



# JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Thinkers. Learners. Leaders.*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From the Principal's Office – June 2017



A warm welcome back to Jing Shan Primary this second semester!

The news of our merger with Da Qiao Primary School in January 2019 must have taken everyone by surprise. I am grateful for the outpouring of support and sentiments immediately following the news. Everyone has been understanding of the rationale for the merger – which is primarily due to the changing demographics in our neighbourhood. I would like to assure all parents of our commitment to minimize the changes for your child during this period of transition. Moving forward, opportunities abound with the merger.

Pupils from both schools can look forward to making new friends, benefitting from a wider range of educational programmes including a greater variety of co-curricular activities (CCAs), and an expanded team of staff. Any changes will be made in the best interests of the merged school and its pupils, and we are committed to ensure that pupils' learning experience will not be compromised. The name of the merged school and the new Principal-designate will be announced at a later time.

By November this year, our school's upgrading project will finally commence. We are looking forward to enhanced school facilities that include an indoor sports hall, and specialised rooms like dance studio, band room and teaching lab. The upgrading is projected to complete by June 2019. Throughout the construction period, our pupils' safety will be our top concern and we will work closely with the contractors to minimize disruption and continue to provide a conducive environment for their learning.

Our pupils have done us proud in the first semester across all domains. In particular, we are proud to highlight the following achievements: 3rd place in South Zone Inter-School Badminton Competition, Frank Cooper Sands Silver Award by Scouts, 2nd Prize at the Scholastic Read and Write Challenge, 1st Prize at the Cheng San Community Club Beautex Life's Beautiful Life Art Competition, and top 2 prizes in the Teck Ghee Got Talent Competition.

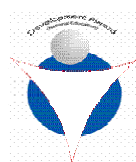
We are committed to delivering our mission of realising your child's full potential through a values-driven holistic education, and will work hand in hand with you to achieve this.

I look forward to another semester of rich interactions and learning at Jing Shan Primary School.

Principal,  
Mdm Goh Meei Yunn



Loyalty  
Integrity  
Generosity  
Enthusiasm  
Respect &  
Responsibility



### 1) **Welcome**

The school is pleased to introduce the following new staff who joined the school recently:

- Ms Jadeite Yau (Chinese Language Teacher)
- Miss Dharshini D/O Rajah (English Language / Math Teacher)
- Mdm Tamilselvi (Tamil Language Relief Teacher)
- Mdm Aeon Bte Jaafar (Adjunct Clerical Support Officer)
- Mdm Yang Chunfan (Operations Support Officer)

The school welcomes the following staff who have joined the school after their maternity leave and/or leave of absence:

- Mdm Zhang Xinyuan
- Mdm Teo Bee Khim
- Mdm Toh Mei Siew
- Mdm Vasanthan Lavenyah

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the following staff for their services rendered to the school when they were with us. They are:

- Ms Pauline Wong (Allied Educator, Learning & Behavioral Support)

### 2) **School Values of Respect, Responsibility & Loyalty**

In line with school vision and mission, the school places special emphasis on our school values of **Respect** and **Responsibility** throughout the year. In addition for Term 3, the value of **Loyalty** will be emphasized. The school hopes that all parents can support the school's efforts and reinforce these values at home.

Loyalty: All pupils are expected and encouraged to show loyalty at all times. They must be loyal to their friends, school and country. Pupils can demonstrate the value of Loyalty by taking care of one another, obeying the school rules and celebrating National Day with enthusiasm.

### 3) **School Holidays Term 3 & Term 4**

Please note the following School and Public Holidays in Term 3 and 4:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
26 June	Monday	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
3 July	Monday	Youth Day	School Holiday
9 August	Wednesday	National Day	Public Holiday
10 August	Thursday	Day after National Day	School Holiday
17 – 18 August	Thursday - Friday	PSLE Oral Exam	P6 pupils report to school No school for P1 – P5 pupils
29 August	Tuesday	Parent-Teacher-Child Conference (PTC) Parent – Teacher Meeting (PTM)	For parents and pupils of P1 – P2  For parents of P3 – P6 pupils  <b>*No school for P1 – P6 pupils</b>
31 August	Thursday	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
1 September	Friday	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
2 September – 10 September	Saturday - Sunday	School Vacation	
15 September	Friday	PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam	P6 pupils to report to school No school for P1 – P5 pupils
18 October	Wednesday	Deepavali	Public Holiday
19 – 20, 23 – 24	Thursday,	PSLE Marking Exercise	No school for P1 – P6 pupils

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
October	Friday, Monday & Tuesday		
10 November	Friday	Administrative Day/ P1 Orientation & Home-based Learning Day	No school for P1 – P6 pupils
17 November	Friday	P6 Graduation Prize Giving Day	P5 & P6 pupils to report to school P1 – P5 prize winners to report to school
18 November – 31 December 2017	Saturday - Sunday	School Vacation	
1 January 2018	Mon	New Year	Public Holiday

#### 4) Learning Journeys for Term 3

Please refer to the table below for details of up-coming learning journeys or significant events for the different levels. A separate letter will be issued to parents of pupils concerned.

