



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

November Principal's Letter

1) **School Holidays and Major School Events in November and December 2017**

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
10 November 2017	Friday	2018 P1 Orientation & School Administrative Day	No school for P1 – P6 pupils
16 November 2017	Thursday	Spring Cleaning & Last Day of School	
17 November 2017	Friday	P6 Graduation Ceremony Prize Giving Ceremony	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's Day	Public Holiday
2 January 2018	Tuesday	First Day of School	P1 – P6 2018 pupils to report to school

2) **School Achievements**

- Environment

Jing Shan has achieved the Lotus Sustained Achievement Award in the SEC-StarHub School Green Awards (SGA) this year. The SEC-StarHub School Green Awards is a simple environmental programme for all schools in Singapore. Students work together in teams to review their school's environmental efforts and submit a report. Through this, students gain a better understanding of the environmental impact of their actions and benefit from the opportunity to participate in programmes to raise awareness about the environment. Based on the results, schools qualify for one of four awards – the Palm, Hibiscus, Orchid or the top level Lotus Award. A Lotus Sustained Achievement Award is given to schools which receive the Lotus Award for at least three times consecutively.

- Visual Arts

This year, the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) on-site exhibition featured 259 artworks selected from over 3400 student artists. Jing Shan submitted two pottery pieces which were selected to be exhibited at *SCAPE The Ground Theatre between 5 July – 16 July 2017. Both pottery pieces were given the "Certificate of Recognition".

- Languages

Xia Jiangnan and Pan Luo from Primary 4/1 were awarded Certificates of Commendation and Participation respectively, in the 23rd National Primary Schools cum 11th Singapore-Malaysia-Brunei On-The-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition.

In the Translation Contest for Primary and Secondary Students, conducted by Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee, Harshith Arumugam Jeevandoss from Primary 6/1 was awarded a consolation prize.

3) **Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Fair, 13 November 2017**

CCA is an integral part of our pupils' holistic education. Through CCA, pupils discover their interests and talents while developing values and competencies that will prepare them for a rapidly changing world. CCA also promotes friendship among pupils from diverse backgrounds as they learn, play and grow together. Participation in CCA fosters social integration and deepens pupils' sense of belonging, commitment and sense of responsibility to school, community and nation.

In Jing Shan, CCA is open to all P2 to P6 pupils. The school strongly encourages every pupil to participate in at least one CCA.

CCA Fair for P1 – P3 Pupils

The annual Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Fair will take place on 13 November, Monday, for all P1 – P3 pupils. The CCA Fair is a platform to showcase the many CCAs in the school. Pupils will be exposed to all the CCAs available in the school and learn about the new skills they can pick up from each CCA.

In addition, CCA Fair 2017 will be open to all parents from 12.40pm to 1.40pm on that day. Parents are welcome to visit the Fair so as to make an informed decision with your child on the choice of CCA.

Online Registration

All P1-P3 pupils are to exercise their CCA option by 16 November, Thursday. Registration will be open on AsknLearn from 13 November, Monday to 16 November, Thursday. Pupils who are unable to do the registration at home will be able to do so during their recess on 14 November, Tuesday & 15 November, Wednesday. Laptops will be available in the canteen for pupils to do their registration.

P4 pupils who wish to remain in the same CCA do not have to take part in this registration exercise. Those who wish to switch CCA can register through AsknLearn. P5 pupils should not change their CCA.

More information will be given in a separate letter on CCA Fair to all pupils and parents.

