



# JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## From the Principal's Office – May 2017

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

Please note the following public/school holidays and major school events in May, June and July.

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
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	
27 May - 25 June	Saturday - Sunday	School Vacation	
26 June	Monday	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday Term 3 will commence on Tuesday, 27 June
3 Jul	Monday	Youth Day Holiday	No school for all pupils

### 2) School Merger

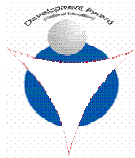
Following our letter to you dated 20 April 2017 on the school merger with Da Qiao Primary School, we would like to reiterate our commitment to ensure a smooth transition for the students, and minimise disruption to the school's programmes and routines. With the merger, I am confident that we will build on our existing strengths and be able to provide an even better spread of learning programmes and experiences for our pupils.

I would like to invite you to let us have your comments or concerns about the merger and upgrading works so that we can be aware of them early and make plans to mitigate them if possible. Please let us have your feedback at <http://tinyurl.com/jspsmerger-parents>. Do leave your contact details if you would like us to get back to you.

Moving forward, we will leverage on the monthly Principal's letter to keep you updated about the school's plans on this matter. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email if you have any concerns.



Loyalty  
Integrity  
Generosity  
Enthusiasm  
Respect &  
Responsibility



3) **Staff Updates**

We welcome Mr Cheng Kim Hong who joined the school on Tuesday, 25 April 2017. Mr Cheng will be our Middle Primary Year Head and is trained in English, Math and Science.

4) **School Achievements**

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

- 3 pupils from Primary 4/1 participated in the Walk, Cycle, Ride @ AMK 2017 drawing contest. Lim Jiayi is one of the 7 winners whose artwork was selected for print on special edition tissue boxes. The artworks by Ashley Feng and Alexandrina Megan George were also selected to be featured at the exhibition space during the event on Sunday, 23 April 2017.

5) **Learning Journeys**

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

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

6) **PASSION Fest, 26 May 2017**

On Friday, 26 May 2017, we will be having our Passion Fest. This is a bi-annual event and the main objectives are to impart the importance of lifelong learning to our pupils and provide our pupils with a platform to pick up important life skills as part of their holistic development. P3 – P6 pupils will be given the option to select their preferred modules while P1 – P2 pupils will have a customised programme planned for them. All pupils will have a chance to experience learning in various areas such as personal grooming, self-management, household chores, ball games etc. All learning modules are customized to the pupils' ability at different age groups.

Teachers, parent volunteers, and even some of our upper primary pupils will be sharing their passion and hobbies with the student body. We look forward to having your support in various ways: namely volunteering yourself to the teachers if they need assistance during the sessions and helping your child with the registration process on ASKnLearn when the booking platform goes live. More information pertaining to PASSION Fest will be released at a later time.

7) **Report Books and Portfolios**

We will be issuing report books and portfolios to our pupils on Friday, 26 May 2017. Please sign on the report book and return the report book and portfolio to your child's form teacher on the first day of school next term on Tuesday, 27 June 2017.

8) **Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Matters**

In the spirit of allowing our pupils to be exposed to different CCAs to discover their passion and interests and learn different types of skills, the P2 and P3 pupils have an option to change their CCA in Semester 2. Option forms for change of CCA will be given out to all P2 and P3 pupils by next week.

However, for P3 pupils who have been identified to join the school team and who will be representing the school in national competitions, we seek your understanding that they will be required to remain in the CCA for **at least 2 years**.

9) **Home-Based Learning (HBL) Exercise**

The school has scheduled Wednesday, 24 May 2017 as Admin and Training Day for staff. All pupils need not come to school on this day but they will have to work on their Home-Based Learning (HBL) assignments. The HBL Exercise is to ensure the school's readiness for HBL in the event of an emergency.

Your child/ward is to log in to the ASKnLearn portal on Wednesday, 24 May 2017 to access the e-learning materials for English, Mother Tongue, Mathematics (P1-P5) and Science (P3-P5). P6 pupils will be given an online task and practice papers as their homework.

In addition, online activities will also be assigned to the pupils during the June holidays and will be made available on the portal from 8.00 am on Monday, 29 May 2017 to 11.59 pm on Sunday, 25 June 2017. You may refer to Appendix A for instructions to help your child/ward access the portal. Please speak to your child's/ward's teachers if you have any queries. Should you encounter problems with login, please contact Ms Rita @ 6456 6305 during office hours.

