



# JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Thinkers. Learners. Leaders.*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## From the Principal's Office – August 2018

### 1) **School Values of Respect, Responsibility & Loyalty**

In line with school vision and mission, the school places special emphasis on our school values of **Respect** and **Responsibility** throughout the year. In addition, for Term 3, the value of **Loyalty** is emphasized. The school hopes that all parents can support the school's efforts and reinforce these values at home.

**Loyalty:** All pupils are expected and encouraged to show loyalty at all times. They must be loyal to their friends, school and country. Pupils can demonstrate the value of Loyalty by taking care of one another, obeying the school rules and celebrating National Day with enthusiasm.

### 2) **Public/School Holidays and Major School Events**

Please take note of the public/school holidays and major school events scheduled in Terms 3 & 4:

| Date                       | Event   | Remarks   |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| 8 Aug, Wed                 | National Day Celebration  | School hours will be from 7.30am – 9.30am on 8 Aug.   |
| 9 - 10 Aug<br>Thu - Fri    | National Day Holidays   | Public Holiday & Day after National Day holiday for schools.  |
| 16 - 17 Aug<br>Thu - Fri   | PSLE Oral Examination   | Only P6 pupils need to report to school.<br>No school for P1 to P5 pupils.  |
| 22 Aug, Wed                | Hari Raya Haji  | Public Holiday  |
| 29 Aug, Wed                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P1-P2 Parent-Teacher-Child Conference</li> <li>P3-P5 Parent-Teacher Meeting</li> <li>P-Designate Mrs Melinder Goh Meeting with Parents</li> <li>E-learning Day for Pupils</li> </ul> | Only P6 pupils report to school for lessons.<br>P1 – P5 pupils are to engage in e-learning from home.                             |
| 30 Aug, Thu                | Teachers' Day Celebration   | School hours remain as usual for all levels.  |
| 31 Aug, Fri                | Teachers' Day Holiday   | School holiday  |
| 1 Sep, Sat -<br>9 Sep, Sun | School Vacation   | School holiday  |
| 6 - 7 Sep<br>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<br>No school for P1 to P5 pupils  |
| 5 Oct, Fri                 | Children's Day  | School Holiday  |
| 15 - 18 Oct<br>Mon - Thu   | PSLE Marking Exercise (Tentative)   | No school for P1 to P6 pupils as all teachers will be deployed for this exercise.   |
| 6 Nov, Tue                 | Deepavali   | Public Holiday  |
| 9 Nov, Fri                 | Promotion Day & P1 Orientation  | No school for P1 – P6 pupils to allow teachers to work on year-end administrative matters & for school to conduct P1 Orientation. |



Loyalty  
Integrity  
Generosity  
Enthusiasm  
Respect &  
Responsibility



| Date                      | Event   | Remarks                                      |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| 12 Nov, Mon               | Innovation Exhibition for P1 – P6 Pupils                            | School hours remain as usual for all levels. |
| 15 Nov, Thu               | P6 Graduation & P1 – P5 Prize-Giving Ceremony                       | More details to be given at a later date.    |
| 16 Nov, Fri               | Merged School Symbolic Ceremony: Two schools coming together as One | More details to be given at a later date.    |
| 17 Nov, Sat - 31 Dec, Mon | School Vacation   | School Holiday                               |
| 1 Jan 2019, Tue           | New Year's Day  | Public Holiday                               |
| 2 Jan 2019, Wed           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of New School Year 2019                         | All pupils to report to school.              |

### 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 |
|-------------|--|-------|
| 28 Aug, Tue | Jacob Ballas Children's Garden                       | P1    |
| 28 Aug, Tue | Singapore Zoological Gardens Interdisciplinary Trail | P3    |

### 4) School Anniversary Commemoration, 1 – 3 & 6 August

School Anniversary Commemoration is a school event to commemorate the founding of the school 73 years ago. There will be sharing of memories of Jing Shan by current staff and invited speakers who are alumni of the school during this period.

