



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From the Principal's Office – January 2016



A Happy New Year to you and a warm welcome to Jing Shan Primary!

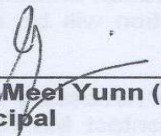
As we bid farewell to 2015 and usher in the new year, I would like to share with you the good news that the school has done very well at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) last year, outperforming comparable schools on multiple fronts. This is most encouraging for my team of dedicated colleagues, and serves as an affirmation of the school's efforts to greater customise our programmes for pupils of different abilities, especially in the past two years.

Jing Shan Primary School continues to be committed to strengthen teaching and learning in the school and helping to raise pupil achievement through innovative pedagogy. The focus this year will be on better identification of needs and greater customisation of our pupil well-being programmes to benefit individual pupils, strengthening the content and pedagogical knowledge of our teachers, and scaling our curriculum innovations to more classes. Through these efforts, we are committed to provide a more holistic and student-centric education for your child.

Equally important to us is the values education of your child. We hope you can support us at home as we anchor our efforts on the school's LIGER values of Loyalty, Integrity, Generosity, Enthusiasm, Respect and Responsibility. This year, we introduce a new initiative where pupils are required to clean up after themselves. We strongly believe that for our Jing Shan pupils to be values-driven leaders, they must first learn to lead themselves. The last five minutes of recess and every school day will be set aside for our classes to clean their assigned area in the canteen and their classrooms respectively. Through this, we hope our pupils can learn to respect their environment by practising the responsibility of taking care of the immediate areas that they use. I am sure you will be able to relate to this and practise something similar at home.

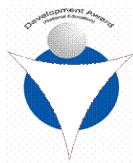
I look forward to meet all parents on 23 January 2016, Saturday (for P3 – P6 parents) and 30 January 2016, Saturday (for P1 – P2 parents). This will be held in conjunction with our annual Learning Festival. I hope you can make time to attend on the designated day(s) as I will be sharing with all parents pertinent information related to your child's level at the Briefing, and my teachers will be sharing useful tips on how to help your child at the Learning Festival.

I hope to strengthen the home-school partnership with you as we work together for the education of your child. Onward we strive!


Goh Meei Yunn (Mdm)
Principal



Loyalty
Integrity
Generosity
Enthusiasm
Respect &
Responsibility



1) **Welcome**

The school is pleased to introduce the following staff who joined the school in the new school year: Mr Khoo Ghee Han (HOD Math); Mdm Valerie Morier (HOD ICT & Data Management); Mdm Mary Chua (ST Math), Mr Chia Shu Wei (Math & Science Teacher), Mr Soo Wei Yi (PE & English Teacher) and Mr Rajikannu Arunmozhi (Art Teacher).

We bid farewell to Mdm Zaimasni, Mdm Irene Goh, Ms Eileen Ho and Mrs Soh Yen Poh. The school would like to extend our sincere thanks to them for their past contributions to the school.

2) **School Values of Respect, Responsibility & Enthusiasm**

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.

3) **Safety and Security of Pupils**

a) Arrival Procedures

The school wishes to remind pupils to report to school punctually by 7.25am daily. With effect from 6 January 2016, Wednesday, only pupils are allowed to enter the school premises, when they arrive at school. This is in order to ensure the safety and security of all pupils.

Pupils would need to be dropped off outside school premises except for those arriving on school buses. Pupils could enter the school via the side gate (next to the bus stop on Ang Mo Kio Street 52) or the back gate (located opposite Blk 585). Provision will only be made to allow parents/guardians to drop off their child/ward within school premises when it rains.

