



## Newsletter 23 2020-21

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

Welcome back to school:

A great start to the second part of term 2 with more students on campus and busy activities everywhere. We do not have any further news of changes to the current situation with HK EDB or Gov't directives but we shall keep everyone informed if we hear anything.

### Re – Schedule – next week will be week 2 of the cycle, March 1<sup>st</sup> to 5th:

| MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY                   | WEDNESDAY                      | THURSDAY                  | FRIDAY  | Week of cycle |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>March 1st</b><br>Rec /P2, P4,<br>P6 | <b>2nd</b><br>P1, P3, P5  | <b>3rd</b><br>Rec /P2, P4, P6  | <b>4th</b><br>P1, P3, P5  | <b>5th</b><br>P1, P3, P5 -<br>(also P4 - arts<br>day) | <b>2</b>      |
| <b>8th</b><br>Rec /P2, P4,<br>P6       | <b>9th</b><br>P1, P3, P5  | <b>10th</b><br>Rec /P2, P4, P6 | <b>11th</b><br>P1, P3, P5 | <b>12th</b><br>Rec /P2, P4,<br>P6                     | <b>1</b>      |
| <b>15th</b><br>Rec /P2, P4,<br>P6      | <b>16th</b><br>P1, P3, P5 | <b>17th</b><br>Rec /P2, P4, P6 | <b>18th</b><br>P1, P3, P5 | <b>19th</b><br>P1, P3, P5                             | <b>2</b>      |

### School day time changes:

We sent out information this week about a change of timings to avoid the congestion in the school car park. Starting next week on Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> school will finish at 12:45 p.m. NOT 12:15 p.m.

Parents are asked not to arrive in the school car park until around 12:40pm so that all Japanese Section buses will have left and the main car park will be clear for easy parking.

School buses will leave at 12:45p.m. from the rear car park but the Gold Coast bus may be delayed due to commitments on other routes, until around 1p.m. We therefore suggest that Gold Coast students pack a second small snack to eat at school between 12:45 – 1p.m. They will be supervised in the school playground until their bus arrives and will not return to Gold Coast area until around 1:40 p.m.

### World Book Day and JIS Book Week Challenges:

World Book Day is March 4th, but JIS will be celebrating the wonderful world of reading for a week, starting today!

These are the activities that we have planned:

#### 1. **Book donation/ swap**

Next week, please bring in any spare books you wish to donate or swap before March 5th. For hygiene reasons, we will keep the books untouched in a safe place. From March 8th, if you wish to take book in return for the



ones you brought, you can. (For example, if you brought in 2 books, you can take up to 2 books home). Any remaining books will be given to charity.

2. Extra optional online '*Storytime with Mr. Walton*' sessions.  
Times: Tuesday and Wednesday at 2pm  
Meeting code: mrwstory



3. **JIS Reading Challenge!**

How many books can JIS read in one week? The challenge starts today and we will celebrate next Friday. Please use the following links to record what books you have read. Some students suggested that adults can also add their reading. You are all welcome to join!

Here are the links:

**Reception, P1 and P2 (children and adults):**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tchocczF5MYrDOkunbBbFuRW3Z9GiyfuA-dkA00mhKQ/edit?usp=sharing>

**P3 and P4 (children and**

**adults):** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WzJpeSS4WCjVY3C3WdqsbTrZmYK7sLpgIP1jCPju7nI/edit?usp=sharing>

**P5 and P6 (children and adults):**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zQEgKrcKeaukaKr02A3r-CqxIWCTWzb-3AZJCnh0dL4/edit?usp=sharing>

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

The appeal has been open for this week and thank you for the donations we have received. We shall now close the appeal on Monday morning – 1<sup>st</sup> March and make deliveries of the food donated to our chosen charities. The amount of food donations this year was really very positive – thank you.

### **3 Way conferences Students, Parents, Teachers - March 2021 – (22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March)**

We are due to hold our annual 3 Way conferences (Student, Teacher, Parent) in March 2021 to allow all of us to share some ideas and information about student development over the last few months. This year we are going to move the date of these conferences to allow for more time with teachers and students to be together at school – this will allow for more assessments and observations to be carried out and make these meetings as useful as possible.

The meetings will now be held in the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 (not on 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March). We shall set up the meetings by having class teachers and students at school, who will then log on to meet with parents at work or at home, through Google Meets. The meetings will be managed when the children are in school sessions, by releasing class teachers to work with parents and students. All parents will be sent an invitation to the meeting in the next week or so.