Level	Date	Activity
P1	24 August 2017, Thursday	Jacob Ballas Children's Garden
P2	5 July 2017, Wednesday (Class 2/1, 2/2, 2/3) 6 July 2017, Thursday (Class 2/4, 2/5, 2/6)	Esplanade: Feed Your Imagination
P3	11 July 2017, Tuesday (Class 3/1, 3/4) 12 July 2017, Wednesday (Class 3/2, 3/3, 3/5)	Zoo Interdisciplinary Trail PM: 2.00pm – 5.00pm
P3	27 July 2017, Thursday	Chinese Language Theatre Experience PM: 2.00pm – 5.00pm For pupils who take CL as Mother Tongue
P4	20 - 21 July 2017, Thursday - Friday	P4 Camp
P5	2 July 2017, Sunday	National Education Show
P5	14 July 2017, Friday (Class 5/1, 5/2) 21 July 2017, Friday (Class 5/3) 28 July 2017, Friday (Class 5/4, 5/5)	Science Centre DNA Lab PM: 2.00pm – 5.00pm
P6	26 July 2017, Wednesday	Chinese Language Theatre Experience PM: 2.00pm – 5.00pm For pupils who take CL as Mother Tongue

#### 5) School Achievements

We are pleased to share with you the following achievements of our pupils and staff since our last update in May.

- Rens Julien Monton Isip (6/1) clinched the second prize in the Scholastic Read and Write Challenge
- Ethan Quek (5/1) and Lucas Lim (5/2) were awarded Certificates of Distinction (Round 2) in the Raffles Institution Primary World Maths Contest 2017
- In the Cheng San CC Beautex Life's Beautiful Life Art Competition, Lim Jiayi (4/1) took home the first prize
- The Cub Scouts have done the school proud by bagging a Silver medal in the Scouts Frank Cooper Sands Award 2016
- Mrs Ivy Tan clinched the 2016 Excellent Service Award (EXSA) - Star Award
- Mrs Shanthi Magendran was involved in the production of a video on Teaching Comprehension for the Primary Tamil Language Curriculum with Tamil Language Unit (MTLB,

CPDD). The video will be used as a training resource for TL teachers in the teaching of comprehension skills at national level.

6) **Temperature-Taking Exercise, 30 June 2017**

Temperature-Taking Exercise is conducted twice a year – once in term 1 and another in term 3. This allows us to maintain our readiness to reactivate the temperature taking regime in an event of a health-related emergency. The exercise was conducted on 30 June, Friday.

7) **Hari Raya Puasa Celebration, 4 July 2017**

The school will be celebrating Hari Raya Puasa on 4 July, Tuesday. There will be a concert in the school hall from 7.30am – 8.30am and all parents are cordially invited. Due to space constraints in the Hall, we seek your understanding that only 2 members from each family are invited.

All pupils are encouraged to wear their ethnic costumes to school. Alternatively, they may choose to wear their school uniform. For footwear, all pupils are to wear their black school shoes and socks. They should not come to school in slippers, sandals or party shoes.

8) **Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight from 10 - 21 July 2017**

The Mother Tongue Language Fortnight aims to promote the love of learning Mother Tongue Languages through various activities conducted in a language-rich learning environment. A series of activities has been lined up for all pupils during the MTL Fortnight from 10 July, Monday to 22 July, Friday. Pupils will be exposed to various language activities during curriculum lessons, recesses and also through after-school Learning Journeys or enrichment activities. To promote the love of reading, there will be a sale of story books in the canteen on 24 July, Monday and 25 July, Tuesday. A brochure of the books on sale will be distributed to relevant pupils prior to the sale for parents' and pupils' perusal.

9) **Racial Harmony Day on 17 July 2017**

The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on 17 July, Monday. Pupils will learn the importance of making choices that promote and advocate inter-cultural understanding, and build strong relationships between people of all races, cultures and nationalities, to strengthen our distinctive identity as Singaporeans living in a multi-cultural Singapore. There will be classroom activities as well as recess activities organised to enhance the pupils' learning experience. Pupils are encouraged to wear ethnic costumes on that day as part of the commemoration.

10) **P4 Leadership Camp, 20 – 21 July**

In Jing Shan Primary School, we aim to provide our pupils with a holistic education and experiential learning opportunities. The school will be conducting a 2-day 1-night residential camp in school on 20 July, Thursday and 21 July, Friday. Through the P4 camp, the school aims to help our pupils learn leadership skills, develop the right values to be a good leader, increase self-esteem, self-confidence, self-mastery and resilience to overcome challenges and demonstrate better problem-solving and communication skills. Please refer to letter given out on 25 May, Thursday for additional details. A gentle reminder also for parents of P4 pupils to log into AsknLearn to fill in the registration form and other related administrative documents by 3 July, Saturday. There will be a briefing for parents conducted on 4 July, Tuesday at 5pm in the AVA Room.

