



مَدْرَسَةُ السَّغُوفِ الْعَرَبِيَّةِ

## MADRASAH ALSAGOFF AL-ARABIAH

*Singapore's Oldest Islamic Educational Institution – Founded in 1912*

27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents

Assalamu'alaikum wr. wb.

We welcome all our banat back to Madrasah this term and hope that they had an enjoyable and meaningful break during the March holidays. As we move into the second term, we are excited to continue to build on the culture of excellence that our students and teachers have started.

We would like to thank all parents for your invaluable support and presence at the Haflah, Maulid, briefing sessions and PSG workshops held in Term 1. We hope to see a continued support from you throughout the year.

### **CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENTS**

We are pleased to share with you the learning and achievements of our girls in some competitions they participated in.

We are proud of all our students who have given their best and demonstrated our school values, whether or not they have won any awards. Highlights of our key achievements in Term 1, 2017, can be found in *Annex A*.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES**

As part of our school's efforts to ensure students' safety, we have installed an automated system for our main gate. There had been a few incidents where strangers and tourists came into the school compound without permission. In order to protect our students, we seek your kind understanding and hope that you will abide by the following:

- All visitors, including parents, are requested to seek assistance upon arrival by pressing the intercom button at the side of the gate.
- Visitors will need to enter via the small gate and must report to the General Office immediately. Please do **not** go directly to the classroom or staff room to see teachers or students.
- Please wait for your daughter at the designated waiting area near the main gate and avoid loitering.
- Parking lots within the school compound are reserved for staff vehicles.
- Parents are advised to park their cars along Aliwal Street.
- The school gates will be opened for drop-off from **6.30am - 7.20am**, Monday to Friday.
- If you are picking up your child at dismissal time, we seek your understanding to enter the school compound **15 minutes after dismissal time** (i.e. from 3.45pm), when the school buses have left the school compound.

### **MINI PASAR AMAL 2017**

Our annual carnival will be held on **Friday, 14 April 2017**, which coincides with a public holiday (Good Friday). Do come to the carnival with family members and friends. We welcome any form of donations and contributions for this event. (*Please see Annex B for details.*)

## **SALE OF DATES**

As part of our annual fundraising initiative, we will continue to sell dates (safaawi) at \$12 per box. This year, we will sell not more than 2,600 boxes. Therefore, we would like to encourage parents who are interested in purchasing the dates to place their orders from 1st April, before we open the order to public on 10th April.

## **IFTAR & JUNE HOLIDAYS**

This year, school holiday will fall during June break. Therefore, there will be no changes to the calendar. We would like to invite all parents to attend our annual Iftar on **Friday, 2 June 2017**. It will be on the same day as the Parent-Teacher Meeting day. More details will be given nearer the date.

## **TERM 2 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Please find the updated calendar of events for Term 2. You may also check the online calendar on our website for any updates. (*Annex C*)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Our Parent Support Group's EXCO members would like to invite more parents to come forward to help them in various areas. Currently, they are looking for volunteers to be Traffic Controllers and to help to clean classroom fans. Volunteers are also needed during our school events such as IFTAR, Mini Pasar Amal and Tabung Ramadan. An online form will be sent out some time next week for you to choose the most suitable dates for you to volunteer your services.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

We seek your cooperation in using the social media platform with discretion. Please avoid posting your daughter's photos or videos in school uniform. Please also monitor your daughter's postings on social media.

Should you have any feedback for the Madrasah, kindly channel it to us via a proper communication platform. Please avoid criticising our teachers in a Whatsapp group as this could lead to backbiting (namimah), which is haram. You may send your feedback to me directly via email at [syedmustafa@alsagoff.edu.sg](mailto:syedmustafa@alsagoff.edu.sg). Do indicate your name so that I can do the necessary follow-up. Rest assured that your identity will be protected.

## **i-Care Optical Offer**

We have received an attractive offer from a Muslim-owned optician that has been in the market for 20 years. Madrasah Alsagoff students can get a new pair of glasses at only \$30. Please show the attached voucher to get the special rate. This offer is valid until the end of the year.

Thank you once again for all your support. We hope to continue to work in partnership with you to further your daughter's learning and holistic development.

Wassalamu'alaikum wr. wb.

Best Regards.



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