



# St. James' Church Kindergarten

"...where every child matters."

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## Sunshine Newsletter

*From the Principal's desk*

Term 3

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Welcome back to school! We trust that the children had a good break during the four-week holidays, and are ready for a new term. This term will be another exciting one for the children, with many learning activities lined up for them. We hope to continue to make preschool fun and meaningful for the children.

While most of us live busy lives with many competing demands, let's all be reminded that the early years of our children are so precious. There is a poem that we would like to share with you.

If I had my child to raise all over again,  
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.  
I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less.  
I would do less correcting and more connecting.  
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.  
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.  
I'd stop playing serious.  
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.  
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.

- Diane Loomans -

*Jacqueline Chung*  
Senior Principal

*Alicia Yah*  
Vice Principal

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## K1 Wonderful World of Stories! Camp – 26 May

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The Wonderful World of Stories! camp for the K1 children was a wonderful way to end the term. The children were led by our teachers through different activity stations where they engaged with a variety of hands-on activities based on selected English and Chinese stories. Stories were brought to life through music & movement, craft, and literacy games. The children's imagination and creativity were tickled as they delved into the world of stories. They also enjoyed the live interactive multi-sensory performance of "Prince Bear & Pauper Bear" staged by The Learning Connections (TLC). Here are some snippets of the fun we shared!



Tikki Tikki Tembo



The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs



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If You Give a Mouse a Cookie



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Prince Bear and Pauper Bear

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# Term 3 Curriculum

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We trust your children had a good time doing the holiday activity(s). We are sure that by now they have become little 'experts' in the topic that their class is working on for the project work this term. Here is a brief overview of what they will cover this term, in addition to the time that will be spent on Project Work. The activities will be done in both English and Chinese.

## 1. Project Work

- Phase 1 - Brainstorming, questioning, discussing & planning (completed)
- Phase 2 - Investigating, interviewing & field trip
- Phase 3 - Selecting, compiling information & presenting (Open House)

## 2. English

- h - as in hat
- b - as in bat
- ff - as in cuff (at the end of a short word after a short vowel)
- ll - as in doll (at the end of a short word after a short vowel)
- Readers
  - Look Out Fish!
  - When I Grow Up

## 3. Mathematics

- Colour and shape patterns
- Colour and shade recognition
- Comparing objects based on 2 physical attributes
- Graphing

## 4. Chinese 华文

- The emphasis in our Chinese programme is that children learn to listen to and understand simple phrases, speak it confidently, and recognise simple Chinese characters.
- For the whole of this term, the Chinese teachers will be expanding and working on the Project Work topic that your child's class is exploring. All the language activities, stories, rhymes and songs will revolve around the project topic selected by each class. This will be done through Project Work topics for the different classes and the topic '玩具' (Toys) will also be covered this term.

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# Suggested Parent-Child Activities

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## Catch a Capital

This is a simple 'homemade' teaching tool.

- Cut out some shapes of table tennis paddles on cardboard paper and write lower case letters on them...up to the whole alphabet.
- Now write the capital letters on some shapes of ping pong balls.
- Have your child match them up. You can choose whatever matching items for making the matching cards.
- They will get to learn the upper case and lower case letters of the alphabet.
- You can also use these cards to teach them the order of the alphabet.

## I SPY THE ALPHABET starting with Letter A

Gather a random mix of toys or objects and play 'I SPY' with your child.

- You can start with Letter A and go down the list... "I spy something that starts with an A". (It could be an aeroplane or even an apple.)
- When he/she chooses the apple, cut it up and you and your child can enjoy a fruit together.
- Proceed to Letter B, Letter C, etc.
- This activity can be spread out over many weeks.
- You can choose how many letters you want to practise with your child at one time.



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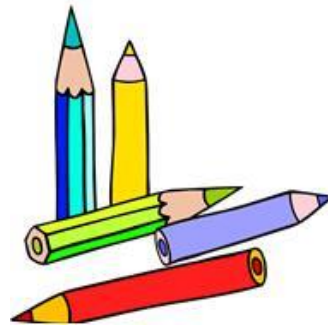
# Suggested Parent-Child Activities

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## Colours all around

Prepare a little notebook and a box of crayons/colour pencils.

