



Newsletter 2 2021-22

Friday 27th August 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

Week 2 done and full days for Reception class!

The school is getting into routine and ticking along quiet smoothly already. A big challenge for the Reception class students has been to join for full days now – which they have now managed really well. Long may it last!



Out and about at recess time. Lots of spaces to enjoy and equipment to get creative with.



The students wash their hands and use hand sanitizer before they join in for recess. There are also hand sanitizer machines in the playground areas to use.

Social skills and being together: We are very lucky to have such a large playground area which offers the children space, freedom and options. Fiona Merrill from P2 has been working with all the classes on how best to play and how we can use all our different equipment. As it is the beginning of a new school year we are talking with the students about positive social skills when playing with each other. Being kind, respectful of others and finding positive ways to solve our issues is a key part of our school values to make sure our time together is enjoyable and calm.



Toddle – new school communication app: ‘Welcome to Toddle’

We are all set for our roll out of the school communication and information app on Monday 30th August. Please be sure to use the QR code or link to the app store (IOS or Android) to load Toddle to your smartphone or device (Blue colour for Family app). Your unique code was sent to you by your child’s class teacher.

Some classes have begun to gradually use it as a way of sharing information within the class community and school admin staff will also begin to share updates and useful notices from next week. It will grow as we become more familiar with it and apply its functions to the children’s learning and school experience. The functions already to use include:

- Family messaging enables to you to contact your child’s teacher
- The calendar function has been loaded
- Useful information on school policies or curriculum materials that relate to each class.
- Students will use Toddle but not yet as we will ensure the system is working smoothly before we get the students interacting with it.

The major benefits of Toddle over ClassDojo, our previous app, is that it is possible to connect all aspects of student learning and community communication information in one place. This we hope will give us more opportunities and options for all of the school. Later on in the school year, we hope to use Toddle to report on your child’s progress. We look forward to learning with you how to use this platform to its full potential. As before, we will continue to use email for more personal, logistical and financial issues. But feel free to use Toddle for day to day communication and for insights in your child’s learning.

Information update:

As ever, there is a lot of information for the first few newsletters of the school year, a few repeats below but also some new items:

Meet the Teacher Night – Tuesday 7th September, 6:00pm – online meeting

You will get a chance to meet your child’s class teacher on ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening on **Tuesday 7th September at 6:00pm**. This event is usually in your child’s classroom but this year it will have to once again be online. Teachers will be able to talk more about the schedule for their class and how learning is integrated across the spectrum of our PYP (Primary Years Programme) curriculum. There will be a chance for parents to send in some questions for the presentation, to ensure that everyone is fully understanding the start of the school year. More information on this evening and the links for the meeting, will follow shortly.

Uniform shop

The school uniform shop will be open at JIS on a Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. if you need to buy clothing. Please label your child’s JIS clothing clearly and make them aware of where the name is written. School shoes should be main colour, black and should be worn with daily school uniform. Sports uniform and sports shoes may be worn on P.E. days, not as general school uniform.

Weather warnings in Hong Kong – summer season – update

The weather at this time of year in Hong Kong is an important factor of being safe at school. If you have not yet done so, please familiarize yourselves with the procedures for bad weather in times of typhoons or heavy rainfall by reading the section on the school website. If you are unsure of what this means, please contact the school.

Please note: If the school is closed due to bad weather a notice will appear on the school website – front page and a text SMS message will be sent to all families, as soon as possible after the HK Education Department confirmation of closure, which is usually around 6 a.m. We shall also integrate the Toddle communication App into this. Please check the school website and local TV/radio broadcasts or your preferred weather ‘app’, on your device/phone if bad weather is expected in the form of heavy rain or a typhoon moving towards Hong Kong. At no time do we expect any students or families to travel to school if they regard their local situation as being dangerous.

Security and school – I.D. cards and car park permits

JIS is a very safe environment for children to learn in but we have to make sure we have appropriate security measures to maintain this. NEXT MONDAY we will send out this year's JIS I.D. cards and lanyard holder to all new families. Existing JIS families are asked to use their old lanyard strap (photo) with a new card. All families will be sent their new (2021-22) cards for pedestrian I.D.

Car park passes can be collected from the school office or ordered for students to bring home. These cards are issued to all JIS families for each new school year. Please use one per car. A Google form has been emailed to all families from the school office (Kim Murch) to prepare these cards. Car park I.D. cards should be displayed clearly in the front windscreen area of your car. Should your family need extra cards these are available from the school office.

Our security staff is very familiar with many of our parents, families and their domestic helpers but we feel it is important to make sure this is enhanced by **asking all members of the JIS community to identify themselves.**



We have increased our security and monitoring of persons in the school building in compliance with current EDB/CHP guidelines for schools. Parents and visitors are requested to not enter the school building, or to make an appointment booking if they need to contact school staff.

Our security staff: Mr. Lun and Mr. Tsang will continue to monitor car park entrances and exits and support in all parking arrangements. Please wear your I.D. tag to visit the school or when collecting or dropping off your child(ren).

