



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From the Principal's Office – September 2017

1) Emphasising School Values

In alignment with the school's 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. For Term 4, the value of **Generosity** will be emphasized. The school hopes that all parents can support the school's efforts and reinforce these values at home.

Respect: All pupils need to be respectful of self, others and our environment. Pupils who are self-respecting present themselves well and are neat at all times. Pupils show their respect to others by politely greeting their peers, elders and teachers. They are also kind with their words and actions towards others. Pupils undertake green efforts in school and at home to demonstrate their commitment to respect our environment.

Responsibility: All pupils are to practise responsibility by taking care of themselves, taking care of one another and taking care of the school. Pupils who are responsible in taking care of themselves will make sure that they come to school punctually and submit their assignments on time. Pupils who are responsible in taking care of others will go out of their way to help their peers. Pupils also have the responsibility to take care and maintain the cleanliness of the places that they use or visit.

Generosity: All pupils are expected and encouraged to show generosity at all times. They must be able to give and expect nothing in return. Pupils can demonstrate the value of generosity by participating actively in all Values-in-Action activities. They are also encouraged to voluntarily help their teachers and peers.

2) Postponement of School Upgrading to November 2018

We would like to update all that the school upgrading, originally planned to start in November 2017, will commence from November 2018 instead. This is due to a need to further review the design to accommodate new requirements for the upgrading project. We greatly appreciate your understanding, support and partnership as we work hand in hand to ensure a conducive environment for quality education of our pupils. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any queries regarding the upgrading. We will continue to keep you informed of the project details in a timely manner.

3) School and Public Holidays

Please note the following School and Public Holidays in September till the end of the year:

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
31 August	Thursday	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
1 September	Friday	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday



Loyalty
Integrity
Generosity
Enthusiasm
Respect &
Responsibility



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

4) **Upcoming Learning Journeys in 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
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	TBC	Little India Heritage Trail

5) **School Achievements**

We are pleased to share with you the following achievements of our staff since our last update in August:

- Mdm Tan Chor Hoon, Senior Teacher/Chinese Language, is a finalist in this year's President's Award for Teachers (PAT). She was shortlisted from more than 4 000 nominees and made it to the final interview stage with 16 others. Although she did not emerge as one of the 6 eventual Award winners, her achievement as an award finalist is affirmation of her contributions to the teaching fraternity over the years.
- The MT Department was invited to participate in the 7th Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Symposium, in partnership with the Curriculum Planning and Development Division from the Ministry of Education, on 19 August, Saturday. Our teachers, together with 27 pupils, presented and demonstrated the use of the revamped mother tongue (iMTL) portal in the 3 different languages at the symposium. Our pupils did the school proud and were most articulate in explaining to the visitors the features of the portal and their own experiences in using them.

6) **ECHA 2017 @ Jing Shan Primary School, Interview Phase, 11-14 September 2017**

EduSaves 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

7) **PSLE Listening Comprehension, 15 September 2017**

The PSLE Listening Examination will be conducted nationwide on 15 September, Friday. Only P6 pupils are required to report to school on that day. P1-P5 pupils need not attend school on that day and they will work on assignments assigned by their subject teachers.

8) **Science Challenge 2, 18 September 2017**

The Science Department will be organising its bi-annual Science Challenge for all P3 to P5 pupils on 18 September, Monday. Science Challenge is a platform to extend pupils' learning of science concepts and allow them to apply their science knowledge through the process of creating a product. More details of the competition and information about registration can be found on the school's ASKnLearn portal.

9) **WOW MUM/DAD for Term 4 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 schedule for Term 4 is as follows:

Date	Day	Venue
14 September, 28 September	Thursday recesses	Ligerbrary
12 October, 9 November		

10) **Family Matters@School: Workshop on 30 September 2017**

There will be an upcoming workshop for parents and pupils. Please refer to attached for information and registration form pertaining to the workshop.

Workshop Title	Date /Day/Time/Venue	Fee	Target Group	Closing Date
Arts and Science though Miniature Terrarium-Making	30 September, Saturday 9.00am – 11.30am JSPS Art Room, Level 4	\$10 per parent-child pair	P1 – P6 parents & pupils (Capacity: 20 pairs of parent & child)	22 September, Friday

11) **Upper Primary Sports Carnival and Children's Day Celebration, 5 October 2017**

The school will be celebrating Children's Day this year on 5 October, Thursday and the P4-P6 pupils will have their Sports Carnival in the morning as part of the day's celebration. The reporting and dismissal times remain unchanged on that day for all pupils. Supplementary/remedial lessons and CCA for P2 – P5 pupils will be cancelled in the afternoon.

12) **Collated Activities and Assessment Plan for Term 4 2017**

Please refer to attached for the Assessment Plan for Term 4. The list of school activities and events in Term 4 will be shared in Term 4 Week 1. We will inform by letter if there are any changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

Mdm Goh Meei Yunn
Principal