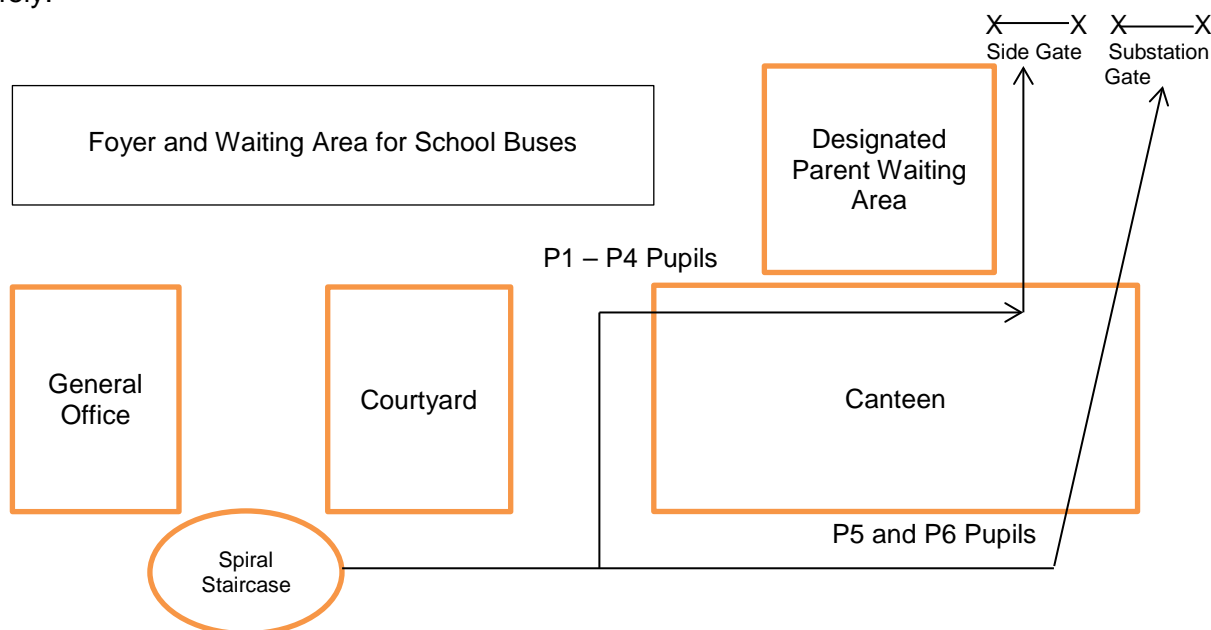
When alighting from vehicles during school arrival time, please help to ensure that pupils are ready with their bags when they get off from the vehicle to ensure their safety and a smooth flow of traffic. We would also like to advise all parents/guardians to observe road safety and traffic rules when sending your child/ward to school.

We wish to remind and refer all parents/guardians to the opening hours of the side and back gates as printed on Page 9 in the Pupil Handbook. For parents/guardians who need to drop your child/ward off in school before 6.45am, we hope to keep this number to a minimum, and

seek your understanding to inform your child/ward to stay at the Canteen area, and to use the side gate instead of the main gate.

b) Dismissal Procedures

Following our practice last year, the school has cordoned a section of the walkway (marked by barricades and yellow lines on the floor) outside the canteen and designated it as Parents' Waiting Area for parents/guardians picking up your child/ward leaving by the side gate. We seek the understanding and patience of all parents/guardians who are picking up your child/ward to wait at the cordoned area or outside the school premises and to refrain from blocking the way at key dismissal points. The arrangements for the back gate remain unchanged. Your support and understanding will help the school in dismissing all our pupils safely.



c) Visitor Registration

Should parents/guardians wish to enter the school to attend to matters regarding your child/ward, please proceed to the security post to register and you will be issued with a visitor pass. Parents/Guardians are advised to make an appointment should you need to meet with staff.

The school would like to advise parents/guardians that you will be allowed to come into the school to buy books from the bookshop between 8.00am – 9.00am, 11.00am – 1.00pm and 1.45pm – 3.00pm from Monday to Friday.

d) No Right Turn from Main Gate

In the interest of safety, please note that any vehicle exiting the school's main gate on a school day will not be allowed to make a right turn onto Ang Mo Kio Street 52 between 7.00am – 7.30am on school days.

4) Survey on Access to Computers/Mobile Devices at Home

The school is conducting a survey to find out about our pupils' access to computers (PC) and mobile devices (eg. tablets, laptops) with internet at home. This is to help us better understand our pupils' needs and the support that we can provide. Please find the questionnaire attached with this letter and return it to your child's/ward's Form teacher by 13 Jan 2016, Wednesday.

