



## Newsletter 15 2020-21

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

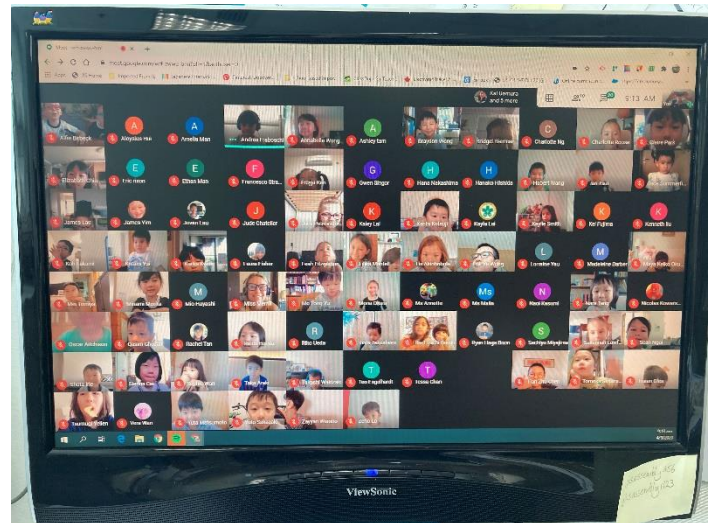
Dear Parents and JIS community

We reach the end of our first week of home learning with everyone back online from Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is very strange being at school without the students again. Thanks to all the staff, parents and students for making the efforts to make this work so well. It is far from ideal but we aim to make the best of what we can in the coming days and weeks. The students are engaging and adapting really well, so let's hope we can keep up the momentum until the end of the term.

### Around school:

#### Schedules and adaptations – starting next week, 7<sup>th</sup> December

Starting next week we will have the whole school online for all school days (not just Rec, P1, 2 and 3) so you will notice a slight change to schedules being sent out by staff. We are reverting back to our online schedule that was used for the start of the term (August to October). This schedule gives class teachers the mornings to work with all their class; as a whole, in groups or as individuals to consolidate learning activities. Classes in Mandarin / Japanese, Music, Library and PE will be in the afternoons or on Fridays. We shall also revert back to the Friday morning assembly for all students with some creative, follow on activities.



We appreciate the change is sometimes confusing but all class teachers will be sharing clear information with everyone to help with the transition. Having half of the school in and half of the school out for the last 2 weeks necessitated us using the regular school timetable but with everyone now at home we can use the time the best way possible for the students.

We do not know how long the students will be using online learning at home but we will share any news or updates with you all as soon as we are made aware.

Next week on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we shall be delighted to welcome back Amber Le Scelle to do some kids mindfulness and yoga exercises with the students to relax during their breaks. She will be online with Rec, P1, 2, 3 at 10 am and with P4, 5, 6 at 12 pm.

#### JIS delivery of resources and library books – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

On Friday, 11th December, Ms. Wan's neon yellow car, otherwise known as 'The Happy Bus' will be visiting various locations around Hong Kong to spread some JIS cheer and to deliver resources from teachers as well as any library books that you may wish to order.

Children may borrow up to **5 books** for holiday reading. Don't worry if you already have books at home and cannot return them; in times like this, our priority is the children. Nurturing a love of reading is a wonderful means to develop academic ability at the same time as supporting their emotional well-being. We will

tighten our library rules again once we are back at school! In the meantime please look after the books safely at home. The order form is below – please complete it by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 8a.m. latest.

If our Happy Bus locations and times do not suit you, you are also welcome to pick up resources and books from school or arrange delivery yourself through the school bus service should you use it.

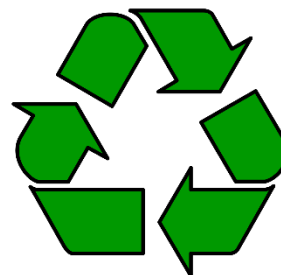
**Happy Bus locations and times will be as follows:**

- Ma on Shan - On Chung St - opposite Bay Shore Towers. Approximately 9am.
- Sai Kung - Tai Mong Tsai Parking lot. Approximately 9:40am
- Sai Kung, Golf Course car park (top floor). Approximately 10:20am
- Hung Hom: Kowloon Ferry Pier. Approximately 11:15am
- Gold Coast: Immigration car park (Cafeteria old beach car park). 12:30pm

Please fill in the following form to tell us of your preferences - even if you intend to pick up or arrange your own delivery. As organising the library books is a time consuming process, please fill in the form by **Tuesday 8th December, 8am.**

Form link: <https://forms.gle/KNDvLx1HVBDWvj5N7>

**Recycling notice for collection on Dec 11th:** If you have any ‘tetra paks’ (liquid cartons) that you wish to recycle, we will also be happy to load them into the Happy Bus on December 11<sup>th</sup> and bring them back to school for you. Fiona Merrill has sourced a recycling outlet for these containers and we can take them there. Information on how to recycle tetra paks can be found here:



<https://app.luminpdf.com/viewer/5fc828789c54a70011b9a12f>

**4 easy steps to recycle liquid cartons like a PRO !**  
跟隨以下四個步驟，一起實踐乾淨回收啦！

**1**  
Remove plastic cap, spout and straw/bag.  
移除膠蓋，膠嘴及膠飲管/袋。

**2**  
Cut open and flatten.  
剪或撕開及攤平。

**3**  
Rinse.  
清洗。

**4**  
Keep the white-lined and silver-lined cartons separate and return.  
分開白色底和銀色底的紙包飲品盒，然後交回。

**PLASTIC FREE SEAS**  
無塑海洋

**Students born in 2014 – places at JIS in P2 class**

We are aware that we have some relocations out of Hong Kong over the Christmas holidays and we have done a few interviews to fill places in some of our classes for students to have the opportunity to have the

experience of a JIS education, from January 2021. We do have possible places in P2 class if there are members of the school community or friends who may be interested in trying out for interview. Please contact Ms Miyajima in the school office for further information 2834 3531

### **JIS school uniform shop: 16<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 2pm**

The school uniform shop will be open on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 2pm for new students and all members of the school community.

Please remember there is an option to visit the company shop in Jordan or order online if you prefer home delivery.

Please find the below online link and QR code for your reference.

<https://www.jis.ufsonline.com.hk/>



### **JIS Counselling services January 2021 onwards**

This term JIS families and students have been working with Ashima Sharma as our school counsellor as Ms Yuki has been stuck in Bangkok with her family. Having spoken with Ms Yuki it is apparent that she will not be able to return to Hong Kong in the near future so we are delighted that Ms. Ashima will be able to carry on working with us for the rest of this school year. Parents wishing to seek support or information regarding counselling are asked to contact Jenny Procter (Student Support coordinator) on [jprocter@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:jprocter@es.jis.edu.hk) at any time.

### **ICHK Newsletter update:**

The recent newsletter from our partner secondary school is attached: [here](#).

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend ahead – the weather looks like it might be great for being outdoors. It is actually warmer outside than inside at school!

Enjoy the fresh air and keep healthy and safe.

Simon Walton  
Principal

