



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1) Welcome & Thank You

The school is pleased to introduce Ms Sim Wan Er, a Chinese Teacher who joined the school on 24 July 2017, Monday.

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:

- Miss Safila Afreen Basheer Ahamed (embarked on teacher training course)
- Mdm Manisah Sujonoh (Operations Support Officer – retired)

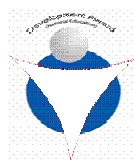
2) School Holidays in Term 3 & Term 4

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

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
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 to 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 *No school for P1 – P6 pupils
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 October	Thursday, Friday, Monday & Tuesday	PSLE Marking Exercise	No school for P1 – P6 pupils
10 November	Friday	Administrative Day & 2018 P1 Orientation	No school for P1 – P6 pupils
17 November	Friday	P6 Graduation Ceremony Prize Giving Day	P5 & P6 pupils to report to school P1 – P5 prize winners to report to school



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Date	Day	Event	Remarks
18 November – 31 December 2017	Saturday - Sunday	School Vacation	
1 January 2018	Mon	New Year	Public Holiday

3) Upcoming Learning Journeys in Term 3 & Term 4

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
P5	5 August 2017, Saturday	Tamil Fest 2017 9.30am – 1.00pm For pupils who take TL/FTL as Mother Tongue
P1	21 September 2017, Thursday	EL Drama Experience during curriculum time
P3	26 September 2017, Tuesday (3/2) 27 September 2017, Wednesday (3/1, 3/4) 28 September 2017, Thursday (3/3, 3/5)	Art in Transition
P6	Post Exam. Activity	Little India Heritage trail

4) School Achievements

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

- The senior boys from the Soccer Club took home the championship trophy in the Gan Eng Seng Football Challenge 2017.
- Magdalene Lin Min Hui (P1/1) was a finalist in the National Primary Schools Chinese Storytelling Competition 2017.

5) 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.

6) WOW MUM/DAD, 3 August 2017

WOW MUM/DAD (WOW stands for Words Of Wisdom) is a programme spearheaded by the Parent Support Group (PSG). The parent volunteers conduct storytelling and drama sessions and in-depth discussions with pupils during WOW MUM/DAD Sessions. 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 was held in the Ligerbrary, during Thursday recesses on 3 August.

7) Get Active! Singapore & National Day Celebration on 8 August 2017

The school will be celebrating Singapore's 52nd National Day on 8 August, Tuesday. The school will start as usual at 7.30 a.m. and end at 9.30 a.m. Please make the necessary arrangement to fetch your child/ward during dismissal at 9.30am. All pupils are also encouraged to wear an appropriate red or white T-shirt with school shorts or skorts and black school shoes on that day. P5 pupils may also bring the light stick flags that they received at the NE Show as well.

The school is collaborating with Sport Singapore to be part of GetActive! Singapore. Back for the 2nd year, GetActive! Singapore is holding sports festival island-wide for a period of 12 days. It is designed to have us all celebrating National Day together as One Team Singapore – through sports. On 8 August, Tuesday, all pupils will be engaged in a group fitness activity for 30 minutes.

Each pupil will also receive a *GetActive! Singapore* Pack which comprises of a snack pack, mini state flag, event flag and a GetActive folder.

Summary of Programme on 8 August, Tuesday:

7. 30am – 8.00am	National Day Observance Ceremony
8.00am – 8.30am	GetActive! Singapore celebrating National Day as One Team Singapore : Group Fitness Activity at Jing Shan
8.30am – 9.30am	Jing Shan has Talent - Finals
9.30am	Dismissal

8) **Arts Festival on 8 – 12 August 2016**

This year's Arts Festival is scheduled from 7 August, Monday to 11 August, Friday. The activities and programmes conducted aims to provide pupils with an opportunity to appreciate the Arts. Highlights of the event include:

Date	Activity	Time	Remarks
7 August 2017, Monday	Batik Painting Experience	3 recesses	Fringe activity conducted by Art Club members. <i>*To ensure pupils' safety, only pupils who produce the signed consent form will be allowed to enter the barricaded area for the batik painting experience.</i>
8 August 2017, Tuesday	Jing Shan Has Talent: Finals	8.30am – 9.30am	Finalists of the annual Jing Shan Has Talent competition will take the stage
11 August 2017, Friday	Jing Shan Has Talent : Semi Finalists' Performance	3 recesses	Jing Shan has Talent semi-finalists will showcase their talents on the iBusking Stage
7 August 2017, Monday & 11 August 2017, Friday	Collection of fabric pieces with ethnic prints	3 recesses	There will be an exhibition of fabric pieces with ethnic prints

We are appealing for the donation of fabrics with ethnic prints on them (e.g. printed sarongs, old saris, out-grown qipaos, ties/ scarfs with meaningful prints). We intend to consolidate the fabrics into a visual representation of the rich cultural heritage we live in. This piece of art will be framed and displayed in the school upon completion. Kindly donate appropriate fabric pieces generously. Our friendly Art Monitors will be deployed to accept your donations on 7 August, Monday and 11 August, Friday, during the 3 recesses.

