



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 2016**

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
11 November 2016	Friday	CCA Fair	P1 – P3 pupils
14 November 2016	Monday	P1 Orientation, Marking & Promotion Day	No school for all pupils
15 November 2016	Tuesday	Career Fair	For P5 & P6 pupils Gallery Walk for P3 & P4 pupils
17 November 2016	Thursday	Issue of Report Books & Last day of School	
18 November 2016	Friday	P6 Graduation Ceremony Prize-Giving Ceremony	All P5 & P6 pupils Performers and P1 – P5 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
3 January 2017	Tuesday	Start of School Year	

2) **School Achievements**

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

- a) 3 Distinction, 14 Credit, 3 Merit Awards at International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2016 in Mathematics organised by the University of New South Wales (UNSW)
- b) Zhang Jisheng P6/2 was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship during the Badminton National School Games 2016
- c) Lotus Sustained Achievement Award in the SEC-StarHub School Green Awards (SGA) 2016

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

32 of our Primary 5 pupils and 5 staff have travelled to Suzhou and Shanghai in China as part of our 6 Days 5 Nights Global Awareness Programme from Friday to Wednesday, 11 to 16 November 2016. The group will be visiting 2 schools in Changshu, Suzhou, as well as cultural and educational sights in Suzhou and Shanghai.

4) **Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) 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.

As part of the review of the spread of CCA offered in Jing Shan, the Drama Club and Red Cross will not be offered next year. In addition, Robotics Club will only be available to P4 to P6 pupils next year. As such, pupils in these CCA groups are to register for another CCA.

CCA Fair for P1 – P3 Pupils

The annual Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Fair took place on Thursday, 10 November 2016 for the P1 – P3 pupils. The CCA Fair was a platform to showcase the various CCA in the school. Pupils were exposed to all the CCA available in the school and learnt about the new skills they could pick up from each CCA.

P4 and P5 Pupils

P4 pupils who wish to remain in the same CCA do not have to take part in this registration exercise. Those who wish to switch CCA can register through AsknLearn. P5 pupils should not change their CCA.

Online Registration

All P1-P5 pupils are to exercise their CCA option by Thursday, 17 November 2016. Registration will be open on AsknLearn from **Saturday, 12 November 2016 to Thursday, 17 November 2016**. The detailed instructions for registration are attached with this letter. Pupils who are unable to do the registration at home will be able to do so during **their recess on Tuesday 15 November to Thursday 17 November 2016**. Laptops will be available in the canteen for pupils to do their registration.

5) **Career Fair**

On Tuesday, 15 November 2016, the school organized a Career Fair for P5 and P6 pupils. The fair aims to create an awareness of the careers in the various industries, as part of the school's efforts in education and career guidance. As part of the Fair, the school invited guest speakers from various industries to speak and to share their work experiences with pupils.

Our graduating cohort were also involved in preparing a static exhibition of the various industries such as the Arts, Health and Aviation industries for our P3 to P4 pupils. Through the process of setting up an exhibition for their juniors, the P6 pupils had the opportunity to hone their 21st century competencies like communication and collaboration.

6) **Report Books and Booklists**

The school will be issuing report books, portfolios and booklists to our pupils on Thursday, 17 November 2016. Please sign and return the report book on the first day of school next year on Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

7) **P6 Graduation Ceremony**

All P5 and P6 pupils are invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, 18 November 2016, from 8 am to 10.00am. Guests and parents of Primary 6 pupils are to be seated by 7.45 am. P5 and P6 pupils are to report to school in full school uniform by 7.15am. P5 prize recipients are required to stay on for the Prize-Giving Day Ceremony and report to the registration counter in the hall at 10.15am. All other pupils from Primary 1 to 4 are not required to report to school. Alphajoy Student Care Centre will operate as usual.

- 8) **Prize-Giving Ceremony**
All P1 to P5 prize winners and their family members are invited to attend the Prize-Giving Ceremony on Friday, 18 November 2016, from 11am to 1.00pm. All guests are to be seated by 10.45 am. Prize-winners are to report to school in full school uniform by 10.00 am. All other pupils are not required to report to school. Alphajoy Student Care Centre will operate as usual.

