



# JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From the Principal's Office – June 2018



A warm welcome back to Jing Shan Primary this second semester!

We first announced our merger with Da Qiao Primary School in April 2017, and subsequently in December 2017, we informed you of the news that the merged school will retain the name of "Jing Shan Primary School". I am pleased to inform you that the Principal-designate for the merged school has been confirmed. Mrs Melinder Goh (Mdm Thong Hoi Non), current Principal of Ahmad Ibrahim Primary School, will be the incoming Principal who will join the school from 15 December 2018.

This semester, we look forward to co-organising with our Da Qiao counterparts, separate bonding sessions for our P2 to P5 pupils, who will get to meet and interact with their Da Qiao friends from the same level in July. Separately, some parents have enquired about the school uniform and whether there will be a change to the uniform. I would like to assure you that the Jing Shan uniform will be retained in the initial year of the merger and changes to the uniform, if any, will be decided after that. The merger is a coming together of two schools, and we have been working closely with Da Qiao in the past year to ensure that the best practices and programmes from both schools are retained. Your child will benefit from a wider range of offerings and expertise with the merger. For instance, Jing Shan's Applied Learning Programme (ALP) through the Seamless Science programme and Da Qiao's Learning for Life Programme (LLP) in Developing Character Strengths, Resilience & Mindfulness through Values-in-Action, will be the twin signature programmes of the merged school.

We are still on track to commence on our upgrading project by November this year. Immediate provisions will be made by Jan 2019 to ensure that there are ample classrooms and facilities to cater to the increased student population in the existing school blocks during the year-end school holidays. In view of the constructions works that will take place on-site, access into the school for parents via the main gate will be curtailed once the construction begins, as the construction vehicles will also be using the same access. We will provide more details before the year closes, in anticipation of the changes ahead. Throughout the construction period, our pupils' safety will be our top concern and we will work closely with the contractors to minimize disruption and continue to provide a conducive environment for their learning.

Our pupils have done us proud in the first semester across many domains. In particular, we are especially happy that our Performing Arts Co-Curricular Activity Groups (Chinese Dance, Guzheng Ensemble, and International Dance) all achieved the highest honour – Certificates of Distinction, at the recent Singapore Youth Festival 2018 Arts Presentation. This is testament to the burgeoning performing arts environment in the school, and a result of the hard work of our staff, pupils and coaches. On the staff front, a total of 20 teachers completed a 4-month online Harvard Course on Visible Thinking, with another 6 colleagues returning from conferences in Hong Kong and Perth, Australia on *Creating a Culture of Thinking*. I am sure your child will benefit from their teachers' applications of what they have learnt into the classroom.

I look forward to another semester of rich interactions and learning at Jing Shan Primary School, while we prepare for the merger with full steam ahead. Onward We Strive!

Principal,  
Mdm Goh Meei Yunn



Loyalty  
Integrity  
Generosity  
Enthusiasm  
Respect &  
Responsibility



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

Please take note of the public/school holidays and major school events scheduled in Term 3:

Date	Event	Remarks
2 Jul, Mon	Youth Day (off-in-lieu)	School Holiday
3 Jul, Tue	Hari Raya Puasa Celebration	School hours will remain as usual for all levels.
6 Jul, Fri	Jing Shan Open House	School hours will remain as usual for all levels.
11 Jul, Wed 13 Jul, Fri	JSPS & DQPS Pupil Bonding Sessions during Curriculum Time	All pupils are to report to school as usual 11 Jul – Bonding for P2 & P5 cohorts 13 Jul – Bonding for P3 & P4 cohorts
16 Jul, Mon	Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day	School hours remain as usual for all levels.
19 – 20 Jul, Thu – Fri	P4 Leadership Camp	For P4 pupils only
21 Jul, Sat	P5 National Education (NE) Show	For P5 pupils only
8 Aug, Wed 9 – 10 Aug	National Day Celebration National Day Holidays	School hours will be from 7.30am – 9.30am on 8 Aug. Public Holiday & Day after National Day holiday for schools.
16 – 17 Aug Thu - Fri	PSLE Oral Examination	Only P6 pupils need to report to school. No school for P1 to P5 pupils.
29 Aug, Wed	P1-P2 Parent-Teacher-Child Conference P3-P5 Parent-Teacher Meeting E-learning Day for Pupils	Only P6 pupils report to school for lessons. P1 – P5 pupils are to engage in e-learning from home.
30 Aug, Thu 31 Aug, Fri	Teachers' Day Celebration Teachers' Day Holiday	School hours remain as usual for all levels. School holiday
1 Sep – 9 Sep Sat - Sun	School Vacation	School holiday
6 – 7 Sep, Thu - Fri	P6 September Supplementary Lessons	For P6 pupils only
14 Sep, Fri	PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination	Only P6 pupils need to report to school No school for P1 to P5 pupils

## 2) Welcome & Thank You

The school is pleased to introduce the following staff who joined the school in Term 3:

- Mdm Jayme Pang, Teacher (English, Math & Science)
- Mrs Sim Beng Siang, Teacher (English & Math)
- Mr Kenneth Chin, Infocomm Technology (ICT) Associate

We also welcome Mdm Ong Baojin and Mrs Elaina Lee who have returned from their leave.

