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9 February 2017

Dear Parents /Guardians,



Commemoration of Total Defence Day 2017

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Monday, 13 February 2017. Total Defence Day marks the British surrender of Singapore, to the Japanese during World War 2. This annual event reminds us that the task of nation-building is not easy, and that every individual has a part to play to preserve Singapore's prosperity and stability.

The theme for this year's Total Defence Day (TDD) is ***Together We Keep Singapore Strong***. Singapore has remained safe and peaceful over the past 51 years because of the collective efforts of all Singaporeans. Total Defence Day remains relevant as the safety of Singapore cannot be taken for granted and the possible threats we may face will require all Singaporeans to step up and play their part. Our youth, are encouraged to exercise the spirit behind Total Defence Day, into their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people.

There will be various activities lined up during recess on that day. CCE lessons on this year's Total Defence Day theme will be conducted during Mother Tongue lessons in Week 6 to Week 7.

Part of our school's commemoration of Total Defence Day includes '**Meat-Free Day**'. The primary objective of this programme is to enable pupils to experience the lack of food options available during crisis or war. During trying times, there is a high probability of shortage of food, including meat. Food would not be available in abundance and citizens would have to confront the scarcity of food. As such, this initiative would allow pupils to experience the dilemma of having a shortage of food, a reality that many of their grandparents and great grandparents faced during the war years under the Japanese Occupation. This programme is give awareness to the pupils the scarcity of food options during times of crisis. Apart from that, this initiative would bring awareness to Westwoodians about the impact of meat production on our planet so that they would in turn make informed decisions as individuals and as citizens of the nation. To make the experience as authentic as possible, our canteen vendors will not be selling any meal containing meat during the three recesses. Canteen vendors will function as normal after 1.15pm. Pupils staying back for any other school programmes can buy their food from the canteen stalls.

We seek your co-operation in supporting the school **by encouraging your child/ward to consume the food from the school's canteen during recess.**

Please discourage your child/ward from bringing his/her own food from home as this will prevent him/her from fully appreciating the importance of being prepared during times of emergencies.

If your child/ward is on a special dietary plan, kindly inform his/her form teacher prior to the day of the event.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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