



# JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## From the Principal's Office – March 2017

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

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

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
4 March	Saturday	Learning Festival for P3 – P6 Parents	Morning
11 - 19 March	Saturday - Sunday	March School Holidays	
24 March	Friday	Parent-Teacher Meeting	Afternoon For parents of P1 – P6 pupils
30 - 31 March	Thursday - Friday	MOE Excel Fest	School will function as usual during curriculum hours. All CCA / remedial / supplementary classes will be cancelled on <b>30 March, Thursday</b> for teachers to attend the Excel Fest.
3 April	Monday	International Friendship Day Celebration	
14 April	Friday	Good Friday	Public Holiday

### 2) School Values

In alignment with the school vision, mission and values, and to foster a quality school culture, the school places special emphasis on our school values of **Respect and Responsibility** throughout the year. In addition, one other value is emphasized each term. In anticipation of Term 2 approaching soon, we would like to inform you of the value of **Integrity** which we will be emphasizing in Term 2. All pupils are encouraged to conduct themselves with integrity at all times. They can do so by knowing what is right and doing the right thing at all times. Pupils with integrity are pupils who speak the truth and behave well even in the absence of an adult. Please support the school's efforts by reiterating the above with your child/ward at home.

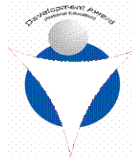
### 3) Learning Journeys

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 March.

Date	Day	Level	LJ
6 – 7 March	Monday – Tuesday	P6 Group 1	Malacca Trip cum School Visit
8 – 9 March	Wednesday – Thursday	P6 Group 2	



Loyalty  
Integrity  
Generosity  
Enthusiasm  
Respect &  
Responsibility



Date	Day	Level	LJ
9 March	Thursday	P2	<b><i>Venue has been changed to National Orchid Garden</i></b>
9 March	Thursday	P3	NEWater Scientist Programme <b><i>Postponed to Term 2. Replaced by enrichment in Dance Forms &amp; Student Leadership, carried out during curriculum time.</i></b>
9 March	Thursday	P4	National Museum & War Memorial

A separate letter has been issued to pupils concerned. All pupils are to carry a small bag when they go on their learning journey. The bag should contain the following items: thermometer, story book, stationery, a healthy snack and a bottle of water.

4) **P6 Internationalisation Programme to Malacca**

The P6 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. The Primary 6 pupils will be travelling to Malacca in 2 groups. Group 1 will be travelling from Monday, 6 March 2017 to Tuesday, 7 March 2017. Group 2 will be travelling from Wednesday, 8 March 2017 to Thursday, 9 March 2017.

5) **Return of Term 1 P1-P4 Topical Test Papers and P5 – P6 CA1 Papers & Portfolio**

The P1-P4 topical test papers and P5-P6 CA1 papers have been returned to all pupils on Friday, 3 March 2017. Please go through the papers with your child and check that all marks are tabulated correctly. Parents are to have signed on these papers upon checking, surface any irregularity to the subject teachers concerned and return the papers to the teachers by Monday, 6 March 2017. The assessment papers will be filed into the Portfolio, which will be returned to all pupils on Friday, 10 March 2017. Kindly return the Portfolio to the form teacher on Monday, 20 March 2017.

6) **Learning Festival**

We thank all parents who took the time to attend the Learning Festival in Jing Shan on 18 February 2017 (for P1/P2 parents) and 4 March 2017 (for P3-P6 parents). We would like to inform you that the slides for all presentations are available on our school website at <https://jingshanpri.moe.edu.sg/school-information/information-for-parents>

7) **Termly Art Exhibition**

The school will hold our termly Art Exhibition for pupils to showcase their art pieces in the School Foyer. This term's Art Exhibition will be from Wednesday, 1 March 2017 to Friday, 10 March 2017. The exhibition is open to all pupils and parents.

8) **Remembering Singapore's Founding Fathers**

The school will be dedicating Term 2 Week 1 to remember the Founding Fathers of Singapore. Through the activities planned for the week, the school hopes that pupils will develop an appreciation of what the Founding Fathers have done for the development of Singapore, as well as be inspired to do their part for Singapore in the future. Pupils will be introduced to some of our Founding Fathers and learn about the key contributions and achievements that they have made through stories, posters, videos and quizzes.

9) **P1 – P6 Parent-Teacher Meeting**

The school will organize the above event on Friday, 24 March 2017 for parents. The event will start at 2.30pm and end by 5.00pm. The objective of the session is to provide parents/guardians with the opportunity to discuss about your child's / ward's learning needs and progress with his/her subject teacher. Your child/ward does not need to attend the Parent-Teacher Meeting. As part of the school's effort to go green, booking of the time slots to meet with the subject teachers will be conducted online. More details will be given out in a separate letter for the PTM by end of this week.

10) **iBusking**

iBusking, which takes place every Friday during all recesses, is a key platform in which pupils are given the opportunity to showcase their musical talents. Pupils may choose to express themselves musically through song, dance or instrumental performance. Pupils who are interested to perform during iBusking may sign up with their music teacher.

11) **Ligerbrary News: WOW MOM/DAD**

The Parent Support Group is supporting the school reading programme by conducting storytelling sessions **in the Ligerbrary every Thursday during recess time**. The WOW MOM/DAD programme (WOW stands for Words of Wisdom) includes storytelling and in-depth discussions based on the stories told. Through the interaction with the pupils, the parent volunteers seek to connect the moral of the stories to real life experiences, and impart important values to the pupils. Do encourage your child to visit the Ligerbrary for an inspiring story-telling session every Thursday.

12) **Cyber Wellness & Well-Being**

The school holidays are just around the corner. During the break, many children may be spending more time online playing games or interacting with friends. It is important that children are responsible digital learners who practise the three Cyber Wellness principles of (a) Respect self and others; (b) Be safe and responsible and (c) Be a positive peer influence.

Cyberbullying occurs when electronic gadgets, such as mobile phones and computers; social media; and Internet services are used as a means to intentionally hurt someone in cyberspace. With cyberbullying, negative content can be shared, saved, and spread online, and a victim can be bullied 24/7. The school encourages parents/guardians to do your part to monitor your child's/ward's online behaviour and see to their overall well-being at all times. Parents/guardians are encouraged to:

- Be informed and aware of cyber trends and issues
- Participate in the digital world with your child
- Teach your child to be respectful

Please refer to the following links if you wish to learn more about Cyber Wellness:

a) **MOE Cyber Wellness Portal**

MOE's Cyber Wellness Portal has useful tips, strategies and resources on various cyber issues. You can also access it through "The ICT Connection" mobile app.

Link: [ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness](http://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness)

b) **Ministry of Social and Family Development**

Check out the "What Bothers Youth" portal by Central Youth Guidance Office which has some useful tips and contacts for cyber bullying.

Link: [whatbothersyouth.sg/en/Pages/Cyber-Bullying.aspx](http://whatbothersyouth.sg/en/Pages/Cyber-Bullying.aspx)

c) **Media Literacy Council**

Check out tips from the Media Literacy Council on how bystanders and parents can help the victims of cyber bullying.

Link: [medialiteracy.council.sg/online-safety/Pages/cyber-bullying.aspx](http://medialiteracy.council.sg/online-safety/Pages/cyber-bullying.aspx)

d) **Health Promotion Board**

The Health Hub website provides advice for offline and online activities, including tips to manage cyberbullying.

Link: [healthhub.sg/live-healthy/213/dealing\\_with\\_cyber-bullies](http://healthhub.sg/live-healthy/213/dealing_with_cyber-bullies)

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