



# JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Thinkers. Learners. Leaders.*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## From the Principal's Office – April 2017

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

Please note the following public/school holidays and major school events in April and May.

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
14 April	Friday	Good Friday	Public Holiday
1 May	Monday	Labour Day Holiday	Public Holiday
10 May	Wednesday	Vesak Day Holiday	Public Holiday
24 May	Wednesday	E-Learning Day for Pupils Admin & Training Day for Teachers	No school for all pupils
26 May	Friday	PASSION Day & Eat with Your Family Day	

### 2) School Achievements

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

- Solanki Akshat Dharmesh (3/1) was placed 7<sup>th</sup> Overall Champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> South Zone, in the 69<sup>th</sup> National Schools Individual Chess Championships 2017
- In the Teck Ghee Got Talent competition, Ashley Feng and Renee Tan from 4/1 were awarded the first and second places respectively.

### 3) Learning Journeys

As part of the school's efforts to make pupils' learning more engaging and authentic, the school has organized learning journeys for pupils in April and May.

Date	Day	Level	Learning Journey
7 April	Friday	P4	Road Safety Park
19 – 24 May	Friday – Wednesday	P5	Internationalisation & Cultural Immersion trip to Suzhou, China [For selected pupils only]
25 May	Thursday	P1	Changi Airport
		P2	Health Zone
		P3	Kampong Glam
		P6	Sungei Buloh

### 4) Holistic Assessment and Semestral Assessment 1 (SA1)

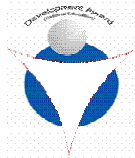
Please refer to the letter given out to parents on Monday, 27 March 2017, for details of Holistic Assessment and Semestral Assessment 1 schedule and School Examination Policy.

### 5) International Friendship Day, 3 April 2017

The school will be celebrating International Friendship Day on Monday, 3 April 2017. The theme for this year's International Friendship Day is 'ASEAN 50' where we celebrate ASEAN's 50<sup>th</sup>



Loyalty  
Integrity  
Generosity  
Enthusiasm  
Respect &  
Responsibility



year of existence and cooperation. Pupils will learn more about our neighbouring countries and how the region has worked together in different ways. Pupils are encouraged to wear their ethnic attire for the day.

6) **World Book Day, 10 April 2017**

World Book Day is a yearly event organised by UNESCO to promote reading, and is celebrated in over 100 countries. This year, the school will celebrate this event on Monday, 10 April 2017. The theme for the day is 'Characters Come Alive!' The school encourages all pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character on that day.

Selected pupils will be sharing their literary insights on books which they have read. A mystery speaker has been scheduled to share her experiences as an author and emphasize the importance of cultivating the reading habit. A series of recess activities have also been planned to encourage pupils to read widely and trigger their interest in reading.

7) **Science Challenge, 11 April 2017**

The Science Department will be organising its bi-annual Science Challenge for all P3 to P6 pupils on Monday, 10 April 2017, from 2.10 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. The Science Challenge is a platform to extend pupils' learning of science concepts and allow pupils to apply their science knowledge through the process of creating a toy. Winning teams of the in-house competition will then be selected to participate at the national level in the Sony Creative Science Challenge organised by the Singapore Science Centre. The theme for the Science Challenge is "Mix-Match-Surprise" where pupils can mix Science concepts or materials to surprise people with their toy creations. More details of the competition and information about registration can be found on the school's ASKnLearn portal.

8) **National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test, 11 & 13 April 2017**

All P4 and P6 pupils are required to take the NAPFA (National Physical Fitness Award) Test, which is made up of 6 stations. The 1.6km/walk run will be conducted during PE lessons. The remaining 5 stations will be conducted from 3.30pm – 5.30pm, on **Tuesday, 11 April 2017 (P6 pupils) and Thursday, 13 April 2017 (P4 pupils) from 3.30pm – 5.30pm**. Pupils are to be present for the test days. It is compulsory for all pupils to complete the NAPFA test unless he/she is medically exempted. A medical certificate should be provided if your child is absent on the day of the test. More information will be provided in a letter at a later date.

9) **Eye Care Week, 17 – 21 April 2017**

Singapore has one of the highest prevalence of myopia or short-sightedness when compared to other countries in the world. This is a cause for concern as the earlier a child develops myopia, the higher the tendency of developing severe myopia later in life. The school Eye Care Week will be conducted from Monday, 17 April 2017 – Friday, 21 April 2017. Pupils can look forward to some fun and interesting eye care games and activities during recess. Through viewing exhibits and playing games, pupils will be able to pick up good eye care habits as well as learn more about people with visual impairment.

10) **NLB Activity: Books 2 Go, 20 & 21 April 2017**

The school collaborates with the National Library Board (NLB) and taps on its vast reading resources to encourage our pupils to read. The termly Books-2-Go exercise, a mass borrowing exercise conducted by NLB in the school, is scheduled on Thursday, 20 April 2017 to Friday, 21 April 2017. All pupils are encouraged to bring along their student identification card to borrow the books. 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 Public Library.

