you are interested to enrol your child, kindly complete the Registration of Interest form and email it to gcscc@ymca.edu.sg. The form can be downloaded from the school website.

REMINDERS

Operating Hours

To ensure safety and security of students during school hours, the main school gates will be closed from 8 a.m. from 3 January onwards. Only school buses will be allowed into the school for dismissal. Please pick your child/ward up from school only from 1.45 p.m. after all the school buses have left the school premises on Mondays to Fridays.

Students' Safety

Parents/Guardians who come into the school to pick up their children/ward are to wait at the porch (below the steps). Parents are not to wander into the school premises. Parents who need to buy books from the bookshop are to purchase them after dismissal hours at 1.30pm.

Students are **not to use the gate leading to the Church** to be dropped off or picked up.

Students who walk to school and enter via the exit gate are to use the zebra crossing for their own safety. For those walking down the slope along Burghley Drive, please note that they should use the pavement to ensure safety.

We would like to encourage all parents/guardians to drive into the school and to refrain from stopping at the zebra crossing outside the school to get your child/ward to alight as this may obstruct traffic and pose a danger to motorists and pedestrians alike.



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Parents/Guardians are strongly advised to let their children/wards alight from all vehicles quickly and to let them walk up the steps without delay. Please avoid long “goodbyes” after your child/ward has alighted as this will hold up traffic.

School Bus Vendor

We seek your understanding to work directly with our bus transport vendor, Tok Bus Services, on matters related to bus transport arrangements for your child/ward.

Mode of Communication with Teachers

- a) Parents/Guardians may contact teachers via email (email addresses are listed on the school’s website) or by dropping a note in your child’s/ward’s Student Handbook.
- b) Parents/Guardians may call the school at 6288 6930 to leave a message or make an appointment to see the teachers. The school regrets that teachers will not be able to answer any phone calls or meet up with parents/guardians during school hours as this will lead to disruption of lessons.
- c) Please email the school at chijolgcs_parents@moe.edu.sg for any enquiries on school administration matters.
- d) The school has leveraged on the communication App “snaapp” for attendance taking and dissemination of information for all levels in 2018. We would like to seek your cooperation to download this app by Tuesday, 2 January.
- e) A level welcome letter **Ref:02/2018/SDT/Welcome** will be issued to all parents.
- f) A briefing for P3 to P6 parents will be held on Friday, 19 January 2018, in the afternoon to update parents on important school and level matters for 2018. More information will be given to you in Week 2.

Individual Student Details Report for Year 2018

As part of MOE’s data management procedure, all parents/guardians are to update their child/ward’s family details, contact details and medical condition for the year 2018. The Form Teachers will distribute the Individual Student Details Report for Year 2018 to all P1 – 6 students today. Students have been advised to keep this report in the plastic pocket of the Student Handbook or homework file (if they had forgotten to bring the handbook) and pass the report to you today.

Please note that the updating of student details is **compulsory** and the Guardian indicated on the form should be the point of contact should any urgent matter crop up. Do indicate who you would like the school to contact if such a circumstance arises. Kindly contact the respective Form Teachers for any queries.



Temperature Taking Exercise

The school will be conducting the Temperature Taking Exercise on Thursday and Friday, 4 & 5 January 2018. Please ensure that your daughter/ward has a **thermometer in good working condition** for this exercise. P1 students will be issued with a thermometer this week.

Chinese New Year Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Thursday, 15 February. All students are encouraged to come to school in red or traditional Chinese attire. The school hours will be from 7.25 am – 10.30 a.m. Please make your own transport arrangements if your daughter/ward does not take the school bus transport home.

Starting the year on the right foot

The school believes in working alongside with parents of our students with the hope of achieving the best outcomes for our children. The article below comes with some parenting tips and we hope some of these ideas will help you enjoy your parenting journey even more.

1st – Help your child know where she is and where she wants to go.

Children progress at different paces. Believe that your child can progress and impart that belief in your child. Help her appreciate her strengths and identify small achievable targets she can work towards.

Celebrate little successes. Affirm her when she makes an effort. Help her to appreciate herself for who she is. That's self-respect! Self-respect is not dependent on success and it is also not the result of comparison with others.

2nd - Remind her to pack her schoolbag, make her own bed and pack her own room.

Develop a sense of responsibility in your child by having her take ownership in the jobs assigned to her. You can start by teaching her how to take care of herself and help her be proud of what she does. This also means that your child should be expected to note her homework and complete them on time and with pride. She should have the necessary books and items for the school day and know that you will not bring whatever item she has forgotten to school for her. In this process, she will grow to be more independent and more confident.

