AHMAD IBRAHIM PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents / Guardians (Our Valued Partners-in-Education)

We have just entered into a brand new academic year of 2025 and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students back to school. A special welcome to our Primary 1 students (and their parents) and all those who have just joined AIPS – you are now part of the ONE AIPS Family!

1. Staff Matters

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff to our AIPS family:

- a) Mdm Alfiah binte Md Yusoff (Year Head)
- b) Mrs Connie Chong (HOD/ICT)
- c) Mrs Diana Ho (Year Head)
- d) Ms Aisyah binte Samat (Education Officer)
- e) Mdm Deepa T Jeyaraman (Education Officer)
- f) Ms Gayathry d/o Gurusamy Ramaya (Education Officer)
- g) Mr Jordan Lee Jun Hao (Education Officer)
- h) Ms Kavitha d/o Karunanithi (Education Officer)
- i) Mr Muhammad Hasyim bin Mohamad Isa (Education Officer)
- j) Mr Teo Lead Luke (Corporate Support Officer)
- k) Mr Ahmad bin Baba (Operations Support Officer)

We would also like to thank the following staff for the service rendered to the school and wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

- a) Ms Adeline Tan (SH/CCE)
- b) Mdm Yang Tzy Shing (Year Head)
- c) Ms Eliza Goh (Education Officer)
- d) Ms Mahfoza Mohamed (Education Officer)
- e) Mdm Nur Azimah Bte Mohd Jailani (Education Officer)
- f) Ms Evelyn Loke (Corporate Support Officer)
- g) Mr Saini bin Kadir (Operations Support Officer)

2. PSLE 2024 Results

The school would like to congratulate the 2024 cohort for their PSLE results. I would like to wish the graduating class of 2024 all the best in their future endeavours and encourage them to continue to stretch themselves in their potential and always challenge their personal best.

3. Safety and Security Matters

a. Requirement for Visitor's Registration

The safety of your children is of paramount importance to us. All visitors to the school are required to report to the Security Guard Post for registration before proceeding to the General Office. Please display the issued "Visitor Pass" visibly at all times as unauthorized personnel will be asked to leave the school immediately. Parents/guardians are not permitted to go near the classrooms. If you are waiting for your child/ward, please do so at the designated area.

b. Drop-off / Pick-up Points

For safety reasons, parents who drive your children to school are <u>not</u> allowed to drive into school compound. You may drop-off / pick-up your child/ward at the nearby HDB car parks at Blocks 161 or 162. You are strongly advised not to drop-off / pick-up your children along Yishun Street 11 as it is against traffic rules and to reduce traffic congestion. However, on rainy days, you will be allowed to drive into the school compound.

c. Road Safety Measures

All students have been taught to practise kerb drill when crossing the road. We seek your support to reinforce road safety messages and set an example for them by using pedestrian crossings when crossing roads at all times, especially for students who use the main gate (Gate A) and the gate at the school canteen (Gate B).

- For students entering the school via the main school gate (Gate A)
 Students are to cross the street –(Yishun Street 11) by using the pedestrian traffic light located just outside the main gate.
- For students entering the school via Gate B at the school canteen which is near the bus stop
 Students are to use the zebra crossing located near Block 123 along Yishun Street 11 or the pedestrian traffic
 light just outside Yishun Primary School.
- Jaywalking
 - Jaywalking is an offence in Singapore. It is a dangerous act and a fine of \$50 is payable for the first offence. Parents and students should not jaywalk when crossing the roads to school.

d. Cycling to school

All cyclists are required to complete a permission form which is available from the General Office. If your child / ward must cycle to school, please ensure that he / she knows safe cycling rules and is a competent cyclist. Protective gear such as a properly secured helmet, shoes (with laces properly tied), elbow and knee pads are to be worn to protect against serious injuries.

4. Heath Related Matters

a. Personal and Social Responsibility

Students are to maintain a high standard of personal hygiene and observe school routines such as washing of hands and wipe down. Please pack a spare mask in the school bag for use should he/she start to experience flu symptoms while in school.

We seek parents' support to keep schools a safe environment for students. If your child/ward is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g. by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions with big groups).

Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.

b. Temperature-Taking Exercise (Friday, 10 January and Wednesday, 15 January)

The school will be conducting the temperature-taking exercise in January. We would like to seek your assistance in ensuring that your child/ward brings a functioning personal oral digital thermometer (ODT) to school on Friday, 10 January and Wednesday, 15 January. Students who do not have an ODT may purchase it at the school bookshop.