### 5) Arts Fest, 6 – 17 August

This year's Arts Festival is scheduled from 6 August, Monday to 17 August, Friday. The activities conducted aim to provide pupils with opportunities to appreciate the Arts. Highlights include:

| Date                | Activity   | Time                                    | Remarks   |
|---------------------|--|---|---|
| 6 - 7 Aug Mon - Tue | Fringe Activities                                  | 3 recesses                              | Fringe activities conducted by Art Club members.                                      |
| 8 Aug, Wed          | Jing Shan Has Talent                               | During National Day Observance Ceremony | Finalists of the annual Jing Shan Has Talent competition will take to the stage.      |
| 17 Aug, Fri         | Jing Shan Has Talent : Semi Finalists' Performance | 3 recesses                              | Jing Shan has Talent semi-finalists will showcase their talents on the iBusking Stage |

### 6) 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 has been 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 skirts. For footwear, they are to wear the designated black school shoes and socks.

### 7) Cyber Wellness

#### a) School Mobile Device Policy

Since 2016, the school has encouraged the use of mobile devices in the classroom for teaching and learning, as part of the school's Applied Learning Programme. The school has a Mobile Device Policy to guide all pupils and parents on the use of mobile devices beyond the supervision of our teachers within the school. We appreciate your support in reinforcing the policy with regard to the use of mobile devices (phones, tablets e.g. iPADS, digital watches, Kindles) in the school. Please refer to **Appendix A** for details of the Mobile Device Policy.

#### b) National Cyber Wellness Advocacy Challenge 2018 & Cyber Wellness Funfair, 13 – 15 August

Our Cyber Wellness Ambassadors participated in the National Cyber Wellness Advocacy Challenge in Term 2. In this Challenge, they were tasked to design interesting and relevant content that will engage parents in the active promotion of Cyber Wellness through the **SG Connexion app**, which is

open to the public. Our Cyber Wellness Ambassadors created an E-Trail, based on the theme 'Evaluating Content on Social Media'. The team did the school proud as they were shortlisted for the final round of this advocacy Challenge.

To emphasize the importance of Cyber Wellness to our student population, our Cyber Wellness Ambassadors will be organizing a Cyber Wellness Funfair from 13-15 August, Monday to Wednesday, during the 3 recesses. The Cyber Wellness Funfair will include Cyber Wellness games booth, Exhibition, Craft stations and a Body Art Booth.

We would also like to encourage parents to support the Cyber Wellness initiative by downloading and logging into the SG Connexion app during this period. For log in instructions, please refer to the school website. The school appreciates your support by:

- participating in the E-Trail designed by our Cyber Wellness Ambassadors, with your child
- lending support to our Cyber Wellness Ambassadors and your child when you take the Parents Pledge on the SG Connexion app
- sending a screenshot of this pledge-taking exercise using your child's Asknlearn account to the school for endorsement. Once the school receives the screenshot, your child can proceed to the Body Art Booth to collect exclusively designed temporary tattoo stickers from our Cyber Wellness Ambassadors during the funfair. As an alternative, you may download a hardcopy of the pledge from the school website and have your child/ward submit it during the funfair.

**8) PSLE Oral Examination, 16 & 17 August**

The PSLE Oral Examination will be conducted nationwide on 16 August, Thursday and 17 August, Friday. Only P6 pupils are required to report to school on these days and there will not be school for pupils from the other levels. Selected stalls in the canteen will be open to cater to the P6 pupils. The P6 pupils will be briefed on the details of the PSLE Oral Examination nearer the date.

**9) 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 below:

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

**10) Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening & Selection Exercise 2018**

We would like you to inform all parents of the 2018 Primary 3 cohort about the dates for the GEP Screening and Selection Exercises. They are:

- GEP Screening Exercise – 24 August, Friday
- GEP Selection Exercise – 16 - 17 October, Tuesday – Wednesday (for shortlisted pupils only)

**11) Parent-Teacher Conference / Meet-The-Parent Session / Meeting with Principal-Designate & E-Learning Day for Pupils, 29 August**

a) P1 & P2 Parent-Teacher-Child Conference

The P1 & P2 Parent-Teacher-Child (PTC) Conference will be held on 29 August, Wednesday, from 8.30am to 5.00pm. The objective of PTC is to provide a platform for the child, parents and teacher to engage in a dialogue on the child's holistic development. A detailed letter will be given out to parents near the date of the PTC.

b) P3 – P5 Parent-Teacher Meeting

The P3-P5 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) will be held on 29 August, Wednesday, from 8.30am to 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 Subject Teachers. A detailed letter will be given out near the date of the PTM.