The school would like to extend our sincere thanks for past contributions by the following staff who have left the school in May:

- Mdm Azlinah Bte Abu Bakar, Assistant Year Head & Teacher (PE & Math)

- Mdm Lee Kin Yin, Teacher (Math)
- Mdm Zaimasni, Teacher (English)
- Ms Iris Chin, Instructor (Music)

### 3) **Learning Journeys**

As part of the school's efforts to make pupils' learning more engaging and authentic, the school has organized the following learning journeys for pupils in Term 3.

Date	Learning Journey	Level
4 Jul, Wed (2/1, 2/2) 5 Jul, Thu (2/3, 2/4, 2/5)	Feed Your Imagination Learning Journey to Esplanade	P2
19 – 20 Jul, Thu - Fri	Leadership Camp	P4
21 Jul, Sat	National Education (NE) Show	P5
28 Aug, Tue	Jacob Ballas Children's Garden	P1
28 Aug, Tue	Singapore Zoological Gardens Interdisciplinary Trail	P3

### 4) **Return of Report Books and Portfolios to School, 27 June**

The school issued 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 latest by 27 June, Wednesday, if you have not done so.

### 5) **Temperature-Taking Exercise, 28 June**

The half-yearly temperature-taking exercise allows the school to maintain our readiness to reactivate the temperature taking regime in an event of a health-related emergency. The second exercise is scheduled on 28 June, Thursday. Kindly ensure that your child's thermometer is in good working condition. All pupils are to report directly to their classrooms on 28 June, Thursday in preparation for temperature-taking.

### 6) **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 the 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.

### 7) **JSPS Open House, 6 July**

Jing Shan Open House 2018 will be held from 10am to 12pm 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.

### 8) **Brownies' Cookies Sale, 9 - 13 July**

As part of the World Thinking Day Celebrations, Jing Shan Brownies will be launching the Girl Guides Cookies Sale as part of their fund-raising activities. The cookies sales will be from 9 July, Monday, to 13 July, Friday, during the 3 recesses.

The cookie tins will come in three flavours, Chocolate Cream, Chocolate Mint, and Chocolate Malt. If you are interested to place an order, please indicate your choice and quantity required in the order form attached. The prices for the tins are stated in the order form. Your child will bring this form and the money to the canteen during his/her recess to collect the order from 9 July, Monday, to 13 July, Friday.

**9) Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight, 9 - 20 July**

The Mother Tongue Language Fortnight aims to promote the love of learning Mother Tongue Languages through various activities conducted in a language-rich learning environment. A series of activities has been lined up for all pupils during the MTL Fortnight from 9 July, Monday to 20 July, Friday. Pupils will be exposed to various language activities during curriculum lessons, recesses and also through after-school Learning Journeys or enrichment activities. To promote the love of reading, there will also be a sale of story books in the school foyer. More details will be provided to you at a later date.

**10) Racial Harmony Day Commemoration, 16 July**

The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on 16 July, Monday. The theme for this year's Racial Harmony Day is ***Diversity Our Strength***. Pupils will be encouraged to build strong relationships with people of all races, cultures and nationalities, to strengthen our unique identity as Singaporeans living in a multi-cultural society. There will be classroom activities as well as recess activities organised to enhance the pupils' learning experiences. Pupils are encouraged to wear ethnic costumes on that day as part of the commemoration.

**11) 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 activities in an outdoor setting.

The camp is a milestone in the pupils' learning and they will spend a memorable time with their peers. A pre-camp briefing for parents will be conducted on 26 June, Tuesday, 5pm – 6pm, at the AVA Room (Level 3). Please refer to letter given on 24 May, Thursday, for details.

**12) Class Photo-Taking for P3 to P6, 27 July**

Class photo-taking will be held on 27 July, Friday, for P3 to P6 pupils. Pupils are expected to be in school uniform for photo-taking. If your child has PE/PAL lesson on that day, please ensure that he/she changes out of the PE attire into the school uniform before the photo-taking session. Kindly remind your child to be neat and tidy in attire and hairstyle for this photo-taking session.