9) **PSLE Oral Examination on 17 - 18 August 2017**

The PSLE Oral Examination will be conducted nationwide on 17 August, Thursday and 18 August, Friday. Only P6 pupils are required to report to school on these days and there will not be school for pupils from the other levels. The P6 pupils will be briefed on the details of the PSLE Oral Examination nearer the date of the national examination.

10) **Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Selection Exercise, 23 August 2017**

The 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.

11) Parent-Teacher-Child Conference / Parent-Teacher Meeting on 29 August 2017

a) P1 & P2 Parent-Teacher-Child Conference

The P1 & P2 Parent-Teacher-Child (PTC) Conference will be held on 29 August, Tuesday from 8.30am to 5.00pm. The objective of PTC is to provide a platform for the child, parents and teacher to engage in a dialogue on the child's holistic development. A detailed letter will be given out to parents near the date of the PTC.

b) P3 – P6 Parent-Teacher Meeting

The P3-P6 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) will be held on 29 August, Tuesday from 8.30am to 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 Form Teachers or Subject Teachers. A detailed letter will be given out near the date of the PTM.

12) Lower Primary Games Day and Teachers' Day Celebration on 30 August 2017

The P1 to P3 pupils will be having their Lower Primary Sports Carnival on 30 August, Wednesday. The objectives of the Sports Carnival are to develop in pupils a lifelong love for physical activities through fun games; provide a platform for pupils to experience sports that are new to them; and provide opportunities for pupils to demonstrate the school values of Loyalty, Integrity, Generosity, Enthusiasm, Respect and Responsibility. The activities will be conducted in the first part of the day. P4 to P6 pupils will have lessons as per normal and school hours on this day will be as usual for all 6 levels.

The school will also be celebrating Teachers' Day on the same day with a concert and lunch hosted by the School Advisory Committee. Parents and pupils are advised not to purchase any expensive gifts for our teachers and we strongly encourage our pupils to be creative in creating their own tokens of appreciation for their teachers.

13) ECHA 2017 @ Jing Shan Primary School

Edusave Character Award (ECHA) was introduced by MOE to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. The award also supports our schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens.

We would like to invite parents to nominate your child for this award through our school website or through this link: <http://bit.ly/2v0U7tK>

Eligibility Criteria

- Students must be a Singaporean.
- Students must be nominated by self, parent, teacher or staff of Jing Shan

Award Timeline

- Nomination Phase – 31 July to 25 August 2017
- Shortlisting Phase – 27 to 31 August 2017
- Interview Phase – 11 to 14 September 2017

Judging Criteria

- Excellent conduct for current and previous education year (for P2 to P6 pupils)
- Excellent conduct for current education year (for P1 pupils)
- Good performance in CCA (if any)
- Winner of Termly LIGER Award
- Nomination by Parents / Peers

14) Nomination for Caring Teacher Award 2017

The school would like to encourage all parents and pupils to put up nominations for the Caring Teacher Award 2017. The Caring Teacher Award is a platform to celebrate teachers who exemplify the values of caring, sharing and concern for the academic, moral, social, emotional and mental welfare of their students. The online nomination is now available and accessible from the school website on <http://jingshanpri.moe.edu.sg/> and the closing date for nomination is on 31 August, Friday.

15) **Modes of Communication**

We are heartened to see parents who are actively involved in your children's life and many are keen to touch base with our teachers to foster better home-school communication and collaboration.

Parents may continue to use the Student Handbook as a platform to provide enquiries/feedback to the teachers. Alternatively, you may email the school at jps@moe.edu.sg or call the school office at 6456 6305. The school hours are from 7.30am – 6.00pm, Monday – Fridays.

We seek the understanding of parents not to contact teachers after 6.00pm on weekdays and on weekends and appeal to your understanding when teachers do not respond to your phone call/email beyond their regular work hours.

16) **Workshops for Parents – Family Matters@School**

The school organises a series of parenting seminars which are subsidised by the Ministry of Social and Family Development. Please refer to the table below for an upcoming workshop. Additional details can be obtained from a letter which was given out to all parents dated 7 July, Friday.

Workshop Title	Details	Fee	Target Group
Triple P Level 2 Seminars #3 Raising Resilient Children	5 August, Saturday 9.00am – 11.00am, JSPS	Free of Charge	Selected P3 – P4 Parents

Mdm Goh Meei Yunn
Principal