



# JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## From the Principal's Office – February 2016

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

Please note the following public holidays in February and March.

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
8 – 9 February	Monday – Tuesday	Lunar New Year	Public Holiday
12 – 20 March	Saturday – Sunday	March School Holiday	
24 March	Thursday	Parent-Teacher Meeting	Afternoon
25 March	Friday	Good Friday	Public Holiday

In view of the upcoming Chinese New Year holidays, all CCA/remedial/supplementary classes will be cancelled on 5 February 2016, Friday.

### 2) Primary 5 Leadership Camp 2016, 2 – 4 February 2016

As part of the school's holistic development efforts, our Primary 5 pupils will be having a 3-day, 2-night residential camp in Camp Challenge Sembawang, from 2 February 2016, Tuesday to 4 February 2016, Thursday.

In this Leadership Camp, the pupils will enhance their leadership skills through the process of working in teams and develop the right values to be a good leader and team player in an outdoor setting. Through the process of collaborative learning, pupils will improve on their self-management, confidence, problem-solving and communication skills

### 3) Chinese New Year Celebration, 10 February 2016

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, we seek your understanding that 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.

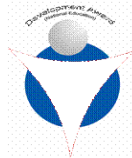
All pupils are encouraged to wear traditional ethnic costumes to school on 10 February 2016. Alternatively, they may choose to wear their school uniform. For footwear, all pupils are to wear their black school shoes and socks. They should not come to school in slippers, sandals or party shoes. Dismissal time on that day will be 1.30pm as usual.

### 4) Commemoration of Total Defence Day, 15 February 2016

The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on 15 February 2016, Monday. 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 and how they can contribute to each of these aspects to ensure a safe and harmonious Singapore.



Loyalty  
Integrity  
Generosity  
Enthusiasm  
Respect &  
Responsibility



5) **P1 Enhanced Learning Support Programmes (English and Mathematics), 19 February 2016**

The school will be conducting a sharing session on 19 February 2016, Friday, from 7.00pm to 8:30pm for parents of pupils who are in the Learning Support English and Math Programmes. In this session, parents will learn useful strategies and tips to engage their children in the learning of English and Maths. Parents will also learn how to make use of simple teaching and learning aids to facilitate their child's learning. A separate letter has been given out.

6) **Family Bonding Through Bolla Bola, 26 February 2016**

As part of the school's comprehensive parenting programme, we are organizing a family bonding activity through *Bolla Bola*. *Bolla* is "bubble" in Italian, *Bola* is "ball" in Spanish. *Bolla Bola* is specially designed to strengthen teamwork in the family and foster a sense of belonging among parents and children. This activity was well-received by our pupils when it was introduced last year. The school would like to encourage parents to register early as this activity is limited to the **FIRST 30 pairs only**.

The details for the event are as follows:

Date : 26 February 2016, Friday

Time : 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Venue : Jing Shan Primary School

Fee : \$10 per pair (for 1 Parent and 1 Child)

More information and registration is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/JSPSBolla>. Kindly submit the \$10 payment in cash (placed in a sealed envelope, Attn: Mdm Jaya) to the General Office by **19 February 2016, Friday**.

7) **Traffic Advisory from LTA**

The Land Transport Authority (LTA) has written to the school with regard to parents/guardians parking their vehicle along Ang Mo Kio Street 52 during morning and afternoon peak period causing congestion or obstruction to other road users.

To ensure a safer experience for all road users, the school is appealing to parents who drive to help alleviate the traffic congestion during these periods by refraining from parking along this stretch of road. Instead, parents who drive should utilise the nearby carparks (Blk 596, 588 and 590) during the school dismissal hours while waiting for your child to be dismissed from school.

LTA has also articulated that there shall be **strictly NO PARKING**, where applicable:

- a) At road bends and entrances or exits of any other premises or carparks,
- b) Within 3 meters of a fire hydrant, 6 meters of a road junction, 9 meters of a bus stop and 50 meters of the pedestrian crossing,
- c) Parking abreast to another vehicle

Do adhere to the traffic advisory from LTA to ensure that traffic can flow smoothly during the morning and afternoon peak hours.

8) **School-Wide Reading Programme**

Research has shown that extensive reading and regular visits to the library can help build a child's content knowledge and language proficiency, thereby increasing his/her confidence. The school has a school-wide reading programme to promote the love of reading to our pupils. To support this, our school library, *Ligerbrary*, is open from 7.30am to 4.30pm (Monday to Thursday) and 7.30am – 4.00pm (Friday) during term time. Pupils can use their ez-link card to borrow books from the *Ligerbrary*.

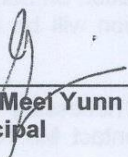
Please refer to table below for a snapshot of the activities organized by the *Ligerbrary*. For more information, please refer to the school website.

Timeframe	Activity	Snap-Shot of Activity
Curriculum Time	English & Mother Tongue Department-based Reading Programme	Pupils are exposed to different genres through the reading programme conducted by the languages departments. This could be in the form of book rotation, class library scheme and structured literature programme at the upper levels.
Every Month (except June & December)	Library-Integrated Programme (LIP)	Conducted during library period once a week. Pupils participate in library and reading-related activities, facilitated by the English teacher.
	Reader Champion	A level activity in which prizes are given to pupils who have borrowed the highest number of books from <i>Ligerbrary</i> for the month.
Every Term	Book Draw	Pupils are encouraged to record their readings in their <b>Reading Log</b> . For every 2 books read, they can redeem 1 <b>Book Ticket</b> from the Librarian.
	Pop-Up Reading Cafe	Pupils can choose to save up the book ticket and use it to exchange for "snacks" from the termly Pop-Up Reading Café. Alternatively, they can drop the book ticket in the lucky draw boxes in the <i>Ligerbrary</i> , and stand a chance to win exclusive prizes every term.
	Books-to-Go	The school has collaborated with the National Library Board (NLB) to ensure that good books are accessible to our pupils. On a termly basis, the NLB will bring in their books to the school. Pupils are encouraged to borrow these books using their ez-link card. Pupils are to drop these books into the NLB bookdrop found in all NLB libraries before the due date.

9) **Inspiring Teacher of English – Teaching Award for 2016**

Now in its ninth year, the Inspiring Teacher of English – Teaching Award is organised by the Speak Good English Movement (SGEM). It recognises the dedication and passion of our English Language teachers in developing our pupils' English proficiency and their love for the language. All pupils and their parents are invited to nominate a deserving English teacher. You may download the nomination form at [www.goodenglish.org.sg](http://www.goodenglish.org.sg). Nominations open on 15 February 2016, Monday and all forms must reach the Movement by 6pm on 31 March 2016, Wednesday.

My best wishes to all parents and pupils celebrating the Chinese New Year!



Goh Meei Yunn (Mdm)  
Principal