



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From the Principal's Office – May 2018

1) **Public/School Holidays and Major School Events**

Please take note of the public/school holidays and major school events scheduled in May and into the first week of July.

Date	Event	Remarks (if any)
1 May, Tue	Labour Day	Public Holiday
21 May, Mon	Admin & Training Day for Teachers	No school for all pupils
22 May, Tue	Career Fest for P5 & P6 pupils	All P1 – P6 pupils report to school as per normal.
24 May, Thu	P6 Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM)	Updated Information: P6 PTM will only be conducted in the afternoon. All P1 – P6 pupils report to school as per normal.
25 May, Fri	Lower Primary Sports Carnival & Eat with Your Family Day	For P1 – P3 pupils All P1 – P6 pupils report to school as per normal. The school will close at 5pm to support Eat with Your Family Day initiative.
26 May, Sat – 24 Jun, Sun	School Vacation	
2 Jul, Mon	Youth Day (off-in-lieu)	School Holiday
6 Jul, Fri	Open House	School hours will remain as usual for all levels.

2) **Welcome**

The school is pleased to welcome, Mr Victor Lee, Vice-Principal (Administration). Mr Lee will oversee all non-curriculum areas and help drive strategic planning and ensure efficient management of resources to support the delivery of holistic education in the school. He will also provide leadership to our team of Executive and Administrative Staff to achieve excellence in school administration and operations.

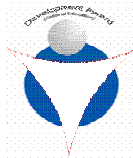
The school would like to bid farewell and extend our sincere thanks to Mr Chew Yeok Meng and Mr Roy Huang who have left the service.

3) **Learning Journeys**

As part of the school's efforts to make pupils' learning more engaging and authentic, the school has organized learning journeys (LJ) for pupils in May.



Loyalty
Integrity
Generosity
Enthusiasm
Respect &
Responsibility



Date	Learning Journey	Level
23 May, Wed	LJ to Singapore Changi Airport	All P1 pupils
23 May, Wed	LJ to Singapore Sports Museum	All P2 Pupils
23 May, Wed	LJ to Marina Barrage	All P3 pupils

4) School Achievements

The school is proud to announce that the school has achieved the highest honour – Certificates of Distinction, for all three Performing Arts groups at the recent Singapore Youth Festival 2018 Arts Presentation. Congratulations to our teachers in-charge, instructors and pupils of our Chinese Dance, Guzheng Ensemble, and International Dance!

5) Holistic Assessment and Semestral Assessment 1 (SA1)

Please refer to the letter given out to parents on 22 January, Monday, for details of Holistic Assessment and Semestral Assessment 1 schedule and School Examination Policy.

6) Cyberwellness Programme, 14 – 17 May

From 14 May, Monday to 17 May, Thursday, the school will be holding a Cyber Wellness programme to educate all pupils about online safety habits. There will be a Cyber Wellness talk during Assembly, lessons led by the Cyber Wellness ambassadors and fun-filled activities during the 3 recesses.

The P3 and P4 Ambassadors had attended the Cyber Wellness Ambassador Workshop and will be displaying games they had created at the workshop and sharing what they had learnt to increase the awareness of cyber wellness issues and values among their peers.

7) Reading Carnival at Jing Shan, 18 May & 24 Aug

Reading Carnival is a collaborative effort between Jing Shan Primary, the National Library Board (NLB), and Learning Support Coordinators (LSCs) from the seven primary schools in South 1 (S1) Cluster to promote reading for Primary One and Two pupils in the Learning Support Programme (LSP). The aim of the activity is to cultivate pupils' interest and habit in reading English books, through exposure to well-known children's books and engagement in interesting language games that are designed based on these books. It is a platform for pupils to share their understanding of the books and to display their creativity through designing and playing games that are based on these books. The school will host the 2 half-day event which will be held on 18 May, Friday for P2 LSP pupils and 24 August, Friday for P1 LSP pupils.

8) P6 Parent-Teacher Meeting, 24 May

The school will organize the above event on 24 May, Thursday, for P6 parents. The event will start at 2.30pm and end by 5.00pm. It will be a half-day event and not a full-day event, as was previously communicated in the April letter. All P1 to P6 pupils will report to school as per normal on that day. The objective of the session is to provide parents/guardians with the opportunity to discuss about your child's / ward's learning needs and progress with his/her subject teacher. Your child/ward does not need to attend the Parent-Teacher Meeting. As part of the school's effort to go green, booking of the time slots to meet with the subject teachers will be conducted online. More details will be given out in a separate letter.

9) Report Books and Portfolios, 25 May

We will be issuing report books and portfolios to our pupils on 25 May, Friday. Please sign on the report book and return the report book and portfolio to your child's form teacher on the first day of school next term on 25 June, Monday.

10) Lower Primary Sports Carnival, 25 May

The Lower Primary Sports Carnival is an annual event for pupils from Primary 1 to 3 to have a day full of fun-filled activities where they enjoy themselves and learn about leading an active and healthy lifestyle. This year, the Primary 1 pupils will be engaged in games modified from Badminton and Athletic events. The Primary 2 and 3 pupils will be engaged in mass dance as

well as modified Tennis games. A health talk will be given after their recess and teachers will consolidate their learning at the end of the day.

