



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

November Principal's Letter

1) School Holidays and Major School Events in November and December 2015

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
11 November	Wednesday	Careers Exhibition	For Primary 3 to 6 pupils
12 November	Thursday	CCA Fair	For Primary 1 to 5 pupils
13 November	Friday	Promotion Day	School Holiday
16 November	Monday	Passion Fest	For all pupils
17 November	Tuesday	Careers Fair	For Primary 5 and 6 pupils
18 November	Wednesday	Last Day of School	
19 November	Thursday	P6 Graduation Day	All Primary 5 and 6 pupils will attend the ceremony
20 November	Friday	Prize Giving Day	All Prize Winners will attend the ceremony
21 November – 31 December	Saturday – Thursday	Term 4 School Holiday	
4 January 2016	Monday	Start of School Year	

2) School Achievements

We are pleased to share with you the following achievements of our pupils in the past month. The following pupils were awarded the Bronze award at the National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore 2015:

- Brandon Wong (5/1)
- Chow Rui Lei (5/1)
- Kean Lai (5/1)
- Lim Yue Cen (5/1)
- Neo Yin Qi (5/1)
- Shi Luo Yizhuo (5/1)

The following pupils received an Honourable Mention at the National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore 2015:

- Lee Jing Hong (5/1)
- Reza Aulia Tossin (5/1)
- Thomas Tan Chern Jiang (5/1)



Loyalty
Integrity
Generosity
Enthusiasm
Respect &
Responsibility



National
Arts
Education
Spark Award
2013



3) **Co-Curricular Activities Fair**

CCA is an integral part of our pupils' holistic education. Through CCA, pupils discover their interests and talents while developing values and competencies that will prepare them for a rapidly changing world. CCA also promotes friendships among pupils from diverse backgrounds as they learn, play and grow together. Participation in CCA fosters social integration and deepens pupils' sense of belonging, commitment and sense of responsibility to school, community and nation. CCA in Jing Shan Primary School is open to all P2 to P6 pupils. The school strongly encourages every pupil to participate in at least one CCA.

The annual Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Fair will take place on Thursday, 12 November 2015 for the P1 – P5 pupils. The CCA Fair is a platform to showcase the various CCA available. Pupils will be exposed to all the CCAs available and get a taste of the new skills they can learn from each CCA. All P1 – P4 pupils are to come to school in their PE attire on that day to participate in the event. CCA registration forms will be given out after the Fair, and should be returned to your child's/ward's Form Teacher by **Monday, 16 November 2015**.

4) **Careers Fair**

Careers Fair aims to create awareness in our pupils about the various career opportunities as well as expose them to the different industries. It will be held over two days as a post-exam activity. On Wednesday, 11 November 2015, our graduating cohort will be involved in presenting a static exhibition on the various industries such as the Arts, Health and Aviation industries to our P3 to P5 pupils. On Tuesday, 17 November 2015, the school has invited guest speakers to share their work experiences and job expectations with our P5 and P6 pupils. The school has customized the attendance at the concurrent sessions based on the pupils' interests.

5) **Passion Fest**

The school will be organizing a Passion Fest for all pupils on Monday, 16 November 2015. The main objectives of Passion Fest are to impart the importance of lifelong learning to our pupils, and provide our pupils with a platform to pick up important life skills as part of their holistic development. Pupils have been given the option to select their preferred modules and experience learning in various areas such as personal grooming, simple cooking, household chores, ball games. All learning modules are customized to the pupils' ability at different age groups.

6) **Report Books and Booklists**

We will be issuing report books, portfolios and booklists to our pupils on Wednesday, 18 November 2015. Please sign and return the report book on the first day of school next year Monday, 4 January 2016.

7) **FairPrice Share-A-Textbook 2015**

The school will be supporting FairPrice's annual Share-A-Textbook Project. This meaningful activity ties in with our school value of Generosity, and encourages our pupils to show care and empathy to the needy through the donation of their used textbooks. Pupils who would like to donate their used textbooks can bring them to school by Wednesday, 18 November 2015 and deposit them in the box next to the swing in the canteen.

8) **Global Awareness Programme to Suzhou and Shanghai**

35 of our Primary 5 pupils and 5 staff will be travelling to Suzhou and Shanghai as part of our 7 Days 6 Nights Global Awareness Programme from Thursday to Wednesday, 19 to 25 November 2015. The group will be visiting 3 local and international schools as part of the

educational itinerary. Parents and pupils of the school may log onto AsknLearn portal to view our pupils' blog about their learning experience in Suzhou and Shanghai, which will be updated daily during the trip.

9) **P6 Graduation Day**

All P5 and P6 pupils are invited to attend Graduation Day on Thursday, 19 November 2015, from 9 am to 11 am. Guests and parents of Primary 6 pupils are to be seated by 8.45 am. P5 and P6 pupils are to report to school in full school uniform by 8.00 am. All other pupils from Primary 1 to 4 are not required to report to school. Alphajoy Student Care Centre will operate as usual.

10) **Prize-Giving Day**

All P1 to P5 prize winners and their family members are invited to attend Prize-Giving Day on Friday, 20 November 2015, from 9 am to 11 am. All guests are to be seated by 8.45 am. Prize-winners are to report to school in full school uniform by 8.00 am. All other pupils are not required to report to school. Alphajoy Student Care Centre will operate as usual.

11) **Release of PSLE results, Secondary 1 Posting Exercise and Collection of PSLE Certificates**

PSLE results will be released between Wednesday to Friday, 25 to 27 November 2015. The actual date will be released in the news, and the Ministry of Education's website, school website and Facebook will be updated with the information. All pupils are to report to school by 11.00 am in the school hall, in their full school uniform.

