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A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR CHOONG.



Dear Parents/Guardians and Jieminites,

#### Happy New Year 2023!

We hope that you and your family had opportunity in December to spend quality time with your family and loved ones. We are grateful for all the learning opportunities in 2022, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, community members and all staff members for their contribution and support for a successful year.

We are excited to start the new 2023 Academic Year by welcoming 6 new classes of Primary 1 pupils to our school. I am confident that our older Jieminites will be good role models to our new batch of P1 Jieminites. Together with the support of parents and the community, we will strive to bring out the very best in each child.

Our mission at Jiemin Primary School will continue to focus on Nurturing Hearts and Minds of our pupils. We aim to develop our pupils holistically, and that requires us to constantly review our programmes and activities. Every child must be developed in strength of character and at the same time, be supported in their pursuit for academic excellence. We will endeavour to develop their positive learning dispositions of "Active Learning", "Resilience" and "Curiosity", and remain guided by our values of Responsibility, Respect, Humility, Resilience and Care. In 2023, we hope to be able to explore more authentic learning opportunities such as cohort camps and learning journeys which had at times been limited due to Covid-19 over the last 3 years. We will remain cautious as safety for all is a top priority. While the pandemic was disruptive, it also provided us many opportunities to develop other skillsets. We will continue to leverage the gains we have made in ICT enabled-learning and leverage online platforms for learning and communications, such as MOE's Student Learning Space (SLS).

Let us all come together to encourage our student to explore their interests, passion and aspirations in this new academic year as we strive to achieve our vision of being Global Learners, Discerning Citizens'.

On behalf of Vice-Principal Ms Nur Fatimah, Vice-Principal Ms Joy Wong, and all staff, we wish you a Happy New Year!

Thank you

Andy Mickey Choong Principal Jiemin Primary School



## Road Safety for Children

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As a road user group, pedestrians formed the second largest group of road traffic fatalities, behind motorcyclists and pillion riders. In most cases, the pedestrians were either crossing heedless of traffic or had failed to use available pedestrian crossing.



#### Following these tips will enhance pedestrian safety:

- ALWAYS USE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS like overhead bridges, zebra crossings, underpasses, and traffic signal lights.
- RAISE A HAND WHILE CROSSING to alert motorists.
- USE FOOTPATHS and other walkways whenever possible.
- DO NOT CROSS AT ROAD BENDS, as your visual field is limited in this part of the road. You cannot see incoming vehicles, and drivers cannot see you.
- DON'T CROSS IN FRONT OF A STATIONARY VEHICLE AND IN BETWEEN STATIONARY VEHICLES.
- ALWAYS WAIT FOR THE BUS TO STOP COMPLETELY if you are boarding or alighting from a bus.
- BE ALERT FOR ONCOMING TRAFFIC when you step out of a vehicle.
- WALK IN A SINGLE FILE if you are walking in a group, always facing oncoming traffic.
- BE SEEN, BE SAFE. Use light-coloured clothing when you are walking at night or carry some reflective materials so that drivers can see you from a distance.

#### Safety tips for cyclists:

- Protect your head from injury by wearing a safety helmet.
- Use elbow pads and knee pads to cushion the impact of a fall.
- Wear proper shoes, and make sure that the laces are always tied properly.
- Do not wear bell bottom and baggy pants, as this could get entangled with the pedals and other moving parts.

#### Remember these points:

- Act as if you're a pedestrian look right, left, and then right again. When the road is clear, push your bicycle across for better safety.
- Use hand signals to warn other road users when you stop.
- Stop your bicycle completely at "Give Way" and "Stop" signs.
- Before crossing at junctions with traffic lights, always look to see if there are no vehicles coming from the left and right.
- DO NOT carry a pillion rider.
- DO NOT carry things, walk a dog, hold an umbrella, or otherwise occupy one hand while cycling.
- DO NOT risk injuries by doing dangerous stunts.

# Road Safety for Children

#### **RULES TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY FOR CHILDREN:**

#### Always Do's:

- Always cross the road at designated pedestrian crossings, overhead bridges, underpasses, or zebra crossings.
- Always be alert for inattentive drivers even at signalized crossings.
- Always use footpaths when possible.
- Always hold on to handrails on the bus to avoid being thrown off balance during sudden swerves or brakes.
- Always wait for the bus to stop fully before boarding or alighting.
- Always be alert for any oncoming cyclists or pedestrians when alighting from the bus.



#### Never Do's:

- Never sprint across roads.
- Never cross in front of a stationary vehicle or between stationary vehicles.
- Never cross when the "red man" lights up or when the "green man" is flashing.
- Never play nor stand in the bus bay.
- Never play in a moving vehicle.

#### Tips for parents:

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- Be patient when driving your child to school, these are peak traffic hours.
- Always Park your vehicle at designated parking areas.
- Be alert and anticipate any crossings by school children.
- Teach your children about road safety rules. Set a good example.
- Help your child to cross the road safely.



#### For more road safety advisories, please visit https://www.srsc.org.sg/

### School Calendar (Term 1)

Date	Activities/Events
13 Jan (Fri)	Parents-Teachers Meeting (P2-4)
20 Jan (Fri)	Chinese New Year celebration
22 Jan (Sun)	Chinese New Year (1st day)
23 Jan (Mon)	Chinese New Year (2nd day)
24 Jan (Tues)	Off-in-lieu for Chinese New Year
2 Feb (Thu)	Photo-taking for P1 & P6 for SMART Card
3 Feb (Fri)	Parents-Teachers Meeting (P5 & P6)
6 Feb (Mon) - 15 Feb (Wed)	School Health Screening (SHS)
15 Feb (Wed)	Total Defence Day
27 Feb (Mon) - 3 Mar (Fri)	P6 Weighted Assessment
28 Feb (Tues) and 1,2 Mar (Wed, Thu)	P1 Learning Journey to Zoo
9 (Thu) and 10 Mar (Fri)	P3 Science Learning Journey to Singapore Botanic Garden / Eat With Your Family Day.
11 Mar (Sat)	Start of Term 1 School Holiday
13 Mar (Mon) - 15 Mar (Wed)	P5 Leadership & Adventure Camp (more information will be provided in Feb)