If your child/ward does not have access to the Internet, the school will be opening the Computer Laboratories as follows:

Date	Time	Remarks
24 May 2017 (Wed)	8.00 am to 3.00 pm	Staff Admin and Training Day
29 May 2017 (Mon)	9.00 am to 12.00 pm	School Holiday
19 Jun 2017 (Mon) – 23 Jun 2017 (Fri)	9.00 am to 12.00 pm	

Please be aware that your child/ward is required to complete all HBL activities assigned on the ASKnLearn portal during the school holidays as part of holiday homework. Your child's/ward's subject teachers will be monitoring his/her progress. Assigned work that is not done for the HBL exercise will be deemed as incomplete work and may be considered a minor offence under the school's rules and regulations.

10) **P6 Supplementary Classes**

As part of providing continuous support to your child/ward towards his/her PSLE preparation, the school will be conducting supplementary lessons during week 4 of the June holidays from Tuesday, 20 June 2017 to Friday, 23 June 2017. P6 pupils will report to school at 8.30am and lessons will end at 1.00pm. There will be a short break from 10.30am to 11.00am. A few stalls in the canteen will be open to sell food and drinks during the break time. As the teachers will be conducting important revision lessons throughout the four days, the school seeks your cooperation in ensuring your

child's/ ward's full attendance during the sessions. More details will be given to all P6 pupils and parents at a later date.

11) **School Health Service – Health Check and Immunization, 27 June – 7 July**

The School Health Services will be visiting our school to conduct the annual health screening from Tuesday, 27 June 2017 to Friday, 7 July 2017. During this visit, the health team will need all relevant past and current medical information about your child/ward. Please submit the health booklets, and immunization documents to your child's form teachers by Monday, 22 May 2017.

12) **JSPS Open House, 29 – 30 June**

Jing Shan Open House 2017 is held from 10.00am to 12.00pm on Thursday, 29 June 2017 and Friday, 30 June 2017. The Open House provides an opportunity for parents of potential P1 pupils to know more about the school's programmes and view the school's facilities. Highlights include presentations by the Principal, Mdm Goh Meei Yunn and Director of Alphajoy Student Care Centre, Mr Spencer Tan, and a school tour. More information, including registration details, can be found on our school website.

13) **Travel Declaration via ASKnLearn™ Learning Management System**

As required by the Ministry of Education, **all Primary 1 pupils** are to submit a travel declaration or a NIL return if they are not travelling in the June holidays. For **Primary 2 to 6 pupils**, a submission is only required if pupils are travelling overseas during the holidays.

Your child/ward can complete the online submission via the ASKnLearn™ Learning Management System. Alternatively, you may submit the Online Travel Declaration on behalf of your child/ward via the ASKnLearn™ Parents' Portal. Online travel declaration will be made available from Friday, 26 May 2017 to Sunday, 25 June 2017.

Please refer to the information and instructions provided below to make the necessary travel declaration. Should you encounter problems with login, please contact Ms Rita at 6456 6305 during office hours.

Access using URL:  
**[https://lms.asknlearn.com/JINGSHAN\\_PS/logon\\_new.aspx](https://lms.asknlearn.com/JINGSHAN_PS/logon_new.aspx)** for both Students' and Parents' Portals.

**Login ID for Parents' Portal: Your Child's/Ward's Birth Cert Number or Student Pass ID**  
**Password: parents**

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

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. The application forms were given out on Friday, 31 March 2017.

Workshop Title	Day / Date / Time / Venue	Fee	Target Group	Closing Date
<b><u>Workshop 1</u></b>	6 May 2017 (Sat)	\$5 / parent	P1 – P6 parents	Friday,

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Helping Your Child Handle Examination Stress	9.00 am to 11.00am Venue: JSPS AVA Room		[Maximum capacity: 30 parents]	28 April 2017
<u>Workshop 2</u> Making Memories that Last at Singapore Botanic Gardens	20 May 2017 (Sat) 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]	Friday, 5 May 2017

15) **Mother's Day and Father's Day Activity by Parent Support Group**

To celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day, the Parent Support Group will be selling some DIY keychains, starry photo frames, bag charms and pop up cards on Tuesday and Thursday, 9 & 11 May 2017 during all recesses. Price varies from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

16) **Useful Websites for Parents**

- SchoolBag: The Education News Site  
*SchoolBag: The Education News Site* [<https://www.schoolbag.sg/>] is an online publication by the Ministry of Education, Singapore. The website provides parents, educators and the general public with education news, school features and tips. The school would like to encourage parents to visit the website to pick up useful tips and information to support your child at home.
- Active SG  
The school would like to encourage all pupils to pursue an active lifestyle – to keep active, be happy and be sporty. ActiveSG has lined up an array of fun and engaging activities for families during the June vacation. Do refer to the website <https://www.myactivesg.com/programmes/activesg-school-holiday-sports-programmes> for details and sign up if interested.

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

Appendix A: Access the AskNLearn™ LMS portal (for pupils)