11) **Class Photo-Taking, 28 April 2017**

All classes will take their class photo on Friday, 28 April 2017. Pupils are reminded to be in their full school uniform and be neat and smart-looking for this photo-taking exercise.

12) **WOW MUM/DAD**

The Parent Support Group is supporting the school reading programme by conducting storytelling sessions in the Ligerbrary. 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. The next session is scheduled on 6 April, and our PSG will be putting up a skit on Dr Seuss. The subsequent sessions will be conducted on 20 April, 11 and 25 May 2017

. Do encourage your child to visit the Ligerbrary for an inspiring story-telling session.

13) **Healthy Eating**

Since 2016, the school has implemented the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP) where healthier food and drinks options are provided for our pupils in the school canteen. The introduction of a Snack Break in January this year is part of this effort to promote healthy eating in our pupils. The active involvement of parents in ensuring that healthy habits are sustained beyond school and form part of the pupils' and their family's lifestyle is critical. For our daily Snack Break, we would like the support of all parents to encourage our pupils to consume healthy snacks. This includes sandwiches or wraps, fruits, nuts (without salt/sugar), plain biscuits, cereals (without frosting) and plain water instead of sugared water.

14) **Family Matters@School: Workshops in May**

The school is organizing a series of parenting seminars which are subsidized by the Ministry of Social and Family Development. Please refer to the table below for a summary of the upcoming workshops and the attached letters for more details.

Workshop Title	Day / Date / Time / Venue	Fee	Target Group
<b><u>Workshop 1</u></b> Helping Your Child Handle Examination Stress	Saturday, 6 May 2017 9.00 am to 11.00am Venue: JSPS AVA Room	\$5 / parent	P1 – P6 parents [Maximum capacity: 30 parents]
<b><u>Workshop 2</u></b> Making Memories that Last at Singapore Botanic Gardens	Saturday, 20 May 2017 9.00am – 1.00pm Venue: Singapore Botanic Gardens  Meet at JSPS Canteen at 8.15am for registration and transport	\$10 per Pair [consisting of 1 Parent & 1 Child]	P1 – P6 parents [Maximum capacity: 20 pairs]

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

Attached with this letter, we have included a list of school activities and events in Term 2, 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.

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**Goh Meei Yunn (Mdm)**  
**Principal**

**Family Matters@School: Workshop 1**  
**'Helping Your Child Manage Examination Stress'**

31 March 2017

Dear Parents

The school is organizing an interactive workshop for parents on **'Helping your child manage examination stress'**



STRESS is the catch word of present day society. And now, children and adults alike are subjected to it. Of course, not all stressors are bad; in fact, they often propel us to greater heights. However, like fire, if we allow stress to dominate and master us and our children, stress can be very destructive, affecting our health, relationships and even our very being. Hence, it is important to know, to arrest and eventually master stress.

In this interactive workshop, you will discover your main source of stress and how stress can aid in maximising performance. Applying the information, participants will be taught to combat stress through the art of re-thinking, relaxing and restarting.

We would like to encourage parents to register early as this workshop is limited to the **FIRST 30 parents only.** Details of the event are as follows:

**Date: Saturday, 6 May 2017**  
**Time: 9.00am to 11.00am**  
**Venue: Jing Shan Primary School AVA Room**  
**Fee: \$5 per person**

Please complete the attached registration slip and submit the slip together with the payment (placed in a sealed envelope, Attn: Mdm Jaya) to the FMS box near the General Office by **Friday, 28 April 2017.**

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**REGISTRATION SLIP**  
**“Helping Your Child Manage Examination Stress”**  
**6 May 2017**

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

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

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

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

**Family Matters@School: Workshop 2**  
**Making Memories That Last at Singapore Botanic Gardens**

31 March 2017

Dear Parents

We are organizing a family bonding activity '**Making Memories That Last**' at Singapore Botanic Gardens. The programme is structured around the concept of Love Languages spoken in the Family.

Psychologists generally agree that in every person there is an emotional tank or "love tank" that needs to be filled. When this love tank is filled, people perform and respond better. The Emotional Tank is filled through love expressions such as Affirming Words, Acts of Service, Physical Touch, Giving of Thoughtful Gifts and Quality Time Spent Together.

The objective of the activity is to give families an opportunity to bond through expressions of love. There will be a debrief on love languages after the activity and families will have the opportunity to converse over a "love language profile". For both parents and child, learning and practising your love language is going to dramatically improve the quality of your relationships with each other and with other people.

We would like to encourage parents to register early as this activity is limited to the **FIRST 20 pairs only**. Details of the event are as follows:

**Date: Saturday, 20 May 2017**

**Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm**

**Venue: Jing Shan Primary School for registration at 8.15am. Bus will proceed at 8.30am to Singapore Botanic Gardens**

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

Please complete the attached registration slip and submit the slip together with the payment (placed in a sealed envelope, Attn: Mdm Jaya) to the FMS box near the General Office by **Friday, 5 May 2017**.

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**REGISTRATION SLIP**  
**"Making Memories That Last at Singapore Botanic Gardens"**  
**20 May 2017**

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

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

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

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

Please tick if you are driving to Singapore Botanic Gardens