Car parking and drop off at JIS – Japanese Section will begin school on September 1st

As you are aware, we have to share the car park areas with the Japanese Section of our school, so we have to keep to a system. (Note: Japanese Section students start school on Wednesday 1st September 2021).

International Section school buses use the rear car park behind the building, cars do not enter this area.

Morning - When dropping off your child at school please try to arrive **around 8am or later** to access the front car park. Around 7:45 a.m. the Japanese Section school buses need access to the main car park, so please keep the traffic flowing and drop off quickly or park sensibly.

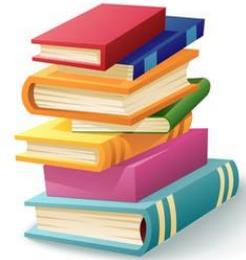
Afternoon – When picking up your child – please arrive before 2:45 p.m. When parking your car in the main school car park (front) **please remove your car before 3pm as this area has to be clear for Japanese Section buses to enter after we have left (from 1st September).** **If your car is in a designated car park space this is fine but if you stay beyond 3 p.m. be aware that your car will not be able to get out until Japanese Section buses leave around 3:40pm – so plan your exit time carefully!** Please follow the guidance of Mr. Lun our school security staff member (or his colleague, Mr. Tsang). Thank you for your support.



To enhance school safety and security the rear car park barrier will be closed at 3:00 pm every day, after buses leave. All persons are asked to leave the school through the main entrance area after 3:00 pm, so that we can carefully monitor who is in the building and account for them.

News from the Library – Ms. Wan and Mr. Floyd – week 2 visits today

Today was the second library visit day. We're very proud of our enthusiastic readers at JIS. Library guidelines information was handed out last week, please read it through carefully with your child and complete the form attached. The form will then need to be returned to school if you have not done so already.



A few quick reminders from last week:

- 1) Children were issued with a library card, attached to their library bag which is provided by the school. Children need to bring their library card and bag every time they wish to borrow books. Library bags and cards are to be returned at the end of the school year in June, so please look after them.
- 2) All children may borrow 3 books at a time.
- 3) Books are checked out for 2 weeks. Children will have the opportunity to change their books every week if they wish. **However, if a book is not due back and is still being read, it does not have to be returned until finished.**
- 4) An email acknowledgment will be sent of which books have been borrowed and when to return them.
- 5) Please be reminded that JIS also has a **parent library**. We have a selection of books on parenting and, of course, you may borrow books to share with your child. Contact Cath Wan for details.
- 6) We really appreciate volunteers in the library – but we are currently unable to have volunteers in school. We shall let the school community know when this changes and hope to welcome some of you.

Extracurricular activities at JIS

Information for all SIS (Sports International Services) extra-curricular activities was sent out by email from SIS Ltd early this week – please check your emails to find their brochure. There are lots of options to choose from across different sports and different days of the week.

Other extra-curricular activities and clubs (eg. Ballet, Music lessons) are not managed by SIS Ltd. Please read the contact and payment information carefully as some of the activities are not arranged through school, so we cannot accept payment in our school office.

Mobile devices and students:



We would like to remind all students and families that if mobile phones are really needed for safety on the journey to and from school they must be switched off during the school day. It is not appropriate for students to be trying to arrange play dates themselves or to be playing games during school hours or for parents to be messaging their children during the school day. Mobile devices are an important part of our modern world but we need to teach the students the correct use of when to access them. If your child does carry a device to school – please make sure they are aware of our expectations, otherwise the phones will be taken away during school hours. Students needing to contact their parents during the school day should contact

the school office, so that staff are fully aware of when messages are being shared.

Lunch orders at JIS: new option delivered to school each day

Several families were obviously disappointed that the catering company we have used for several years 'the New Luncher' has had to close down. One of the catering options that has been used by school staff OKA's catering, has now also said that they can arrange delivery of lunches (Bento box styles or rice/noodle dishes). Parents would need to contact the company and pay them directly through their website or call them on 2785 1305.

Currently the website is only available in Japanese / Chinese but English is spoken on the phone if you call the restaurant. They will try to arrange some translation into English soon:

<http://www.okashk.com/ch/menu.html>

T: 27851305

ICHK Newsletter for this week

Each week we share the newsletter from ICHK – (International College Hong Kong) to keep our community informed of the news from our partner secondary school. To access this week’s newsletter click: [here](#)



I look forward to seeing everyone around school and getting to know many of you over the coming months, in the meantime, should you need any support I can be reached on:

s-walton@jis.edu.hk or by phone JIS office: 2834 3531.

Wishing everyone a very pleasant weekend – weather update not looking good, so smile all the way through it!

Simon Walton
Principal

Community sport: Kids rugby – all ages.

Stuck for things for your kids to get involved in over the weekend? A couple of our local rugby clubs have many JIS students involved, so it was suggested I share their details, for those needing a Sunday morning activity:

admin@skstingrays.com

JOIN NOW!

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The poster features a collage of photos showing children playing rugby. A QR code is visible in the bottom right corner of the collage.

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TO A NEW SEASON OF
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open for
registration

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U6, 7, 8, 9,
10, 11 & 12



• **YOUTH**
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16, 17 & 18



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