



Newsletter 21 2020-21

Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

Re – Update for class resumption, starting after the Chinese New Year holidays

I am sure all parents and students are anxious to know what is happening regarding the recent announcements for schools in the Hong Kong media and from the HK EDB. As I sit here right now on Friday afternoon, we are awaiting some confirmation as to what we will be allowed to do. As soon as I am given advice and approval for our updated request I will pass on the information.

We hope to welcome the students to school in larger numbers each day and give as much direct contact as we are allowed. News will follow I hope over the weekend or first thing on Monday morning and I will share it with all of the JIS community.

We appreciate that this constant state of change is not good for any of us. We have written and rewritten the entire school schedule again and again and parents are having to make plans for child care that constantly change. We have made a firm application with our local EDB officers to ask for the children in school as much as we can.

Next week we shall welcome Reception class and P6 on Monday and then P1 and P5 on Tuesday. Wednesday will be our Chinese New Year celebration day online for everyone.

JIS Chinese New Year Appeal – February 2021 (and early March if needed)

The appeal is something that we feel proud of hosting each year as it matches the values and beliefs we wish to share with the students. Be socially aware and supportive of others are strong messages linked to our school values: Respect, Kindness and Commitment.



Many, many thanks for the generosity and support we have received for our CNY appeal this year. One of our best ever! The details of the charities we shall be supporting are below:-

Feeding Hong Kong – Food. Wanted, not wasted

- Rice in any sized bags
 - Noodles; non-instant and non-fried
 - Cooking oil; corn or vegetables
 - Canned food ;low sodium
- NO rusty or unlabelled cans/ perishable items/ Open or used items/expired items

Impact HK – supporting the homeless in Hong Kong

- traditional CNY snacks, candy/chocolate/cookies/dessert
 - Radish cake/ Nian Gao (Glutinous rice cake)
 - tangerine and oranges
 - Deep fried peanuts dumplings (Yau Gok)
- NO rusty or unlabelled cans/ perishable items/ Open or used items/expired items

“By reaching out through kindness, ImpactHK seeks to transform the lives of homeless – one life at a time.”



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Friday Assembly and Challenge – Friday 5th January 2021

Last week the insect and bugs activities proved to be very popular! There were some excellent paintings and drawing as well as some very creative models made.



This week in we have continued with the theme of raising awareness of the Hong Kong environment and creatures that live within it by looking at birds and flight. There are options on students getting involved with art works related to Hong Kong's over 500 different species of birds!

The main event which has been arranged by Fiona Merrill and some of the staff for the students this week has been **the kite making!** Inside the newspaper package (P5 will get theirs next week as we ran out of bamboo strips) there is a set of materials to start a kite. The presentation for this week's assembly available in Google classroom and on class Dojo has some video materials to help those who may need some creative advice (JIS based link below). We also know that different cultures and communities within JIS have strong kite making heritage – so please get inspired and involved! Send in some photos if you can.

We want the children to have a creative, fun opportunity to get outdoors over this weekend and the CNY holidays.



Link to presentation from assembly:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tLU2LtS909HOnCC-VKF0IKTLQAfdb2penFPslNLU9Qk/edit?usp=sharing>



JIS Parents / community presentation from our school counsellor Ms, Ashima Sharma and Jenny Procter Student Support coordinator, Thursday 4th Feb.

Last night on Ashima Sharma and Jenny Procter gave a presentation to a range of JIS parents regarding ways to look after our children and also ourselves in these difficult times. A copy of the presentation will be formatted to send out as soon as possible.

Many thanks to all the parents who joined in and also to Jenny and Ashima for preparing the presentation for us all. There were excellent new ideas alongside some very pertinent reminders for us all.

Vaccinations forms to be returned P1, P6 (all class) and P5 (girls)

The P1, P6 (x2) and P5 (girls) have all been sent home vaccination forms for vaccinations on March 8th. Can we ask that the forms come back to school as soon as possible please, preferable before Chinese New Year holidays for submission to the Student Health Service staff.

JIS School Uniform Shop – open on Wednesdays – starting 24th February

The school uniform shop on the ground floor of school will open every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting after the Chinese New Year holidays. The first day for opening will be 24th February 2021



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Keep happy, healthy and safe!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Simon Walton
Principal