**13) WOW Mum/Dad, Term 3 & 4**

The Parent Support Group is supporting the school reading programme by conducting storytelling sessions in the Ligerbrary. The WOW MOM/DAD programme (WOW stands for Words of Wisdom) includes storytelling and in-depth discussions based on the stories told. Through the interaction with the pupils, the parent volunteers seek to connect the moral of the stories to real life experiences, and impart important values to the pupils. Do encourage your child to visit the Ligerbrary to experience these fun and interactive reading sessions! The details for WOW MUM/DAD:

Day / Time / Venue	Dates
Thursday during the 3 Recesses @ Ligerbrary	<u>Term 3</u> 26 July & 23 August
	<u>Term 4</u> 20 September, 11 October & 8 November

**14) Family Matters in Schools, Term 3**

The school will be organizing 2 parenting workshops in July. Please refer to the table below for a summary of the workshops. For more details, please refer to attached application forms.

Date	Workshop	Targeted Parents	Remarks
14 July, Saturday	#1 Breakfast with Dad	P1 & P2 Fathers	Time: 8.30am – 10.30am Venue : JSPS Canteen
	#2 The Art and Science of Parenting in the Digital Age	P1 – P6 Parents	Time: 9am – 12pm Venue : JSPS AVA Rm

**15) National Day Celebration, 8 August**

The school will be celebrating Singapore’s 53<sup>rd</sup> National Day on 8 August, Wednesday. School hours will be from 7.30am – 9.30am. Please make the necessary arrangements to fetch your child/ward during dismissal at 9.30am. The school bus service will be informed of the change in school hours and the bus operator will do the necessary adjustments to cater to pupils who take the school bus. All pupils are also encouraged to wear an appropriate red or white T-shirt with school shorts or skorts. For footwear, they are to wear the designated black school shoes.

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**BROWNIES COOKIES’ ORDER FORM 2018**

Name of Pupil : \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate Mint Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate Cream Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate Malt Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Amount : \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) X \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount received by : \_\_\_\_\_ Initial : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_



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Dear P1-P2 Parents

Father and child relationship is a significant factor in the emotional and cognitive development of a child. As such, the school is organizing a Father and Child experiential workshop for parents on '**Breakfast with Dad**'.

This workshop is conducted by Centre for Fathering. The facilitator will utilize experiential learning methods to coach fathers to relate with their children through fun and meaningful activities.

We would like to encourage parents to register early as this workshop is limited to the **FIRST 30 pairs of Primary 1 and Primary 2 father and child only.**

Details of the event are:

Date: Saturday, 14 July 2018

Time: 8.30am to 10.30am

Venue: Jing Shan Primary School

Fee: \$10 per pair (Father and Child)

Please complete the attached registration slip and submit the slip together with the payment (placed in a sealed envelope, Attn: Mdm. Jaya) and drop in the FMS box near the General Office by **Thursday, 12 July 2018.**

We look forward to your support in making this programme a success in our school as we continue to nurture healthy and happy children.

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**REGISTRATION SLIP**  
**"Breakfast with Dad"**  
**Saturday 14 July 2018**

Name(s) of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Numbers: (HP) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



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## The Art and Science of Parenting in the Digital Age

Dear Parents

We are organizing an interactive workshop for parents on 'The Art and Science of Parenting in Digital Age'. Our invited speaker is Mr Poh Yeang Cheng from Kingmaker.

### Synopsis of Workshop

Children today are highly connected to the internet through mobile devices. They have constant access to the virtual worlds and addictive video games. They also tap into social networks and games to instantly connect and interact with others. With multiple distractions, children face challenges to maintain focus and hold attention in education and other real- life pursuits.

This talk draws from scientific research regarding the impact of such exposure on child development, learning and social relationships. Parents will learn practical tips to manage the impact of digital devices in your child's lives.

You will also gain insight into why such devices and applications are so addictive. Most importantly, the programme will discuss how parents can develop resilience and self-regulation on your children.

### Learning Outcomes

Make an informed media choice to suit family priorities and prepare child for school readiness.

Develop a media plan for child's wellness.

Choose and use technological tools to execute your media plan.

Gain other practical ideas to handle your young child.

Adapt parenting approach to counter challenges for new media.

We would like to encourage parents to register early for this workshop.

### Workshop Details

Date: Saturday, 14 July 2018

Time: 9am to 12noon

Venue: JSPS AVA Room Level 3

Fee: \$5 per person

Please complete the attached registration slip and submit the slip together with the payment (placed in a sealed envelope, Attn: Mdm Jaya) to the FMS box near the General Office by **Thursday, 12 July 2018**.

We look forward to your support in making this programme a success in our school as we continue to nurture healthy and happy children.

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### REGISTRATION SLIP

**"The Art and Science of Parenting in the Digital Age" on 14 July 2018**

Name(s) of Parent(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Numbers: (HP) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child : \_\_\_\_\_ Class : \_\_\_\_\_