- Start by taping colour word cards around items in the house, e.g. the word 'RED' on a red cushion.
- You can find any ten objects and make colour signs for them, or you can start with just one colour, and gradually add more.
- See if your child can spot these items and draw them using the corresponding colour crayon.
- The activity can be extended to having your child draw an item with the corresponding colour crayon and the adult will have to guess what it is, e.g. a black crayon sketching of a box (a TV perhaps?).
- The fun is in the guessing. The adult can do vice versa, draw and let the child find the corresponding colour item in the house.
- You can also help the child to write the name of the item in the house in addition to learning to recognise the colour word.



**The above activities are simple to carry out and some of the skills covered are:**

- Language arts: letter and word recognition, expands your child's vocabulary
- Concept development: identifying colours in the environment, and naming colours.
- Fine motor enhancement: tearing masking tape, crayon/pencil grasp, cutting paper.
- Art: recognising and practising ways to use a familiar medium (crayons) in unfamiliar ways to achieve a unique effect.

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# Term 3 Calendar

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**PUT THIS ON YOUR  
CALENDAR**

## Public & School Holidays

- Hari Raya Puasa : Monday 26 June 2017
- Youth Day School Holiday : Monday 3 July 2017
- National Day : Wednesday 9 August 2017
- Day after National Day : Thursday 10 August 2017
- Kindergarten Anniversary : Wednesday 30 August 2017
- Teachers' Day : Thursday 31 August 2017
- Hari Raya Haji : Friday 1 September 2017
- Term 3 break : 2 – 10 September 2017

### **Special Events - \*Please mark these events in your calendar!\***

#### **1. Field Trip for Nursery & K1**

Date : Wed 12 July 2017 (Sessions 1) – No classes for Session 2

Thu 13 July 2017 (Session 2) – No classes for Session 1

Time : 8.15 am – 2.45 pm

#### **2. Racial Harmony Day**

Date : Fri 21 July 2017

Time : Regular school hours for the children

Attire : Children can wear ethnic costumes to celebrate racial harmony

#### **3. National Day Celebration**

Date : Tue 8 August 2017

Time : 8.15 am – 9.45 am (Session 1)

10.15am – 11.45 am (Session 2)

Attire : Children come to school in RED & WHITE



#### **4. Project Work Open House for Nursery & K1**

Date : Tue 15 August 2017 (K1) & Wed 16 August 2017 (Nursery)

Time : Regular school hours for ALL children

*More information will be given.*

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#### **Teachers' Day Celebration**

Date : Tue 29 August 2017

Time : 8.15 am – 9.45 am (Session 1)

10.15 am – 11.45 am (Session 2)

*Special programme run by parents 😊*



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## General Information

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### Every Friday is Fruit Day

We would like all children to bring some fruit to supplement the meal time on Fridays. The fruit should be pre-cut (if necessary) and easy to consume.

### Daily Temperature-taking

We encourage all parents to take the temperature of their children **BEFORE** they come to school, and indicating that the temperature has been taken by placing a sticker on your child's uniform.



Children who are sick (fever ( $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), vomiting, diarrhoea, severe cough and cold, Pinkeye (conjunctivitis) and other infectious diseases) should not be sent to school. If your child falls sick while in school, he/she will be taken to the sick bay in the office and you will be asked to **make arrangements** to take him/her home. Sick children will **not be allowed** to go home on the school buses. Do take note that children who may only be slightly unwell are generally more susceptible to catching infections.

Should your child be looked after by a caregiver, do inform the caregiver to follow the instructions.

### Term Fee Reminder

Due date : **30 June 2017**  
Amount for Nursery & K1 : \$1,412.40 (inclusive of 7% GST)

- Make cheque payable to **St. James' Church Kindergarten.**
- Write child's name and class at the back of the cheque.
- Please do not send us post-dated cheque.
- Please make payment by **30 June 2017.**

GIRO/Baby Bonus deduction: **30 June 2017**

- Please ensure that there are sufficient funds in the account.
- For unsuccessful deductions, a bank charge of \$5.00 applies.

A late payment fee of \$30.00 (inclusive of GST) will be levied for each week of non-payment after 30 June 2017. Receipts will be issued upon successful deduction of term fees paid via Giro / CDA a/c in week 4.

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Kindergarten

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**Our Vision**

A preschool where every child experiences high quality education, is developed into a well-rounded individual, and demonstrates godly character

**Our Mission**

To provide an environment that offers high quality and holistic early education and to nurture values based on Christian principles

**Our Core Values**

Respect  
Nurture  
Godly character