- 9) **Release of PSLE results, Secondary 1 Posting Exercise and Collection of PSLE Certificates**
PSLE results is tentatively scheduled to be released between 24 and 28 November 2016. The date of the PSLE results release would be informed via a press release a few days before the actual date. All pupils are to report to school by 11.00 am in the school hall, in their full school uniform to collect their results. For Pupil/parent/guardian who is unable to collect the PSLE result slip, the pupil's parent/guardian may nominate another adult to collect the PSLE results slip, using the Proxy Form in "Choosing your Secondary Schools for admission to Secondary One in 2017" booklet issued by Pupil Placement Section or download the form from <http://moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/secondary-one-posting/>.

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 Wednesday, 21 December 2016 (tentative) and the registration at posted Secondary Schools on Thursday, 22 December 2016 at 8.30am (tentative).

All P6 pupils may collect their PSLE Certificates from the General Office from Friday, 9 December 2016. Your child/ward has to bring his/her EZ-Link card for verification.

- 10) **FairPrice Share-A-Textbook 2016**
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 Thursday, 17 November 2016 and deposit them in the box on the 'Jing Shan has Talent' Performing stage in the canteen.

- 11) **Book Bank**
We are in the process of building book bank corners in the school to allow our pupils to have ample opportunities to be exposed to books. We are appealing to parents and pupils to donate age-appropriate English and Mother Tongue books which are in good condition to the book bank. Kindly give these books to your child's form teacher or directly to the school General Office if you would like to contribute to this effort. The school will be accepting donations till the end of the year.

- 12) **School Bus Vendor 2017**
Aedge Holdings Pte Ltd will continue to be the school appointed school bus service provider for the year 2017. Please contact Ms Grace at 9431 4875 to register your interest for 2017.

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.

SALE OF TEXTBOOKS AND UNIFORMS

Date	Day	Levels	Time
14 Nov 2016	Mon	P1	9am to 3pm
28 Nov 2016	Mon	P3 & P4	9am to 3pm
29 Nov 2016	Tue	P5 & P6	9am to 3pm
30 Nov 2016	Wed	All Levels	9am to 3pm
08 Dec 2016	Thu	All Levels	9am to 3pm
09 Dec 2016	Fri	All Levels	9am to 3pm
14 Dec 2016	Wed	FAS pupils only	9am to 3pm
15 Dec 2016	Thu	FAS pupils only	9am to 3pm
16 Dec 2016	Fri	All Levels	9am to 3pm
19 Dec 2016	Mon	All Levels	9am to 3pm
27 Dec 2016	Tue	All Levels	9am to 3pm
28 Dec 2016	Wed	All Levels	9am to 3pm
29 Dec 2016	Thu	All Levels	9am to 3pm
30 Dec 2016	Fri	All Levels	9am to 3pm

14) **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 Tuesday, 1 November 2016 to Saturday, 31 December 2016.

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/logon_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

Travel declaration icon is found under 'tools'



Travel Declaration
 Declare your holiday destination (for crisis management)

If this is your first login to the portal, you will be asked to provide some information.

15) **PERI Upgrading**

The date for the construction works to begin for the new school buildings is tentatively scheduled in the second half of 2017. The school will provide more details of the upgrading plans and timeline next year. We seek your continued understanding, support and partnership, as we work with you to ensure a conducive environment for the quality education of our pupils.

16) **School Curriculum Hours in 2016**

From next year, the school will include a second snack break for our children. Studies have shown that students, particularly younger students, have smaller stomachs that are unable to retain sufficient energy to meet their high energy expenditure. Moreover, pupils who take the school bus may take as long as 1 hour to reach home after school dismissal and this would delay their lunch. Hence, having a snack break before they go home can help to ensure that students do not go hungry for an extended period of time.

A designated 10-minute break would be set aside for our pupils to eat dry finger food in class. Consequently, the school day will end at 1.40pm and supplementary/remedial lessons in the afternoon will be shortened from 45 min to 40 min each. 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 – 1.40 pm	7.30 am – 1.40 pm
Recess P1 & P4	9.00 am (30 min)	
Recess P2 & P5	9.30 am (30 min)	
Recess P3 & P6	10.00 am (30 min)	
Snack Break	12.00 pm (10 min)	
Dismissal Time	1.40 pm	
Remedial / Supplementary Hours	Either Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 2.10pm – 3.30pm (100 min) A letter will be issued to relevant parents on your child's remedial/supplementary schedule	

17) **First day of school, 3 January 2017, Tuesday**

The first day of school for 2017 is on Tuesday, 3 January 2017. 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)
- 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 Tuesday, 3 January 2017. 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 enriching 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 2017.

Mdm Goh Meei Yunn
Principal