



# JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## From the Principal's Office – March 2018

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

Please note the following school and public holidays and major events from March to June:

Date	Event	Remarks (if any)
9 Mar, Fri	Parent-Teacher Meeting & E-Learning Day	No school for P1 – P6 pupils
10 Mar, Sat – 18 Mar, Sun	School Vacation	
30 Mar, Fri	Good Friday	Public Holiday
1 May, Tue	Labour Day	Public Holiday
26 May, Sat – 24 Jun, Sun	School Vacation	

### 2) School Values

In alignment with the school vision, mission and values, and to foster a positive school culture, the school places special emphasis on our school values of **Respect and Responsibility** throughout the year.

The school would like to work with parents to support your child in learning self-management skills, and also to take responsibility for his/her own actions. Parents are to guide and teach your child to pack his/her bag and remember to bring required items to school. In a situation that your child forgets to bring an item to school, we do not encourage nor expect that parents bring the item to school for him/her. The collection of such items by your child not only disrupts their learning, it also interrupts the learning of the whole class when announcements need to be made, and sends the wrong signal to your child.

In anticipation of Term 2 approaching, we would like to inform you of the value of **Integrity** which we will be emphasizing in Term 2. All pupils are encouraged to conduct themselves with integrity at all times. They can do so by knowing what is right and doing the right thing at all times. Pupils with integrity are pupils who speak the truth and behave well even in the absence of an adult. Please support the school's efforts by reiterating the above with your child/ward at home.

### 3) Learning Journeys

As part of the school's efforts to make pupils' learning more engaging and authentic, the school has organised learning journeys for P2 – P6 pupils in March.



Loyalty  
Integrity  
Generosity  
Enthusiasm  
Respect &  
Responsibility



Date	Learning Journey	Level
6 Mar, Tue	National Orchid Gardens	All P2 pupils
6 Mar, Tue	National Museum of Singapore	All P4 pupils
5 - 6 Mar, Mon - Tue (6/1, 6/3, 6/6) 7 - 8 Mar, Wed - Thu (6/2, 6/4, 6/5)	P6 Internationalisation Programme to Malacca, Malaysia	All P6 Pupils
7 – 12 Mar, Wed - Mon	P5 Internationalisation Programme to Suzhou & Shanghai, China	Selected P5 Pupils
29 Mar, Thu (Gp 1) 12 Apr, Thu (Gp 2)	Road Safety Park	All P4 Pupils
29 Mar, Thu (5/1, 5/2) 6 Apr, Fri (5/3, 5/4 & 5/5)	DNA Lab @ Science Centre: Diversity of Cells	All P5 Pupils

4) **WOW MUM/DAD, 8 & 22 March 2018**

WOW MUM/DAD (Words Of Wisdom) by the Parent Support Group (PSG), has been scheduled on 8 & 22 March, Thursday, during the 3 recesses. The reading sessions will be conducted at the Ligerbrary. Do encourage your child to visit the Ligerbrary to experience these fun and interactive reading sessions!

5) **Parent-Teacher Meeting and e-Learning Day, 9 March 2018**

The school will organize the Parent-Teacher Meeting on 9 March, Friday, from 8.30am – 5.00pm. 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 Form Teachers or Subject Teachers. Pupils need not attend the event and will have to work on their e-learning assignments at home. A detailed letter was given out on 14 February, Wednesday.

6) **Remembering Singapore's Founding Fathers, 19 – 23 March 2018**

The school will be dedicating Term 2 Week 1 to remember the Founding Fathers of Singapore. Through the activities planned for the week, the school hopes that pupils will develop an appreciation of what the Founding Fathers have done for the development of Singapore, as well as, be inspired to do their part for Singapore in the future. Pupils will be introduced to some of our Founding Fathers and learn about the key contributions and achievements that they have made through stories, posters, videos and quizzes.

7) **Science Challenge 1, 26 – 29 March 2018**

The Science Department will be organising its bi-annual Science Challenge for all P3 to P5 pupils on 26 March, Monday, from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm The Science Challenge is a platform to extend pupils' learning of science concepts and allow pupils to apply their science knowledge through the process of creating a toy. Top 3 winning teams per level will be awarded with Science Challenge trophies. This year, pupils will be tasked to create any toy that demonstrates science concepts that includes plastic and/or metal bottle caps. More details of the competition and information about registration can be found on the school's ASKnLearn portal.

8) **International Friendship Day Commemoration, 2 April 2018**

Being the multi-racial and diverse society that Singapore is, it has become even more important that we learn about the people around us in recent years. The school will be commemorating International Friendship Day on 2 April, Monday. Pupils will be learning about the different areas of culture in other countries around the world, but especially those of our immediate neighbours in ASEAN. Through this commemoration, we hope to develop in our pupils a greater understanding of the world around them.

9) **Collated Activities and Assessment Plan for Term 2**

Please refer to attached for the collated activities in Term 2. We hope the detailed collation will provide all parents with a good idea of what your child is experiencing across all subjects term 2, and that you can better support your child at home. We will inform by letter if there are any changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

10) **Caring Teacher Award Nomination, 5 February – 6 April 2018**

Nomination for the Caring English Teacher Award is now open. The award is given to teachers who exemplify the use of good spoken and written English, promote learning-focused interaction during English lessons and choose pedagogies appropriate to learners' needs, abilities and interests.

The school strongly encourages parents and pupils to nominate deserving teachers for the award. Nominations can be submitted online at [www.goodenglish.org.sg](http://www.goodenglish.org.sg) by 6pm on 6 April, Friday.

11) **Cyber Wellness & Well-Being**

The school holidays are just round the corner. During the break, many children may be spending more time online playing games or interacting with friends. It is important that children are responsible digital learners who practise the three Cyber Wellness principles of (a) Respect self and others; (b) Be safe and responsible and (c) Be a positive peer influence.

Cyberbullying occurs when electronic gadgets, such as mobile phones and computers; social media; and Internet services are used as a means to intentionally hurt someone in cyberspace. With cyberbullying, negative content can be shared, saved, and spread online, and a victim can be bullied 24/7. The school encourages parents/guardians to do your part to monitor your child's/ward's online behaviour and see to their overall well-being at all times. Parents/guardians are encouraged to:

- Be informed and aware of cyber trends and issues
- Participate in the digital world with your child
- Teach your child to be respectful

Please refer to the following links if you wish to learn more about Cyber Wellness:

a) **MOE Cyber Wellness Portal**

MOE's Cyber Wellness Portal has useful tips, strategies and resources on various cyber issues. You can also access it through "The ICT Connection" mobile app.  
Link: [ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness](http://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness)

b) **Ministry of Social and Family Development**

Check out the "What Bothers Youth" portal by Central Youth Guidance Office which has some useful tips and contacts for cyber bullying.  
Link: [whatbothersyouth.sg/en/Pages/Cyber-Bullying.aspx#.Wpitzmlua70](http://whatbothersyouth.sg/en/Pages/Cyber-Bullying.aspx#.Wpitzmlua70)

c) **Media Literacy Council**

Check out tips from the Media Literacy Council on how bystanders and parents can help the victims of cyber bullying.  
Link: [medialiteracycouncil.sg/Online-Safety/Cyber-Bullying](http://medialiteracycouncil.sg/Online-Safety/Cyber-Bullying)

d) **Health Promotion Board**

The Health Hub website provides advice for offline and online activities, including tips to manage cyberbullying.  
Link: [healthhub.sg/live-healthy/213/dealing\\_with\\_cyber-bullies](http://healthhub.sg/live-healthy/213/dealing_with_cyber-bullies)

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