4) **Matters pertaining to SA2 Papers, Report Books, Portfolios and Booklists**

Date	Levels	By School	Follow-Up by Parents & Pupils
8 Nov, Wed	P1 – P5	Subject teachers to return SA2 papers to pupils for parents' perusal and endorsement.	Parents to check the SA2 papers and endorse the papers by signing on the papers. Pupils to return the papers to subject teachers on 9 Nov, Thu. <i>(SA2 papers will be filed into the portfolio. Portfolio will be returned to pupils on 15 Nov, Wed.)</i>
13 Nov, Mon	P4 & P5	Form teachers to give out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P4 - report books & SBB option forms • P5 - report books, probation letters* & SBB letters* (*for identified P5 pupils only) 	Parents to return the following, duly signed, through your child to form teachers by 15 Nov, Wed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBB option form (for P4 pupils only) • SBB* & probation* letters (*for identified P5 pupils only) P4 & P5 pupils to return report book with parent's signature on 1 st day of school 2 Jan, 2018, Tue.
15 Nov, Wed	P1 – P3 P4 & P5	Form teachers to give out report books, portfolios & booklist 2018 Form teachers to give out portfolios & booklist 2018	P1-P5 pupils to return report books & portfolios with parent's signatures to school on 1st day of school 2 Jan, 2018, Tue.

5) **Brownies Cookies Sale, 13 – 15 November 2017**

As part of the World Thinking Day Celebrations, Jing Shan Brownies will be launching the Girl Guides Cookies Sale as part of their fund-raising activities. The cookie sales will be from 13 – 15 November, Monday to Wednesday, during the 3 recesses. The cookie tins will come in three flavours, Chocolate Cream, Chocolate Mint, and Chocolate Malt.

If you are interested to place an order, please indicate the choice and quantity in the order form attached. The prices for the tins are stated in the order form. Your child will bring this form and the money to the canteen during his/her recess to collect the order from 13 - 15 November, Monday to Wednesday. We thank you for your support.

6) **Cyber Wellness Fun Day, 14 November 2017**

On 14 November, Tuesday, the school will be holding a Cyber Wellness Fun Day to educate all pupils about online safety habits. The fun-filled event will be held during 3 recesses and supported by our P3 and P4 Cyber Wellness Ambassadors. The Ambassadors attended the Cyber Wellness Ambassador Workshop during the June holidays and will be displaying the games they had created at the workshop to increase the awareness of cyber wellness issues and values among their peers.

The attached handout titled "Helping Your Child Stay Safe Online" provides strategies on ways in which parents can support your child in countering cyberthreats. There is also a list of websites as a reference to equip parents to teach your child how to stay safe online.

7) **Spring Cleaning & Last day of School, 16 November 2017**

The last day of the academic year in Jing Shan is on 16 November, Thursday. In line with our school values of Respect and Responsibility, all pupils will be involved in the Spring Cleaning on 16 November, Thursday. Through the process of cleaning, pupils will learn the importance of respecting and taking care of the environment. Your child/ward will be required to bring along a small piece of rag on that day as well as a recycling bag to bring home his/her belongings from the locker.

8) **P6 Graduation Ceremony, 17 November 2017**

All P5 and P6 pupils are invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony on 17 November, Friday, from 8.00am to 10.00am. Guests and parents of P6 pupils are to be seated by 7.45 am. P5 and P6 pupils are to report to school in full school uniform by 7.15am.

P5 prize recipients are required to stay on for the Prize-Giving Day Ceremony and report to the registration counter in the hall at 10.15am. All other pupils from Primary 1 to 4 are not required to report to school on that day. Alphajoy Student Care Centre will operate as usual.

9) **Prize-Giving Ceremony, 17 November 2017**

All P1 to P5 prize winners and their family members are invited to attend the Prize-Giving Ceremony on 17 November, Friday, from 11.00am to 1.00pm. All guests are to be seated in the Hall by 10.45am. Prize-winners are to report to school in full school uniform by 10.15 am.

10) **Sale of Textbooks and Uniforms**

Please refer to the table below for the schedule of sale of textbooks and uniforms during the school holidays.

Date	Day	Vendor	Time	Remarks
10/11/2017	Friday	Books	9am to 3pm	Orientation Day (For P1 only)
		Uniforms		
27/11/2017	Monday	Books	9am to 3pm	P1 to P3
		Uniforms		Not applicable
28/11/2017	Tuesday	Books	9am to 3pm	P4 to P6
		Uniforms		Not applicable
29/11/2017	Wednesday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	
30/11/2017	Thursday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	
04/12/2017	Monday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms		Not applicable
05/12/2017	Tuesday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms		Not applicable
06/12/2017	Wednesday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	
07/12/2017	Thursday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	
13/12/2017	Wednesday	Books	9am to 3pm	FAS Only
		Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	
14/12/2017	Thursday	Books	9am to 3pm	FAS Only
		Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	
15/12/2017	Friday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms		Not applicable
27/12/2017	Wednesday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	
28/12/2017	Thursday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	
29/12/2017	Friday	Books	9am to 3pm	All Levels
		Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	
02/01/2018	Tuesday	Uniforms	9.30am to 3pm	All Levels

