



# JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## From the Principal's Office – February 2017

### 1) Addendum

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

Please note the following public holidays and school events in February and March.

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
13 February	Monday	Commemoration of Total Defence Day	
18 February	Saturday	Learning Festival for P1 – P2 Parents	Morning
4 March	Saturday	Learning Festival for P3 – P6 Parents	Morning
11 - 19 March	Saturday - Sunday	March School Holiday	
24 March	Friday	Parent-Teacher Meeting	Afternoon
30 - 31 March	Thursday - Friday	MOE Excel Fest	All CCA / remedial / supplementary classes will be cancelled on <b>30 March, Thursday</b> for teachers to attend the Excel Fest
14 April	Friday	Good Friday	Public Holiday

### 2) Learning Journeys

As part of the school's efforts to make pupils' learning more engaging and authentic, the school has organised learning journeys for P2 – P6 pupils in Term 1.

Date	Day	Level	LJ
11 – 13 January	Wednesday - Friday	P5	P5 Leadership Camp
13 January	Friday	P4 TL Pupils	Pongal Festival @ Little India
8 February	Wednesday (PM)	P6	Science Centre Lesson on Properties of Forces
6 – 7 March	Monday – Tuesday	P6 Group 1	Malacca Trip cum School Visit
8 – 9 March	Wednesday - Thursday	P6 Group 2	
9 March	Thursday	P2	Health Zone
9 March	Thursday	P3	NEWater Scientist Programme
9 March	Thursday	P4	National Museum & War Memorial

### 3) School Achievement

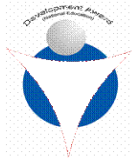
The Brownies have done the school proud by obtaining a bronze medal for the Puan Noor Aishah Honour Award 2016.

### 4) Commemoration of Total Defence Day, 13 February 2017

The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on 13 February 2017, Monday. A series of activities have been planned to educate pupils on the importance of total defence in Singapore. At the end of the



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Integrity  
Generosity  
Enthusiasm  
Respect &  
Responsibility



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.

**5) Mass Borrowing with NLB**

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. The dates for the mass borrowing sessions are as follows:

Term	Date	Day
Term 1	9 – 10 February	Thursday – Friday
Term 2	20 -21 April	Thursday - Friday
Term 3	20 -21 July	Thursday - Friday
Term 4	12 - 13 October	Thursday - Friday

**6) P6 LJ to Malacca**

The Primary 6 pupils will be travelling to Malacca in 2 Groups. Group 1 will be travelling on 6 March 2017, Monday to 7 March 2017, Tuesday. Group 2 will be travelling on 8 March 2017, Wednesday, to 9 March 2017, Thursday. This Internationalisation Programme aims to develop in our pupils the 21<sup>st</sup> century competency of global awareness and develop cross-cultural skills and sensitivities. Pupils will learn more about South-East Asia and the world and be sensitised to the place of Singapore in the world. Pupils' learning will be enriched as they deepen their commitment and rootedness to Singapore. A briefing for parents will be conducted on 21 February 2017, Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the school.

**7) FM@Schools Workshop: The Art and Science of Parenting in the Digital Age**

Children are highly connected to the internet through mobile devices. They have ubiquitous access to the persistent virtual worlds that are usually synonymous with addictive video games. They also tap into social networks and games to instantly connect and interact with others. With multiple distractions, children face challenges to maintain focus and hold their attention in education and other real-life pursuits.

The workshop draws from scientific research regarding the impact of such exposure on child development, learning and social relationships. Parents will gain insights into why such devices and applications are so addictive. In the workshop, parents will also learn practical tips to manage the impact of digital devices in their child's life and learn skills to develop resilience and self-regulation in young children.

The workshop details are as follows:

Date: 4 March 2017, Saturday

Time: 9am to 12pm

Venue: Jing Shan Primary School, AVA Room

Fees: \$5 per person

Kindly complete the registration slip and submit the slip together with payment in a sealed envelope (Attn: Mdm Jaya) to the General Office by 24 February 2017, Friday.

**7) Leave Matters**

Regular attendance is an important factor for school success. Regular attendance allows pupils to learn at an appropriate pace to facilitate retention of knowledge. Good retention will allow pupils to build up their foundational knowledge on the different subject areas, allowing them to progress to more abstract concepts as they move up to higher grade levels. As such, the school advocates that all pupils be present for lessons during term time unless they have a valid reason to be absent.

The school only accepts medical leave and compassionate leave as valid reasons. A medical certificate from a certified doctor is required when a pupil does not report to school if he/she is unwell. All medical certificates should be submitted via your child's form teacher as soon as your child returns to school.

Parents who wish to apply for leave during term time are to write to the school officially through the form teacher. In the letter, parents are to indicate the reasons for application and the dates in which the pupil will be on leave. A contact number should also be provided. All absence from school will need the Principal's approval.

The school strongly discourages parents from withdrawing a pupil from school during term time to go overseas for travel. Absence from school for travel during term time will be officially recorded as **Absent Without a Valid Reason**. In addition, to ensure the rigour and integrity of our assessments, the school will not arrange for a re-test if a pupil is absent from a weighted assessment.

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**Goh Meei Yunn**  
**Principal**

**REGISTRATION SLIP**

**“The Art and Science of Parenting in the Digital Age  
4 March 2017**

**Name(s) of Parent(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Numbers: (HP)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(H)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Child:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_

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