11) **Reading-related activities**

a) **WOW MUM/DAD, 6 & 20 July, 3 August 2017**

WOW MUM/DAD (WOW stands for Words Of Wisdom) is a programme spearheaded by the Parent Support Group. The parent volunteers conduct storytelling and drama sessions and in-depth discussions with pupils. Through these interactions, the parent volunteers seek to connect the moral of the stories to real life experiences, and impart important values to the pupils through stories and drama. The programme will be held in the Ligerbrary, during Thursday recesses on 6 July, 20 July and 3 August.

b) **Collaboration with NLB: Books to Go, 20 – 21 July 2017**

The mobile library from National Library Board (NLB) will be in Jing Shan for a mass borrowing exercise from 20 July, Thursday to 21 July, Friday. All pupils are encouraged to bring along their pupil identification card and to participate in this exercise. Please be reminded that all pupils are 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 Library. Books to Go in Term 4 will take place on 12 – 13 October, Thursday – Friday.

12) **School Anniversary Week, 31 July – 4 August 2017**

School Anniversary Week, from 31 July, Monday to 4 August, Friday, is a school event to commemorate the founding of the school 72 years ago. There will be sharing of memories of Jing Shan by current staff and invited speakers who are alumni of the school throughout the week-long School Anniversary Week.

13) **Workshops for Parents**

a) **'Transition to Secondary Education Parent Seminar on 15 July 2017**

The Ministry of Education's Engagement and Research Division will be organising a 'Transition to Secondary Education' Parent Seminar for parents of Primary 5 or Primary 6 pupils on 15 July 2017, Saturday at the NTUC Centre.

The seminar aims to:

- Deepen parents' understanding of the current secondary education landscape
- Broaden parents' perspective on factors to consider in choosing suitable schools with their child
- Provide parents with information and tips on how they could support their child's holistic development and social-emotional learning (SEL)

Admission is free and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. We strongly encourage parents to attend the seminar. Kindly register at <http://tinyurl.com/moetransitionseminar2017>. For further enquiries, parents can also email [informationdesk2017@gmail.com](mailto:informationdesk2017@gmail.com) or call 8750 5092.

b) **Family Matters@School: Workshops for Parents**

The school is organizing a series of parenting seminars which are subsidised by the Ministry of Social and Family Development. Please refer to the table below for a summary of the upcoming workshops. A separate letter with more details is attached for the relevant level(s).

Workshop Title	Details	Fee	Target Group
Breakfast with Dad	22 July, Saturday 8.30am to 10.30am Venue: School Canteen	\$10 per Father & Child Pair	P1 – P2 Dads & Pupils Maximum capacity 30 parents
Triple P Level 2 Seminars (3 Seminars)	Venue: JSPS	Free of Charge	Selected P3 – P4 Parents
#1 Power of Positive Parenting	15 July, Saturday 9.00am – 11.00am		
#2 Raising Confident, Competent Children	22 July, Saturday 9.00am – 11.00am		
#3 Raising Resilient Children	5 August, Saturday 9.00am – 11.00am		

14) **Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Selection Exercise 2017**

The tentative date for the GEP Screening Exercise for P3 pupils is on 23 August, Wednesday. Shortlisted pupils from the Screening Exercise will be invited to participate in the GEP Selection Exercise on 19 and 20 October, Thursday - Friday.

15) **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 allows pupils to build up their foundation knowledge on the different subject areas, enabling 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 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 reason(s) for application and the dates in which the pupil will be on leave. A valid contact number should also be provided. All leave of absence from school will need the Principal's approval.

The school strongly discourages parents from withdrawing a child 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.

16) **PERI Plus Upgrading**

The school would like to announce that the PERI Plus upgrading will finally commence in November. The project will take up approximately 18 months and project completion is targeted to be in June 2019. We will provide more details of the upgrading plans and timeline at a later date. Please be assured that the safety of our pupils is paramount as we work with the consultants and architects planning for the works. 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.

17) **School Merger**

The school would like to reiterate our commitment to ensure a smooth transition for the pupils, and minimize disruption to the school routines and programmes. We are working closely with the Principal and staff of Da Qiao Primary School, in preparation for the impending merger in January 2019. At this juncture, the two schools are working together to review the existing curriculum of both schools before coming up with a common curriculum in the different subjects for both schools by 2019. The two schools also plan to conduct a few common activities together for our pupils and staff to interact and to get-to-know each other better starting 2018.

We will continue 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.

18) **Collated Activities and Assessment Plan for Term 3 2017**

The list of school activities and events in Term 3, as well as the Assessment Plan for Term 3, will be shared with all parents by next week. 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.