11) **School Bus Vendor 2018**

Aedge Holdings Pte Ltd will continue to be the school appointed school bus service provider for the year 2018. Please contact Ms Grace at 9431 4875 to register your interest for 2018.

12) **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 you are not travelling. For **Primary 2 to 6 pupils**, a submission is only required if pupils are travelling overseas during the November/December 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 is available from 8 November, Wednesday, to 31 December, Sunday.

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

Access using URL:
https://lms.asknlearn.com/JINGSHAN_PS/logon_new.aspx for both Pupils' and Parents' Portals.
 Login ID for Parents' Portal: **Your Child's/Ward's Birth Cert Number or Pupil Pass ID**
 Password: **parents**
 Travel declaration icon is found under 'Tools'. If this is your first login to the portal, you will be asked to provide some information

13) **PERI Upgrading**

The date for the construction works to begin for the new school buildings is tentatively scheduled in November 2018. The school will provide more details of the upgrading plans and timeline next year. 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.

14) **School Curriculum Hours in 2018**

From next year, the school curriculum hours will be from 7.30am – 1.30pm, Mondays – Fridays. The school will only administer remedial lessons in the afternoon to address the learning gaps of a small, select group of students. Consent forms will be issued at the beginning of next year to identified pupils. CCA will be conducted from 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Please refer to the table below for the school curriculum hours in 2018.

	School Curriculum Hours
Time for Flag-raising	7.30 am
School Curriculum Hours	7.45 am – 1.30 pm
Recess P1 & P4	9.15 am (30 min)
Recess P2 & P5	9.45am (30 min)
Recess P3 & P6	10.15 am (30 min)
Dismissal Time	1.30 pm
Remedial Hours	Either Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 2.00pm – 3.00pm A letter will be issued to parents of identified pupils
CCA Hours	Either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 3.00pm – 5.00pm A letter will be issued by the teachers IC of each CCA

15) **First day of school, 2 January 2018, Tuesday**

The first day of school for 2018 is on 2 January, Tuesday. All pupils are to be in full school uniform and assemble at the school hall by 7.25 am.

Pupils are expected to bring along only the following items on the first day of school:

- 'A' Workbooks for English, Math, Science & Mother Tongue (for submission to the subject teachers)
- A pencil case with stationery
- Colour pencils (for P1-2 pupils)

Your child's/ward's form teacher will be writing to you when he/she meets the class on 2 January, Tuesday. More details will be provided by your child's/ward's form and subject teachers with regard to the materials/resources that your child/ward needs to bring to school on the subsequent days of school.

16) **Nomination for PAT & OYEA Awards for Teachers**

Nominations for the President's Award for Teachers (**PAT**) and the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (**OYEA**) began on 16 October, Monday. These awards are given out to teachers in our fraternity to recognise their professional excellence.

We strongly encourage parents and pupils to nominate deserving teachers for these awards. Nominations can be submitted online via the links provided below:

Name of Award	Nomination Period	Link
Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2018	16 October – 30 November 2017	www.tinyurl.com/OYEA2018
President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2018	16 October 2017 – 15 January 2018	http://tinyurl.com/2018pat

We have come to the end of another meaningful and enriching year here at Jing Shan and I would like to wish all our pupils, parents and staff a happy and restful holiday. Thank you for partnering us in the education of your child/ward. My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming your child/ward back to school in 2018.

Mdm Goh Meei Yunn
Principal

BROWNIES COOKIES ORDER FORM

Name of Child _____ Class: _____

Choices:

Chocolate Mint (\$15 per tin)

Qty: _____

Chocolate Cream (\$15 per tin)

Qty: _____

Chocolate Malt (\$12 per tin)

Qty: _____