



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

October Principal's Letter

1) Public/School Holidays and Major School Events

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

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
6 October	Friday	Children's Day Holiday	No school for P1 – P6 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

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

The school is collaborating with Sport Singapore as part of GetActive! Singapore in the run of the Upper Primary Sports Carnival. 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 for P4 to P6 pupils. P1 to P3 pupils will have lessons as per normal. The whole school will gather in the Hall to commemorate Children's Day from 12.40pm – 1.40pm.

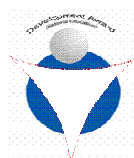
The reporting and dismissal times remain unchanged on that day for all pupils. Supplementary/remedial lessons and CCA for P2 – P5 pupils will be cancelled in the afternoon.

3) WOW MUM/DAD, 12 October & 9 November 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 during the 3 recess times on selected Thursdays at the Ligerbrary. Through these interactions, the parent volunteers seek to connect the moral of the story to real life experiences, and impart



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important values to the pupils. The sessions for Term 4 are scheduled on 12 October and 9 November. Do encourage your child to attend the sessions.

4) **Collaboration with NLB: Books to Go, 12 - 13 October 2017**

The mobile library from the National Library Board (NLB) will be in Jing Shan for a mass borrowing exercise from 12 October, Thursday to 13 October, Friday. All pupils are encouraged to bring along their student identification card and to participate in this exercise. 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 Library.

5) **Deepavali**

a. **Deepavali Celebration, 16 October 2017, Monday**

The school will be celebrating Deepavali on 16 October, Monday. There will be a concert in the school hall from 12.40 pm to 1.40 pm. All pupils are encouraged to wear traditional ethnic costumes to school. Alternatively, they may choose to wear their school uniform. For footwear, all pupils are to wear their black school shoes. They should not come to school in slippers, sandals or party shoes.

Parents are cordially invited to join the school in the celebration. Due to space constraints in the Hall, only 2 members from each family are invited. Please note that parents will only be allowed into the school premises from 12.30pm onwards due to safety and security reasons.

b. **Early Dismissal for Pupils Celebrating Deepavali, 17 October 2017, Tuesday**

There will be early dismissal on 17 October, Tuesday, 10.00am for pupils who celebrate the festival. For those who are eligible for early dismissal, kindly obtain a copy of the early dismissal form from your child's Mother Tongue teacher and submit the form through the same avenue by 10 October, Tuesday.

6) **PSLE Marking Exercise, 19, 20, 23 & 24 October 2017, Thursday - Tuesday**

The 2017 PSLE Marking Exercise will be held from 19 October, Thursday to 24 October, Tuesday. Pupils do not have to report to school during these days and are advised to spend their time wisely to revise for their upcoming year-end examinations. Home-based assignments will be given during this period.

7) **Learning Journey**

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

Level	Date	Activity
P6	31 October, Tuesday	NE Learning Journey to Little India
	1 November, Wednesday	Sculpture Walk: Singapore River, Sculpted by Dreams and Aspirations™

8) **Schoolbag Newsletter**

Parents play a crucial role in building a caring home environment that nurtures the social and emotional skills needed to build resilience in their children. The art and science of parenting is a skill that can be enhanced and learnt given experience, reading and development.

We would like to share a useful reading resource with parents. The Schoolbag.sg website is a platform which features current education news and stories on school programmes. In addition, the website also provides strategies to support children in their holistic development. In the September issue of this newsletter, articles like "Homework copying turns As into Fs" and "Let children tie their own shoelaces" should make for good reading.

Mdm Goh Meei Yunn
Principal

Early Dismissal Form

Event : Eve of Deepavali

Date : 17 October 2017, Tuesday

Time of Dismissal : 10.00am

Name of Pupil : _____ () Class : _____

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please tick the appropriate box to indicate how your child should be dismissed from school on the eve of Deepavali, 17 October 2017, Tuesday.

	My child will leave school at 10.00am on 17 October 2017, Tuesday. My child will go home by himself/herself.
	My child will leave school at 10.00am on 17 October 2017, Tuesday. I have made arrangement for my child to be picked up from the General Office at 10.00am.
	My child will not leave school at 10.00am on 17 October 2017, Tuesday. Instead, he/she will be dismissed from school at 1.40pm as per regular school curriculum hours.

Signature of Parent / Date **Name of Parent** **Contact Nos**

Please return this slip via your child's Mother Tongue teacher by 10 October 2017, Tuesday.