- c) Meeting with Principal-Designate, Mrs Melinder Goh  
The Principal-Designate for the merged school, Mrs Melinder Goh, will meet with parents on the same day. Do attend her session if you would like to get to know her better and to hear her share her educational beliefs and plans for the merged school. Do look out the for the schedule and details in your child's PTC/PTM letter to be given out at a later date.
- d) E-Learning for Pupils  
The school will be conducting e-learning for pupils on 29 August, Wednesday and pupils need not attend school on that day. Pupils are to work on the e-assignments given by their subject teachers. More information will be given in a letter at a later date. The school takes a strong stand with regard to the completion and submission of these e-assignments by all pupils. The school strongly encourages parents to support your child on this day.

### **12) Teachers' Day Celebration, 30 August**

The school will also be celebrating Teachers' Day on 30 August, Thursday, with a concert. Parents and pupils are advised not to purchase any expensive gifts for our teachers and we strongly encourage our pupils to be creative in creating their own tokens of appreciation for their teachers. School hours will be as usual from 7.30am – 1.30pm. There will be no remedial/supplementary lessons or CCA scheduled in the afternoon.

### **13) School Health Service – Health Check and Immunization, 10 – 18 September**

The School Health Services will be visiting our school to conduct the annual health screening from 10 September, Monday, to 18 September, Tuesday, during curriculum hours. More details will be provided in a letter to parents.

### **14) ECHA 2018 @ Jing Shan Primary School**

Edusave Character Award (ECHA) was introduced by MOE to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. The award also supports our schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens. We would like to invite parents to nominate your child for this award through our school website or through this link: <https://bit.ly/2LKw5vH>

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Students must be a Singaporean.
- Students must be nominated by self, parent, teacher or staff of Jing Shan

#### Award Timeline

- Nomination Phase – 1 August to 24 August 2018
- Shortlisting Phase – 27 to 31 August 2018
- Interview Phase – 17 to 21 September 2018

#### Judging Criteria

- Excellent conduct for current and previous education year (for P2 to P6 pupils)
- Excellent conduct for current education year (for P1 pupils)
- Good performance in CCA (if any)
- Winner of Termly LIGER Award
- Nomination by Parents / Peers

**Goh Meei Yunn**  
**Principal**

**Jing Shan Primary School  
Mobile Device Policy**

**Introduction**

Since 2016, the school has encouraged the use of mobile devices in the classroom for teaching and learning, as part of the school's Applied Learning Programme. This policy is drawn up to provide guidance to all pupils and parents on the school's policy on the use of mobile devices beyond the supervision of our teachers.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing the policy with regard to the use of mobile devices (phones, tablets e.g. iPADS, digital watches, Kindles) in the school.

**Guidelines**

By bringing mobile devices to school, the pupil agrees to comply with the guidelines below:

**Proper Use**

1. Pupils are **only** allowed to use their mobile devices in the classroom or specific areas in the school after they have sought their teacher's permission.
2. Unless specifically instructed by teachers, mobile devices are to be switched off and kept in school bags at these times:
  - 7.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
  - 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
3. Pupils are **only** allowed to switch on their mobile devices in the canteen from 1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. It is **strictly** for communication and not for playing games, surfing the internet or taking photographs. This restriction on the use of mobile devices also applies during school excursions, camps and CCAs.
4. Pupils should ensure that mobile devices are not brought into the examination hall or classrooms. They have to surrender them to the teacher before entering the examination venues. The mobile devices will only be returned after all the examinations have ended for the day.

**Responsible Use**

5. Pupils should demonstrate respect for others and not use their mobile devices to bully, intimidate or harass other pupils.
6. Pupils should exercise care and responsibility for school-owned or personal mobile devices. These devices are for learning and research purposes only. The school will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage of mobile devices.

**Disciplinary Consequences**

7. Pupils who fail to abide by the rules will have their mobile devices confiscated. Confiscated devices can only be collected by the pupil's parent/guardian.
8. Any form of misuse of mobile devices will be dealt with by the Discipline Committee.