11) Eat with Your Family Day, 25 May

The simple activity of eating with family has far-reaching positive effects in building strong and happy homes. To support the Eat with Your Family Day initiative, the school will close at 5pm on 25 May, Friday. We encourage all staff and pupils to participate in the event and to have a good bonding time with family members over dinner.

12) Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Matters

In the spirit of allowing our pupils to be exposed to different CCAs to discover their passion and interests and learn different types of skills, the P2 and P3 pupils have an option to change their CCA in Semester 2. Option forms for change of CCA will be given out to all P2 and P3 pupils by next week.

However, for P3 pupils who have been identified to join the school team and who will be representing the school in national competitions, we seek your understanding that they will be required to remain in the CCA for **at least 2 years**.

13) Travel Declaration via ASKLearn™ Learning Management System, 25 May – 24 June

As required by the Ministry of Education, **all Primary 1 pupils** are to submit a travel declaration or a NIL return if they are not travelling in the June holidays. For **Primary 2 to 6 pupils**, a submission is only required if pupils are travelling overseas during the holidays.

Your child/ward can complete the online submission via the ASKLearn™ Learning Management System. Alternatively, you may submit the Online Travel Declaration on behalf of your child/ward via the ASKLearn™ Parents' Portal. Online travel declaration will be made available from 25 May, Friday to 24 June, Sunday.

Please refer to the information and instructions provided below to make the necessary travel declaration. Should you encounter problems with login, please contact Ms Jos Tan at 6456 6305 during office hours.

Access using URL:

https://lms.asknlearn.com/JINGSHAN_PS/loqon_new.aspx for both Students' and Parents' Portals.

Login ID for Parents' Portal: Your Child's/Ward's Birth Cert Number or Student Pass ID
Password: parents

If this is your first login to the portal, you will be asked to provide some information.

14) P6 Matters

a) Primary 6 Supplementary Classes, 20 – 22 June

As part of providing continuous support to our pupils towards their PSLE preparation, the school will be conducting supplementary lessons during Week 4 of the June holidays from 20 June, Wednesday to 22 June, Friday. P6 pupils will report to school at 8.30am and lessons will end at 1.00pm. There will be a short break from 10.30am – 11.00am. A few stalls in the canteen will be open to sell food and drinks during the break time.

As the teachers will be conducting important revision lessons throughout the three days, the school seeks parents' cooperation to ensure that the pupils attend these sessions. Please refer to letter dated 3 April for additional details.

b) Direct School Admission for Primary 6 Pupils

Primary 6 pupils have a choice whether or not to participate in the DSA-Sec. The DSA-Sec Exercise comprises 3 stages, namely, Selection Stage, Exercise School Preference Stage and Results Release Stage. During the Selection Stage, the application deadline for each DSA-Sec School may be different. Your child must identify the school(s) he/she will like to apply to and check with the secondary school he/she is interested in, on how to apply. For more information on DSA, please visit <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/dsa-sec/>

15) Temperature-Taking Exercise, 29 June

Temperature-Taking Exercise is conducted twice a year – once in term 1 and another in term 3. This allows us to maintain our readiness to reactivate the temperature taking regime in an event of a health-related emergency. The exercise is tentatively scheduled on 29 June, Friday. All pupils are to ensure that they bring a working thermometer on that day.

16) Hari Raya Puasa Celebration, 3 July

The school will be celebrating Hari Raya Puasa on 3 July, Tuesday. There will be a concert in the school hall from 7.35 am – 8.15 am and all parents are cordially invited. Please be seated at the gallery by 7.30 am for flag raising ceremony. Due to space constraints in the hall, we seek your understanding that only 2 members from each family are invited. All pupils are encouraged to wear their ethnic costumes to school. Alternatively, they may choose to wear their school uniform. For footwear, all pupils are to wear their black school shoes and socks. They should not come to school in slippers, sandals or party shoes.

17) JSPS Open House, 6 July

Jing Shan Open House 2018 is held from 10.00am to 12.00pm on 6 July, Friday. The Open House provides an opportunity for parents of potential P1 pupils to know more about the school's programmes and view the school's facilities. Highlights include presentations by the Principal, Mdm Goh Meei Yunn and Director of Alphajoy Student Care Centre, Mr Spencer Tan, and a school tour. More information, including registration details, can be found on our school website by 25 May, Friday.

18) P4 Self-Leadership Camp, 19 & 20 July

The annual P4 Self-Leadership Camp aims:

- to enable pupils to acquire important life skills essential to the development of self-management, self-awareness and responsible decision making;
- to promote self-leadership and build self-confidence through activities;
- to provide the pupils with the opportunity to develop their leadership potential through meaningful activities;
- to provide the pupils with the opportunity to enjoy wholesome, exciting and fun-filled outdoor activities.

The camp is a milestone event in the pupils' learning and they will spend a memorable time with their peers. A pre-camp briefing for parents will be conducted in Term 3. More details will be given at a later date.

19) Update on Master Contract for Group Personal Accident Insurance Plan for Students Online Submission of Claims

On 1 March 2018, NTUC Income launched the online portal for Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance Plan for Students. Parents/pupils can submit the claims online and check the claims status through the online portal. Information on claims, FAQs and other details pertaining to the GPA Insurance Plan for Students can be found on the website of NTUC Income at <https://www.income.com.sg/studentgpa>.

Goh Meei Yunn (Mdm)
Principal