



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

February 2015 Principal's Letter

1) Parents' Involvement in Emphasising Values

In alignment with the school vision, mission and values, and to foster a quality school culture, the school is placing special emphasis on our school values of **Respect** and **Responsibility** throughout the year. In addition, one other value will be emphasized each term: **Enthusiasm** (Term 1), **Integrity** (Term 2), **Loyalty** (Term 3) and **Generosity** (Term 4). The school hopes that all parents could support the school's efforts and reinforce these values at home.

Respect: All pupils need to be respectful of self, others and our environment. Pupils who are self-respecting present themselves well and are neat at all times. Pupils show their respects to others by politely greeting their peers, elders and teachers. They are also kind with their word and actions towards others. Pupils undertake green efforts in school and at home to demonstrate their commitment to respect our environment.

Responsibility: All pupils are to practise responsibility by taking care of themselves, taking care of one another and taking care of the school. Students who are responsible in taking care of themselves will make sure they come to school punctually and submit their assignments on time. Students who are responsible in taking care of others will go out of their way to help their peers. Students also have the responsibility to take care and maintain the cleanliness of the places that they use or visit.

Enthusiasm: All pupils are encouraged to be enthusiastic in their learning and put in their best when working on their assignments. Pupils who are enthusiastic also participate actively in all class activities and school events.

2) Traffic Matters

The school has received feedback from residents living in the neighbourhood of the heavy traffic outside the school side gate leading to Ang Mo Kio Street 52 during reporting and dismissal times. The school is appealing to parents who drive to exercise care and consideration when dropping off or picking up your child.

When dropping off your child, please ensure that your child is ready with his/her school bag and other belongings before he/she gets off the vehicle. When picking up your child, please avoid parking along Ang Mo Kio Street 52 and leaving your car unattended. All parents are strongly encouraged to park at the multi-storey carpark next to the school.

3) Public Holidays in February

Please note the following Public Holidays in February.

Date	Day	Event	Remarks (if any)
19 - 20 February 2015	Thursday - Friday	Chinese New Year	Public Holidays



Loyalty
Integrity
Generosity
Enthusiasm
Respect
Responsibility



4) **Collaboration with NLB : Mass Borrowing, 4 - 5 February 2015**

The school collaborates with the National Library Board (NLB) to tap on its vast reading resources to encourage our pupils to read. Research has shown that for children who read regularly and widely, their language and content skills are often enhanced, leading to better holistic outcomes. The mobile library from NLB will be conducting a mass borrowing exercise for the school from Wednesday 4th – Thursday 5th February 2015. All pupils are encouraged to bring along their student identification card and to participate in this exercise. Please be reminded that all pupils are to be responsible for the books borrowed and they are to return the library books to NLB before the due-date. The nearest NLB bookdrop is located at the Ang Mo Kio Library.

5) **Principal's Briefing & Learning Festival for Parents, 7 February 2015**

The Principal will conduct briefings for P1-P6 parents on Saturday 7th February 2015. Teachers will also conduct workshops for parents and share teaching strategies on how parents can support their children at home. A separate letter, containing the day's programme, was given to all parents on Wednesday 21st January 2015. All slides will be uploaded onto the Parent's Portal on AskNLearn. Detailed instructions on how to access the slides will be put up on the school website (<http://www.jingshanpri.moe.edu.sg/>) by Friday 6 February 2015.

6) **Commemoration of Total Defence Day, 9 February 2015**

The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on Monday 9th February 2015. A series of activities have been planned to educate pupils on the importance of total defence in Singapore. At the end of the commemoration, pupils will have a better understanding of the 5 aspects of Total Defence, how they can play a part in each aspect, and how and why everyone can play a part in defending the country.

7) **Chinese New Year Celebration, 18 February 2015**

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Wednesday 18th February 2015. There will be a concert in the school hall from 8.40 am to 9.30 am. Parents are cordially invited to join the school in the celebration and will only be allowed into the school from 8.30am. Due to space constraints in the Hall, only 2 members from each family are invited.

On that day, the school will function from 7.30am to 9.30am. All pupils are encouraged to wear traditional ethnic costumes to school. Alternatively, they may choose to wear their school uniform. For footwear, all pupils are to wear their black school shoes. They should not come to school in slippers, sandals or party shoes. Please ensure your child is picked up punctually by 9.30am. The school has also informed the school bus operator of the early dismissal. The bus operator will touch base with parents regarding the approximate time that your child will be dropped off at his/her destination.

8) **FamilyMatters@JingShan: Going the Distance, 28th February 2015**

Going the Distance is a specially designed workshop to promote teamwork in the family and strengthen the bonds among parents and children. Taking the form of a laser tag competition, each participant will be challenged to decide what is important to protect as a family unit and each mission will bring out teamwork between the parent and child. This workshop is open to the first 20 pairs of parent and pupil who register. Registration forms have been issued to all pupils on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

Date : 28 February 2015 (Saturday)

Time : 9.00am to 1.00pm

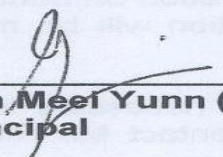
Venue: Jing Shan Primary School

Fee : \$15/- per pair of 1 Parent and 1 Child from P1 to P6

Registration : 6 & 13 February 2015 [Canteen]

Pupils can also submit the registration form together with cash payment (placed in a sealed envelope, attention to Mdm Jaya) to the General Office.

On behalf of JSPS, I would like to wish all parents a very happy and prosperous year of the Goat.



Goh Meel Yunn (Mdm)
Principal