5) **National Library Board (NLB) Activity: Books 2 Go (P1-6)**

The school collaborates with 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. We encourage our pupils to participate in Books-2-Go, a mass borrowing exercise conducted by NLB in the school, which is scheduled on 20 & 21 January 2016, Wednesday-Thursday. All pupils are encouraged to bring along their student identification card in order to borrow the books. 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 Public Library.

6) **Principal's Briefing and Parents' Learning Festival**

There will be a Principal's Briefing for different levels in conjunction with the school's annual Parents' Learning Festival. Pertinent information related to your child's level will be shared by the Principal. Workshops will also be conducted by teachers for parents. Parents will pick up useful tips and strategies to support your child at home. A separate letter with more details will be given to all pupils. The details of the above event are as follows:

Date	Programme	Timing
23 January 2016 Saturday For P3 & P4 Parents	Principal's Briefing	8.30am – 9.30am
	Learning Festival: English Workshop	9.45am – 10.30am
	Learning Festival: Math Workshop	10.30am – 11.15am
	Learning Festival: Science Workshop	11.15am – 12.00pm
23 January 2016 Saturday For P5 & P6 Parents	Learning Festival: English, Chinese, Malay & Tamil Workshops (Concurrent Sessions)	8.30am – 9.15am
	Learning Festival: Math Workshop	9.15am – 10.00am
	Learning Festival: Science Workshop	10.00am – 10.45am
	Principal's Briefing	11.00am – 12.00pm
30 January 2016 Saturday For P1 & P2 Parents	Principal's Briefing	8.30am – 9.30am
	Learning Festival: English Workshop	9.45am – 10.30am
	Learning Festival: Math Workshop	10.30am – 11.15am
	Learning Festival: Chinese, Malay & Tamil Workshops (Concurrent Sessions)	11.15am – 12.00pm

7) **Photo-Taking for Smartcard for P1 and P6 Pupils**

All P1 and P6 pupils will have their photographs taken for their Smartcard. Pupils are to be in their full school uniform on 25 January 2016, Monday. Pupils should be neat and smart-looking for this photo-taking exercise.

8) **Chinese New Year Activity by Parent Support Group**

The Parent Support Group will be conducting a Chinese New Year activity in the first week of February, and requests for generous donations of red packets. Kindly have your child bring the red packets and deposit them in a box which will be located outside the General Office, anytime from 11 January 2016, Monday till 25 January 2016, Monday.

9) **School Holidays in February**

Please note the following Public Holidays in February.

Date	Day	Event	Remarks (if any)
8 February 2016 – 9 February 2016	Monday - Tuesday	Chinese Lunar New Year	Public Holidays

10) **Chinese New Year Celebration**

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on 10 February 2016, Wednesday, from 7.30am – 8.30am. Parents are cordially invited to the event. Due to space constraints in the Hall, only 2 members from each family are invited.

Parents are strongly encouraged to reach the school by 7.15am and participate in the flag-raising ceremony together with the school. The celebration and concert will start punctually at 7.30am.

All pupils are encouraged to wear traditional ethnic costumes to school on 10 February 2016. 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. Dismissal time on that day will be 1.30pm as usual.

11) **Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Selection Exercise 2016**

The tentative date for the GEP Screening Exercise for P3 pupils is on 26 August 2016, Friday. Shortlisted pupils from the Screening Exercise will be invited to participate in the GEP Selection Exercise on 18 and 19 October 2016, Tuesday – Wednesday.

12) **Collated Activities and Assessment Plan for Term 1, 2016**

We will distribute the collated activities, as well as the Assessment Plan for Term 1, for parents' information by the end of next week. We hope the detailed collation will provide all parents with a good idea of what your child is experiencing across all subjects in the ten weeks this term, so that you can better support your child at home. We will inform by letter if there are any changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

13) **Modes of Communication**

You should have received a letter from your child's form teacher. If you have any enquiries for any of your child's teachers, you may use the Student Handbook as a platform to provide feedback to the teachers. Alternatively, you may email the school at jsps@moe.edu.sg or call the school office at 64566305. The school's latest announcements, briefing slides and school calendar will be updated on the school website: www.jingshanpri.moe.edu.sg. Photographs of school events will be shared with you via the official school's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/jingshanpri