



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

October Principal's Letter

1) Public/School Holidays and Major School Events

Please note the following public and school holidays, and major school events in October to December 2016:

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
29 September – 5 October 2016	Thursday – Wednesday	PSLE Written Examination	School hours as per normal for all P1 – P5 pupils
7 October 2016	Friday	Children's Day	School Holiday
17 – 20 October 2016	Monday – Thursday	PSLE Marking Exercise	All primary schools will be closed
31 October 2016	Monday	Deepavali	School Holiday
14 November 2016	Monday	P1 Orientation, Marking & Promotion Day	No school for all pupils
18 November 2016	Friday	P6 Graduation Ceremony, Prize-Giving Ceremony	P5 & P6 pupils, Performers & P1 – P6 prize recipients only
19 November – 31 December 2016	Saturday – Saturday	November/December School Holidays	School Holidays
1 – 2 January 2017	Sunday – Monday	New Year's Day	Public Holiday

2) School Achievements

We are pleased to share with you the following achievements of our pupils in the past month.

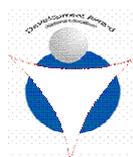
- 22nd National Primary Schools cum 10th Singapore-Malaysia-Brunei On-The-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition
4/5 Fu Yongjia First category Runner-Up
4/3 Chen Ruoyun Second category Good Work Award
- 4 Distinction, 9 Credit & 4 Merit Awards at International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2016 in English organised by the University of New South Wales (UNSW)

3) Semestral Assessment 2 (SA2) Examination

The SA2 Examination will be held in October and November 2016. A separate letter on the schedule of the examination and the School Examination Policy was disseminated to all pupils on Thursday, 15 September 2016.



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Generosity
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4) **Learning Journey**

Please refer to the table below for details of upcoming learning journeys. A separate letter will be issued to parents of pupils concerned at a later date.

Level	Date	Activity
P6	12 October 2016, Wednesday	Bowling (Sports Education Programme)
P1	27 October 2016, Thursday	Drama Experience, Curriculum Time
P6	4 November 2016, Friday	Little India Heritage Trail
P6	7 November 2016, Monday	Singapore River Trail

5) **Upper Primary Sports Carnival and Children's Day Celebration, 6 October 2016**

The school will be celebrating Children's Day this year on Thursday, 6 October 2016. The theme for the celebration is "Our Favourite Storybook Characters". P1 to P3 pupils may come in PE attire or dressed up for the theme, with school shoes. P4 to P6 pupils are to be clad in their PE attire but they may bring along a change of clothes to dress up for the theme after the Upper Primary Sports Carnival.

Timetable on the day will be suspended as pupils will be participating in various fun activities planned for them. P1 to P3 pupils will be participating in an Art Talent Hunt, and they are to bring their art materials like crayons, coloured pens/pencils and drawing block for the activity. Concurrently, P4 to P6 pupils will be having their Upper Primary Sports Carnival. Recess times on the day have been changed to accommodate the programmes.

Level	Timing
P1, P2 & P6	9.30am to 10.15am
P4 & P5	10.00am to 10.30am
P3*	10.30am to 11.15am*

** Please ensure that your child eats a full breakfast before coming to school, or he/she to have breakfast at the school canteen before flag raising*

The reporting and dismissal times remain unchanged on Thursday, 6 October 2016. Supplementary/remedial lessons and CCA for P2 – P5 will continue as per normal in the afternoon.

6) **Collaboration with NLB: Books to Go, 11 – 12 October 2016**

The mobile library from the National Library Board (NLB) will be in Jing Shan for a mass borrowing exercise from Tuesday, 11 October 2016 to Wednesday, 12 October 2016. 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.

7) **PSLE Marking Exercise, 17 – 20 October 2016**

The 2016 PSLE Marking Exercise will be held from Monday, 17 October 2016 to Thursday, 20 October 2016. Pupils do not have to report to school during these days and are advised to spend their time wisely to revise for their upcoming year-end examinations. Home-based assignments will be given during this period.

8) **Deepavali Celebration, 24 October 2016 and Early Dismissal for Hindu Pupils, 28 October 2016**

The school will be celebrating Deepavali on Monday, 24 October 2016. There will be a concert in the school hall from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm. Parents are cordially invited to join the school in the celebration. Please note that parents will only be allowed into the school premises between 12.15pm to 1.30pm due to safety and security reasons. Due to space constraints in the Hall, only 2 members from each family are invited. 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.

There will be early dismissal on Friday, 28 October 2016 at 10.00am for pupils who celebrate the festival. For those who are eligible for early dismissal, kindly hand in the attached early dismissal form via your child's Mother Tongue teacher by Friday, 14 October 2016.

9) **Collated Activities for Term 4 2016**

Attached with this letter, we have included a list of school activities and events in Term 4, for parents'/guardians' information. We hope the detailed collation will provide all parents/guardians with a good idea of what your child/ward is experiencing across all subjects in the ten weeks this term, so that you can better support your child/ward at home. We will inform by letter if there are any changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

10) **Health Matters**

With the recent Zika outbreak in Singapore, it is important that the school helps pupils understand the important role they play in containing and preventing the spread of Zika virus within the community. To date, all form teachers have conducted a lesson package on "Understanding Zika" for all Jing Shan pupils. "Understanding Zika" serves to support schools' efforts in educating pupils on the basic scientific knowledge and understanding behind the Zika outbreak, and to be proactive in preventing the spread of mosquito-borne diseases in the community.

Please be assured that the school is keeping up with our regular fumigation and other vector control efforts to prevent mosquito breeding on school grounds. In addition, we will also avail a limited supply of mosquito patches at the General Office and these patches will be given on a needs basis. As the supply is limited, please ensure that your child is protected from mosquito bites by purchasing your own insect repellent or mosquito patches. Please continue to monitor your child's health and seek medical attention if he/she is unwell, especially with symptoms such as rash and fever.

11) **Building Resilience in Children**

Parents play a crucial role in building a caring home environment that nurtures the social and emotional skills needed to build resilience in their children. To support parents, MOE's Student Development (SDT) Curriculum Division has developed a set of resources that provides information and tips on:

- Understanding resilience
- Qualities of a resilient child
- Promoting resilience-fostering interactions at home
- Recognising common stress symptoms in your child
- Guiding your child in:
 - Developing a sense of purpose
 - Setting goals
 - Problem solving
 - Building character strengths
 - Developing positive thinking
 - Building positive social skills
 - Building "emotional strengths"

We have uploaded these resources onto our school website for your easy retrieval and reference. You may also connect with the SDT Curriculum Division on MOE Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, You Tube channel. In addition, you can also visit Schoolbag.sg website for more education news, and stories on school programmes and activities.

Mdm Goh Meei Yunn
Principal

Early Dismissal Form

Event : Eve of Deepavali

Date : 28 October 2016, Friday

Time of Dismissal : 10.00am

Name of Pupil : _____ () Class : _____

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please tick the appropriate box to indicate how your child should be dismissed from school on the eve of Deepavali, 28 October 2016, Friday.

	My child will leave school at 10.00am on 28 October 2016. My child will go home by himself/herself.
	My child will leave school at 10.00am on 28 October 2016. I have made arrangement for my child to be picked up from the General Officer at 10.00am.
	My child will not leave school at 10.00am on 28 October 2016. Instead, he/she will be dismissed from school at 1.30pm as per regular school curriculum hours.

Signature of Parent / Date

Name of Parent

Contact Nos

Please return this slip via your child's Mother Tongue teacher by Friday, 14 October 2016