For P1 students, MOE has provided an ODT for each P1 student. It will be issued to your child in week 1 of school.

5. School Bags

We encourage our students to carry bags made of lightweight material and to avoid carrying heavy and fanciful water bottles, big boxes of colour pencils or books not required for the day. All students are advised to pack their bags according to the class timetable.

6. Communication

Class Mentors will be sending out an introductory letter to connect with you. All parents / guardians are encouraged to use the AIPS Students' Handbook as a means to communicate with the teacher. You are also welcome to contact us via the school email (aips@moe.edu.sg) or at 67592906. Teachers' emails are provided on the school website.

7. Meet-The-Parents Sessions

We would like to invite parents to join us for the briefing sessions on our Principal's and Head of Department's sharing and meet with your child's/ward's Class Mentors. The schedule is as follow:

Date	Time	Level	Venue
23 January Thursday	2pm to 4pm	P5 and P6	Ahmad Ibrahim Primary School
06 February Thursday	2pm to 4pm	P3 and P4	Ahmad Ibrahim Primary School
13 February Thursday	2pm to 4pm	P1 and P2	Ahmad Ibrahim Primary School

Further details will be given in a separate notification. We look forward to you joining us for the sessions.

8. Chinese New Year Celebration and Chinese New Year Holidays (Tuesday, 28 January to Thursday, 30 January)

Our school's Chinese New Year celebration will be held on Tuesday, 28 January from 7.30a.m. to 10.30a.m. Students should report straight to their classrooms in their CNY traditional costumes or P.E. attire with white school shoes. They can bring a small bag, water-bottle, pencil-case, colour pencils and snacks. The canteen will be closed on that day. There will be CNY classroom activities for students followed by a concert in the school hall. Students will be dismissed at 10.30am and the school will be closed after. Please make the necessary pick-up arrangements for your child/ward on this day.

School will be closed on Wednesday, 29 January and Thursday, 30 January for the Chinese New Year holidays and resume on Friday, 31 January.

9. Digital devices and Personal Data Protection Act

a. Availability of internet access and digital devices

During the school year, there will be some days where your child / ward will be having home-based learning. Internet access and digital device use is necessary. The school will be asking you to provide us with the necessary details with regards to the availability of internet access and devices. Your reply is appreciated as this information is important to the school in planning and providing support to your child / ward.

b. Personal Data Protection Act (New students who are joining us at AIPS)

The school will be writing to you for your consent of the use of your child's / ward's photographs and/or video recordings for our school publications, website, social media channels and/or other official school communication channels. The school will ensure that your child/ward is portrayed with respect and dignity. We thank you for your reply. Your consent for the use of such photographs and/or videos of your child/ward will be in effect for all their years of education in our school.

10. Nominations for Staff Award – President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2025 and Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2025

The President's Award for Teachers (PAT) gives national recognition to the role teachers play in moulding the future of our nation. These teachers prepare our students for life, as well as model commitment to continuous learning and enterprise. They inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

The Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) recognises young teachers, aged 35 and below, who are role models for the teaching profession. These teachers personify youthful idealism, enthusiasm, and inspire their students and peers.

Nominations for both awards can be submitted online (https://go.gov.sg/pat2025 and https://go.gov.sg/oyea2025). The links to the online nomination forms can also be found on the Academy of Singapore Teachers website (OYEA Nomination Form and PAT Nomination Form).

Nominations for OYEA and PAT will close on 10 January 2025. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

11. School-Home Partnership - Respectful Communications, Role Modelling Together

As a parent, you are the key navigator of your child's growth. Your child will benefit the most when we put your child at the heart of what we do, and when we understand our shared responsibilities for your child and work together to bring out the best in your child. Having a close relationship with us will help you to better understand your child's learning experience in school, so that you could provide the necessary family care, support and reinforcement at home. Here are some tips that you could consider to support your child's learning:

- Praise your child's good efforts, not only his / her successes
- Do not dwell on mistakes and academic marks. Rather, always encourage your child to strive for improvement
- Give your child the confidence to seek help from his / her teacher

We look forward to working in collaboration with you. Together, let us develop and nurture our students with good values, attitudes and mindsets for excellence to prepare them well for the future. I would like to extend our appreciation to our well-wishers who have sent us cards, email messages as well as words of encouragement. These little gestures have meant a lot to all of us at AIPS as they affirm what we are doing. Please keep them coming.

Wishing you and your family good health, happiness and a Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely, Ms Baey Ee-Lyn Principal