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# School Memo

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents,

It is so lovely to see our morning class parents come for the Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) today. The teachers and I had a great time listening to wonderful stories about the children. We are so happy that you are here, joyful to hear lots of great conversation about children's learning and development. We look forward to the afternoon classes' PTC next Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

I am very hopeful that the Education Bureau will permit kindergartens to resume classes on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>! We will send you an email to confirm this on Sunday. During class suspensions, teachers and support staff planned and prepared for their classes' home learning, Christmas play and many others. I'm sure that your child's class teachers have been sending you home learning as well as fun videos for your child—these helped enable continued connection with the children during this time of absence. As a result of this long absence, there may be some children who may need support as we settle them back in school and their classroom routines. We would like to assure you that we, teachers and leaders, are here to support each and every child in school.

Here are some tips on how to support children who may be feeling anxious or worried about returning to school:

1. Safety (in the now): Parents, teachers and support staff should be mindful of how their language sustains or increases a sense of safety. At this age and stage of development, it is important to let children express any fears they have and then for parents and teachers to use reassuring language for safety.
2. If you are noticing increased emotional - behavioural issues in your children at this time, please let the teachers or school leaders know so we can provide timely guidance and reassurance.
3. Classroom approaches to the present times will be focused on age-based learning with how children identify feelings and seek comfort, rather than on the events that have been taking place themselves.



4. If you find that you need to have discussions with young children about current events, we recommend to talk on this subject for a maximum of 5 minutes, and then to focus on reassuring the child that they are safe and nurtured with you.

### **Family-Children Support Parent Talk**

The recent events in Hong Kong have reminded us how important our safety and well-being are in times of stress, uncertainty, fear and unplanned disruptions in our work and school days. We have arranged for Dr. Mark Gandolfi, a renowned Clinical Psychologist, to facilitate a parent talk, '*Family-Children Support during Times of Unrest*'. Here are the details:

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (Wednesday)

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Venue: Learning Hub at Small World Christian Kindergarten

If parents are interested to attend this talk, please [register](#) online. Thank you!

### **Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC)**

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, will be the PTC for PM classes. Parents are invited to register for a 15 minute session, between 8:00am and 4:20pm, on the scheduled date. Although we had previously planned to have no regular classes on this date, we have decided to run classes as normal to minimise disruption. One teacher from each class will meet the parents.

To book a Parent Teacher Conference, parents can access the [PTO website](#) and follow these quick, easy steps:

1. Click on "Book a Parent-Teacher Conference".
2. Click on "Obtain PIN/Password" (which is located on the right hand side directly above the 'Log In' button).
3. Enter the e-mail address that your Schoolgramme is sent to and click 'Send email'. (If you have given us multiple e-mail addresses and your first attempt fails, please enter your other address - the system only allows one address)
4. Check your e-mail to retrieve your unique 5-digit PIN.
5. Return to the [PTO website](#), log-in (you'll just need your e-mail address and the 5 Digit PIN) and follow the prompts.
6. Find the time that suits you best and book it.



## Christmas Play

Each class will hold their own special nativity play. Kindly take note of your child's Christmas play schedule. The teachers will send you class-specific information at a later stage. We hope to see you during these special performances!

Christmas Play Dates	Start Time	Morning Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (Tue)	10:30 AM	Penguin AM Panda AM
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Wed)	10:30 AM	Otter AM Giraffe AM
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Thurs)	10:30 AM	Koala AM Dolphin AM

Christmas Play Dates	Start Time	Afternoon Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (Tue)	2:30 PM	Penguin PM Panda PM
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Wed)	2:30 PM	Wallaby PM
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Thur)	2:30 PM	Koala PM Dolphin PM



"The First Christmas"





## Christmas Holidays

The last day of the school term will be **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

First day of the second term is on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

## “He said, She said” in Love & Marriage

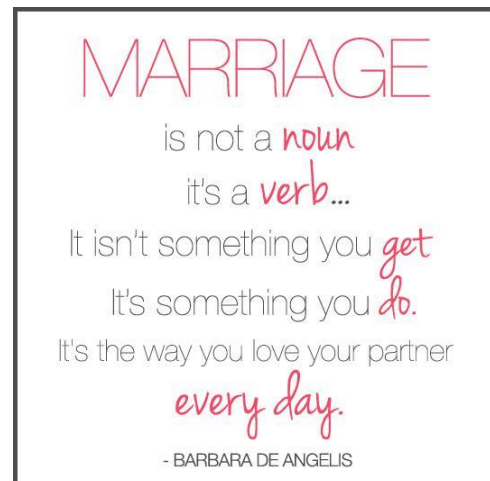
This programme is a case study approach, designed for married couples of all ages who are committed to gaining greater depth and intimacy in their relationship hence strengthening their marriage. It covers the following topics:

1. Love Bond
2. Sexual Persons
3. Marital Communication
4. Work and Family
5. Family Life
6. Money and Budget

Dates: **Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, Mar 19<sup>th</sup>, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
May 21<sup>st</sup> 2020**

Time: **6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Fee: **\$1,000 per couple**



If you are interested, please click [here](#) to register online, and send a cheque to our Office with your name written on the back. Thanks!

## Getting Dressed for Success

In order to cultivate independence and develop self-care skills, please dress your child in clothing that they can easily manage when using the toilet; for example, trousers with elastic waistbands instead of to belts, suspenders and overalls, etc.

## Changing Clothes

As the weather cools down, please change your child's spare set of clothes in their cubby to winter clothes; and ensure that the items are labelled properly.







# HAPPY Thanksgiving

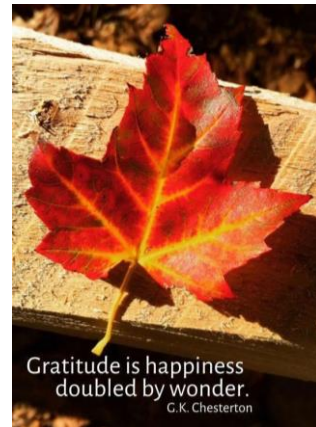
Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, is a day of thanksgiving in the United States. Happy Thanksgiving to all our American families and friends! We pray for every family in Small World and beyond, asking God for continued blessing and protection.

Blessings,

*Tess Baguio*

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Small World Christian Kindergarten is a proud International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) member. The IEYC is a research-based curriculum recognizing global best practice in early childhood education and the developmental needs of 2-5 year olds.