Dear Parents,

Dates for your Diary
Labour Day (Public Holiday) : Friday 01.05.09.

Swine Flu
As you are aware there is worldwide concern over the possibility of a “pandemic” arising from a new strain of the influenza virus. It is important that that we keep matters in proportion, do not cause unnecessary anxiety in our children but at the same time plan for all eventualities. At the time of writing there are no cases of infection in Malaysia or indeed anywhere in South East Asia.

This is however a good time for us to work together to remind our children, both at home and at school, of good personal hygiene practices.

The following is recommended by the World Health Organisation.

- Covering the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue where possible and disposing of it promptly;
- Washing hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from hand to face or to other people, especially after using the toilet and before eating or drinking; and
- Cleaning hard surfaces like door handles with a normal cleaning product.

We must also always make sure that we follow these practices ourselves and encourage other adults to do so too! If good hygiene practices become habitual then there is good evidence that this can make a real difference to the spread of infection.

Our school management will also be working on a staged response plan to any possible spread of the virus in Malaysia. This will take into account both national and international medical and scientific advice and will ensure that we are prepared for all eventualities arising from this or any other viral epidemic.

PE Lessons (From Mr. Matthew MacInnes)
Please could you assist us by reminding students that if they have a PE lesson after morning break, they should not eat large meals during break time. The body needs time to digest food properly and taking part in physical activity straight after eating a meal is not advised. Pupils should eat breakfast before school and have only a small snack at break time, especially on PE days. Pupils should also note that it is to their benefit to sip water throughout the school day, including during break, lunchtime and during PE lessons.

School Photographer
A photographer will be coming into school from Thursday 07.04.09. to Wednesday 13.04.09. to take class/form, sibling and individual portrait photographs. Students will be timetabled for photographs during the school day. Students are expected to wear their school uniform for the photo shoot.
General Knowledge Quizzes (SST)
A series of General Knowledge quizzes for Primary classes began on Wednesday 29th April during lunch breaks. These activities aim to encourage students to gain more general knowledge. Students are given duties to perform as quiz masters, time keepers, scorers and committee members to give them a sense of responsibility. The schedule for these quizzes is as follows:

Lower Primary (Std 1, 2, 3)
Preliminary Round 1 : Wednesday 29.04.09.
Preliminary Round 2 : Wednesday 06.05.09.
Finals for Lower Primary : Wednesday 13.05.09.

Upper Primary (Std 4, 5)
Preliminary Round : Wednesday 20.05.09.
Grand finals for Primary : Wednesday 03.06.09.

Proper School Attire
A number of students arrive to school untidy or not fully dressed (ties untied)! Please could you help to ensure that students are dressed appropriately before arriving at school. Students are expected to have their shirts tucked in. If students are in the secondary school, they should have their top button done up and their tie worn so that the top button is not seen. Girls with long hair need to have their hair tied back.

Correspondence (SST)
The following letters have been circulated to parents via the students on Wednesday 29th April. Please remember to return the survey form or to confirm your attendance by the dates mentioned below:
a) Letter about Sri Tenby's Reading Programme and Survey Form (Monday 4th May)
b) Letter addressed to Form 2S parents (Tuesday 5th May)
c) Letter addressed to Form 4S parents (Tuesday 5th May)

School Choir (From Mr. Steven Williams: Head of Music)
The school choir will now take place as a CCA activity after school on Mondays. It used to take place on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes which has proven to be quite difficult due to students not having enough time to have their lunch or needing to do some extra work in other subject areas. It is very important that we have a full choir for every rehearsal or we will not see an improvement. The students already know about this change and should have notified you already. This activity is now able to offer some new places to secondary students from SST and TIS (age 11+) as long as they are not already doing another CCA on a Monday. If any students from SST and TIS would like to join the choir, please ask them to turn up to the practices on Mondays after school.

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