3rd – Advise her to listen when someone is talking to her

This certainly takes a lot of gentle reminders but listening is the first step to respect. Once a child shows respect to others, listens to what others have to share, she will not only gain knowledge, but also empathy and understanding of the people around her. You can start by having a weekly family time where family members take turns to talk about their day. Share your day with your child and also show her you are listening and that you care when it is her turn to share.

4th – Ensure that she sleeps early.

A growing child needs about 9-11 hours of sleep. A fresh mind is essential for your child to absorb what is being taught in school and for her to enjoy her day learning and interacting with others.

Research has shown that having breakfast will have a positive impact on children's learning. Ensure that your child has breakfast before she comes to school.



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Some children share their anxiety of not having enough time to complete their assignments and their frustration of having no time to do what they like.

Take a look at your child's daily schedule. It is important to set aside quiet time for her to reflect and to revise what she has learnt in school and free time to do something of her choice.

5th – Encourage her to read regularly

Reading opens a child's mind to wider perspectives and to the world around her. It helps the child to form ideas and analyse cause and effect.

Seize opportunities to discuss the things you read about with your child. Use these moments to teach important values your child could not have gained from text books.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

Starting the year right by instilling the right values and developing self-respect and a positive outlook are keys to enabling your child to face the challenges in the year ahead. Here's wishing you a blessed new year and a joyful and successful parenting journey ahead!

We look forward to a fruitful and blessed year for the OLG family, working in close partnership with you.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Miss Grace Tan
Principal

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*(Please submit this Acknowledgement Slip to the respective Form Teachers by 5 Jan 2018).*

Reg. No.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP – Welcome Letter to Parents 2018**

I, parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ of

Primary \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understood the content in the letter (REF:

01/2018/Jan/Sch Coms/Welcome Letter) issued on 2 January 2018.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2018 TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Week | Dates          | Event                                                                                   | Remarks                                                               |
|------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | 3 – 5 Jan      | P1 Orientation with P5 buddy                                                            | P1 & P5 students                                                      |
|      | 4 & 5 Jan      | Temperature taking exercise                                                             | P1 – P6 students                                                      |
| 2    | 8 – 10 Jan     | P5 Camp at MOE Labrador Outdoor Adventure Centre                                        | P5 students                                                           |
|      | 8 Jan          | Submission of Individual Student Details Report for Year 2018                           | P1 – 6 students                                                       |
| 3    | 15 Jan         | CCAs commence                                                                           | P3 – 6 students                                                       |
|      | 16 Jan         | P2 – 6 Remedial / Enrichment / Supplementary & P5 Higher Mother Tongue lessons commence | All consent forms will be distributed to selected students in Week 2. |
|      | 19 Jan         | P3 – 6 Parents' Briefing                                                                | P3 – 6 parents                                                        |
| 5    | 29 Jan         | Opening Year Mass                                                                       | Whole school                                                          |
|      | 3 Feb          | NECDC Sc Camp                                                                           | Students sign up                                                      |
| 7    | 12 Feb         | Student Leaders and Prefects Investiture                                                | Whole school                                                          |
| 8    | 15 Feb         | Chinese New Year Celebration                                                            | Whole school                                                          |
|      | 15 Feb         | Total Defence Day Commemoration                                                         | Whole school                                                          |
|      | 16 – 19 Feb    | Chinese New Year Holiday                                                                | Public holiday                                                        |
|      | 23 Feb         | Class and Student Leadership Training                                                   | For selected students                                                 |
|      | 23 Feb         | <b>Progress Test 1 (HMT)</b>                                                            | For P5 – 6 students taking HMT only                                   |
|      | 24 Feb         | Family Matters @ School - Parent Workshop                                               | Parents who signed up                                                 |
| 9    | 27 Feb – 3 Mar | <b>All CCA / Remedial / Enrichment / Supplementary lessons to be suspended</b>          |                                                                       |
|      | 26 Feb         | <b>Progress Test 1 English</b>                                                          | P6 students                                                           |
|      | 27 Feb         | <b>Progress Test 1 Mathematics</b>                                                      | P6 students                                                           |
|      | 28 Feb         | <b>Progress Test 1 Mother Tongue</b>                                                    | P6 students                                                           |
|      | 1 Mar          | <b>Progress Test 1 Science</b>                                                          | P6 students                                                           |
|      | 2 Mar          | Student Leadership Camp                                                                 | For selected students                                                 |
| 10   | 5 – 11 Mar     | <b>All CCA to resume</b>                                                                |                                                                       |
|      | 5 Mar          | Rosary at the Grotto                                                                    | Catholic students                                                     |
|      | 9 Mar          | Moo-O Competition                                                                       | Interschool competition                                               |
|      |                | <b>10 – 18 Mar</b>                                                                      | <b>March School Holidays</b>                                          |