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Dear Parents / Guardian,

1. Total Defence Day Commemoration

Each year, schools commemorate Total Defence Day (TDD) on 15 February to mark Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942. Total Defence Day serves to remind our students that Singapore is defensible and is worth defending, and we ourselves must defend Singapore. Hence, Mayflower Primary School will be commemorating Total Defence Day with various activities from 12 to 15 February 2018. We will have an assembly programme, classroom activities, TDD-related CCE Mother Tongue/English and Social Studies lessons, an external evacuation exercise and recess activities with our Parents' Support Group (PSG).

The theme for Total Defence Day 2018 is 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong'. It aims to reaffirm the solidarity, strength, and values of all Singaporeans that have kept our nation safe and peaceful over the past 53 years. Through the commemoration of TDD, our students will:

- I. understand Total Defence is important and everyone can play a part in defending the country regardless of age;
- II. know the 5 aspects of Total Defence; and
- III. how they can play a part in the 5 aspects of Total Defence.

During recess on Wednesday, 14 February 2018, we will be having a booth where our students have a taste of a bite-sized portion of sweet potato or tapioca. The objective of this food sampling activity is to allow our students to have an awareness of the staple food consumed during war time. If you know your child/ward is allergic to these foods, please advise him/her to avoid consuming them.

2. External Evacuation Exercise on 15 February 2018

On Thursday, 15 February morning, our school will be conducting an External Evacuation exercise. As preparedness is our only guard against emergencies, this exercise will equip the staff and pupils with the safety and evacuation procedures in times of crisis. We seek your assistance to ensure your child has a good breakfast before coming to school. We will provide your child with a bun as the school hours are from 7.30am to 10.30am, with no recess breaks.

3. Lunar New Year Celebration

The school will be celebrating the Lunar New Year (CNY) on Thursday, 15 February 2018. All students are encouraged to come to school in their traditional costumes and school shoes.

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As this day is the eve of the Lunar New Year, school will end at 10.30 a.m. Our school bus operator has been informed of the early dismissal. Please make the necessary transport arrangements if you are picking your child / ward from school.

All students are required to bring only a storybook to school on that day, unless otherwise instructed by their teachers.

As the Lunar New Year falls on a Friday, 16 February & Saturday, 17 February, the following Monday, 19 February is a school holiday-in-lieu. All students will return to school on Tuesday, 20 February 2018.

Please note that the school's general office will operate from 7.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on 15 February 2018.

On behalf of all staff, I wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous Lunar New Year.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lim-Chua Siow Ling
Principal