### **P4 student camp – April 23 – 25<sup>th</sup>**

Sadly we have had to agree with the Dragonfly camp provider that we will have to cancel our P4 camp in April. There is no obvious way that we can plan ahead for this and be secure in knowing it can happen. As most of us would agree the one thing that many children could do with right now is a great school camp ! SO we are in the process of negotiating with Dragonfly for some day camp activities for the P4 students – no overnight camping but still some kayaking and exploring in the Sai Kung country park. We shall share full information with the P4 class community as things are agreed.

We still hold a reservation for P5 in May and P6 in June with other camp providers and we hope that in some way we can be able to create an experience for the students!

## Friday Assembly and Challenge – last week and also 26th February 2021

Last week we gave 3 main challenges for Chinese New year. We had some excellent art works and ideas sent in. It was also great to see some of the students get inspired by the amazing lion dance videos that we shared and actually make lion masks of their own which they then used to create dances – great stuff!



Madeleine P3



Ricca P3



Lewis P2



Ryan P3

Thanks to everyone that got involved again.

Well done to Oliver L. P1, Tia P1 and Julia P3 on their lion dance videos that were sent in.

**Link to presentation from assembly this week:**

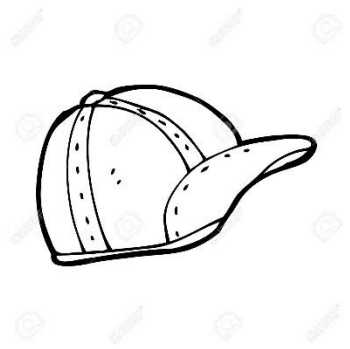
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uPPHizokJ4UTcFdVxZFWArtyJmp7gyIisT25a7nCp1k/edit?usp=s\\_haring](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uPPHizokJ4UTcFdVxZFWArtyJmp7gyIisT25a7nCp1k/edit?usp=s_haring)

(The link is connected to our school Google Suite so is best viewed through a JIS email address/logon.)

## No Hat No Play – Everyday!

As the weather is getting warmer and the sun is getting more intense we shall be asking all students to wear a hat outdoors for morning recess. Obviously it is important that we role model and guide students to make positive choices and one that is particularly important will be to be ‘sun smart’. We shall therefore insist that the students wear a hat when they are on outside play sessions or outdoor P.E. lessons. The school shop does sell a cool, easy to wash school hat which all students can readily buy but we also allow students to wear a hat of their own choice in order to make sure everyone actually wears one! Please make sure that your child has a hat in their school bag that can be left in their cubby at school for use at any time in school.

The risks associated with developing skin cancer can start very early in life so we must educate the students as to the need to wear a hat and to be ‘sun smart’.



## JIS School Uniform Shop – open on Wednesdays – from now on

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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021



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## ICHK Language presentation next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9 .m.

A highly informative parent information session on languages at ICHK Secondary will be held next week.

On Tuesday (March 2), ICHK Secondary’s Head of Languages Nicolas Arriaga will run a presentation entitled ‘How languages are learned.’

Nicolas is a hugely experienced linguist, who has a broad experience as a lecturer, consultant, examiner, teacher-trainer and IB Global Action Team leader.

He will explain how languages are taught at ICHK, and explore with parents how languages are learned, the differences in first and second, foreign and additional languages, the benefits of language learning and why education systems around the world include an additional language in their curricula.

He will also speak about how language teaching and learning at ICHK Secondary connects with the 5+1 pastoral model, the best methods to teach languages and the preferred age to learn.

The talk will begin at 9am, and is open to all parents. It will be especially valuable to parents looking ahead to secondary school, wanting to find out more about the languages programme and ask questions about the different options.

The presentation will be held via **Zoom** at <https://zoom.us/j/7137063685>

Please be advised to log on to Zoom a couple of minutes early, as it is difficult to admit people after the presentation has started.

NB. For those parents who have already confirmed Year 7 places for the coming year, please be reminded about the language choices and pathways which have been shared with you in [this document](#). Please fill in this [online form about your child language profile](#) and confirm the language choice (if you have not submitted it already).



## **Vaccinations update: HPV (P5 and P6 girls) and MMR (P1 and P6) Hepatitis (P6)**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March there will be vaccinations for P6 and P5 girls and the P1 students. All details have been sent home already but if you would like your child to be involved please send in the forms and documents to Ms. Miyajima as soon as possible. These vaccinations are managed through the HK Govt Health Department and are open to all students who are HK residents. Students in P5 and P1 who will need to come to school for their injection are asked to come between 10:30 a.m. and 12p.m., once the records have been checked in the morning by Health Department staff.

We apologise that the P5 and P1 students cannot come in to school on this day as it would push us beyond our allowance of students in the school under the current guidelines from HK EDB. Crazy but true!

A lot of information this week, so hopefully you read this far!

Have a really great weekend everyone.

Simon Walton  
Principal