Secondary 1 Posting Exercise will be conducted via Secondary 1 - Internet System (S1-IS). The system will be accessible for 7 calendar days starting from the release of PSLE results. S1-IS is accessible 24 hours starting from 11.00 am on the first day until 3 pm on the last day of the S1 Option Phase.

Pupils can also exercise the posting options through the school for 5 working days starting from the release of PSLE results. You may choose to submit your options through the school which starts from 11 am to 3 pm on the first day; and 9 am to 3 pm on the last day of S1 Option Phase. All primary schools will not be open on weekends. For pupils who miss the one week period for submission of options, they can approach the school for assistance the day after the submission closes, from 9 am to 12 pm. This half day submission is only for new submission of S1 school choices and not for amendments to submitted options.

The release of Secondary 1 Posting Results is expected to be on Tuesday, 22 December 2015 (tentative) and the registration at posted Secondary Schools on Wednesday, 23 December 2015 at 8.30am (tentative).

All P6 pupils may collect their PSLE Certificates from the General Office from Friday, 11 December 2015. Your child/ward has to bring his/her EZ-Link card for verification.

12) **School Bus Vendor 2016**

Aedge Holdings Pte Ltd will continue to be the school appointed school bus service provider for the year 2016. Please contact Ms Grace at 9431 4875 or Ms May Tan at 9666 3976 to register your interest for 2016.

13) **Sale of textbooks and uniforms**

Please refer to the table below for the schedule of sale of textbooks and uniforms during the school holidays in 2015.

Date	Day	Levels	Time
28 November*	Saturday	P1 & P2	9 am to 12 pm
30 November**	Monday	P3 & P4	9 am to 3 pm
1 December**	Tuesday	P5 & P6	9 am to 3 pm
2 December	Wednesday	All Levels	9 am to 3 pm
5 December	Saturday	All Levels	9 am to 12 pm
10 December**	Thursday	All Levels	9 am to 3 pm
11 December	Friday	All Levels	9 am to 3 pm
12 December	Saturday	All Levels	9 am to 12 pm
16 December**	Wednesday	FAS pupils only	9 am to 3 pm
17 December**	Thursday	FAS pupils only	9 am to 3 pm
18 December**	Friday	All Levels	9 am to 3 pm
26 December	Saturday	All Levels	9 am to 12 pm
28 December**	Monday	All Levels	9 am to 3 pm
29 December**	Tuesday	All Levels	9 am to 3 pm
30 December**	Wednesday	All Levels	9 am to 3 pm

*sale of uniforms are available on 28 November 2015, 9 am to 12 pm.

**sale of uniforms are available on these dates from 10 am to 3 pm.

14) **PERI Upgrading**

Due to changes in design parameter, the school is currently working closely with the Ministry of Education to review the upgrading plans. The school will provide more details of the upgrading plans and timeline once the review is completed. We seek your continued understanding, support and partnership, as we work with you to ensure a quality and holistic education for our pupils.

15) **Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP)**

Our school will be partnering Health Promotion Board to implement the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme in phases starting in 2016. The school will develop healthy set meals as part of the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme. The meals are specially prepared by school canteen vendors to ensure that your child/ward benefits from a good mix of food from the four different food groups – brown rice or wholemeal bread, fruit and vegetables as well as meat and others. In view of this implementation, there will be some price adjustment on the food sold in the canteen. We will provide more details in the January Principal's Letter in 2016.

16) **Travel Declaration via ASKLearn™ Learning Management System**

As required by the Ministry of Education, **all Primary 1 pupils** are required to submit a travel declaration or a NIL return if you are not travelling. For **Primary 2 to 6 pupils**, a submission is only required if pupils are travelling overseas during the November/December 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 is available from Sunday, 1 November 2015 to Thursday, 31 December 2015.

Please refer to the information and instructions provided below to make the necessary travel declaration. Should you encounter problems during the login, you may contact Ms Rita in school at 6456 6305 during office hours.

Access using URL:

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

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

17) **School Curriculum Hours in 2016**

Please refer to the table below for the school curriculum hours in 2016.

	Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	Every Tuesday
Venue & Time for Flag-raising	Hall 7.25 am	Respective Classroom 7.25 am
School Curriculum Hours	7.30 am – 1.30 pm	7.30 am – 1.30 pm
Recess P1 & P4	9.00 am	
Recess P2 & P5	9.30 am	
Recess P3 & P6	10.00 am	

18) **First day of school, 4 January 2016, Monday**

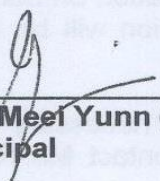
The first day of school for 2016 is on Monday, 4 January 2016. All pupils are to be in full school uniform and assemble at the school hall by 7.25 am.

Pupils are expected to bring along only the following items on the first day of school:

- 'A' Workbooks for English, Maths, Science & Mother Tongue (for submission to the subject teachers)
- One Pupil Handbook
- A pencil case with stationery
- Colour pencils (for P1-2 pupils)

Your child's/ward's form teacher will be writing to you when he/she meets the class on Monday, 4 January 2016. More details will be provided by your child's/ward's form and subject teachers with regard to the materials/resources that your child/ward needs to bring to school on the subsequent days of school.

We have come to the end of another meaningful and purposeful year here at Jing Shan and I would like to wish all our pupils, parents and staff a happy and restful holiday. Thank you for partnering us in the education of your child/ward. My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming your child/ward back to school in 2016.



Goh Meel Yunn (Mdm)
Principal