



Newsletter 21 2017-18

Friday 9th February 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

A strange week with the shock announcement of school closure but we packed in a great deal before Wednesday afternoon!

Home learning:

We hope all students and families have been able to access the suggestions for 'home learning'. All staff including single subject staff, have sent out some information and ideas to keep the students busy and challenged. If you have any questions or need support in any way, please contact your child's class teacher. All staff will be working at school as normal until the originally planned Chinese New Year break on Thursday 15th February, next week.

Chinese New Year activities: important update



The P5 Mandarin class CNY presentation assembly will now go ahead on Wednesday 28th February at 2pm. We shall celebrate the arrival on the Year of the Dog with a dressing up day – Chinese style, red, gold, etc. - on the same day (28th) to support the assembly and give the school a feeling of celebration for the new year.

Sadly the school community lunch will be cancelled for this year and the traditional lion dance will also be cancelled as the Tai Po youth group students who usually perform will have to be back in school on 28th February.

We are keeping the peach blossom tree and flowers alive and happy, so the students will be able to enjoy them for a few days upon their return to school on 26th February.

SIS extra-curricular activities – CNY period

The EDB decision to close schools is linked to school holidays and making sure that the transmission chain of influenza is broken and that the children of Hong Kong can be kept healthy and safe. As such, primary schools are closed for their declared CNY holiday period. International Section will resume as planned on Monday 26th February and Japanese Section will resume as planned on Tuesday 20th February.

Stephanie Tsui from SIS is aware of the disappointment caused by cancelling of activities and is offering that some I.S. students may be interested in joining some of the after school activities that will be running for the Japanese Section students. See below for some activities that will be running and if you are enrolled on similar courses and may be interested in your child joining, please contact Noel Tsui in the SIS office:

Feb 20 (Tue) – Soccer 3:30-5:00pm / Swimming & Advanced level 3:30-4:30pm

Feb 21 (Wed) – Swimming 3:30-4:30pm

Feb 22 (Thu) – Badminton 3:30-5:00pm / Swimming & Advanced level 3:30-4:30pm

**Feb 23 (Fri) – Tap dance 3:30-4:30pm / Mini tennis 3:30-5:00pm /
Trampoline 3:30-5:00 / Swimming 3:30-4:30pm**

The settings for some of the classes might be different from the normal ones as some of them are originally for JS students only during normal school calendar. Check with SIS staff for details.

If you would like to bring your child for any of the above lesson(s), please email Noel at info@hksi.com. or 2652 1164

Around JIS: week 6

Sarah Brennan and Desmond the Dog – CNY tales

Local author Sarah Brennan came to school on Monday to launch her new Chinese New Year Tale – Desmond the Dog. Sarah, as animated as ever, brought her book to life but was also able to share the historical research and creativity behind how she is inspired to write and create the stories.

Sarah's new book is available to order and is almost the final episode in her CNY journey. Forms have been sent out from school, contact c-wan@jis.edu.hk if you need more details.

Sarah has also launched a writing competition for students via her website, which may interest some of our literary students!

The website blog can be reached here: <https://sarahbrennanblog.com/> Interestingly enough, JIS is on the front page of the blog this week!



Discovery Dome



Classes in P3 – P6 had a visit to the 'Discovery Dome' which proved to be very popular and exciting. The Dome was inflated in the school gym and then became a classroom in which everyone laid down on the floor to absorb the lights, sound and videos all around them. Covering a variety of themes related to the planet, the environment and space; each session was around an hour. We have been asked 'when will the Dome come again?' already. So it was evidently very good. Watch this space.....



A few of you have started this new option, repeat information for others:

Catering for JIS students: - log on to www.thenewluncher.hk for details

All payments and orders are managed through the website, not through the school office. The school has no commercial interest in this arrangement but we feel it may appeal to some of our families, whilst others will be happy with their current arrangement of creating their own lunches.

Active Parenting Course: get in touch

We have mentioned our intention to run the Active Parenting course again for the school community in a few previous newsletters. The course is really proactive and useful and will hopefully be running in April and May as an evening event 7-9pm so as to allow as many families as possible to access it. We need around 10-12 parents to get involved, currently we have 7. Please get in touch with Kim Murch in the school office or Glenda Bailie in Student Support for more details or reviews from previous course members.

April – 19, 26, May 10, 17, 24, 31.

Art Literacy Project – part 2 – Ancient Chinese painting workshops

Many thanks to Ms. De Thier and her group of JIS parental volunteers who have planned a new series of workshops and information sessions. Reception class and P1 have done some Chinese painting and all other classes will continue when school resumes after the break.

Dates for the week ahead: week 9, after the holidays- February/March 2018

Monday 26th February P5 and P6 students must wear white socks for their ‘Chado’ (Way of Tea) demonstration

Monday 26th: Japanese Tea demonstration for P5 and P6 classes! Wear white socks!

Tuesday 27th: Peter Pan Props and scenery meeting for parents – 1pm

Wednesday 28th: ESSPA meeting – 8:30a.m.

-DRESS CHINESE DAY – CNY celebrations

-P5 Mandarin class assembly – 2pm in MPR

Thursday 1st: ICHK A.G.M. 6pm

-P3 trip to Science Park a.m.

Friday 2nd:

Saturday 3rd:

ICHK – newsletter from this week: [ICHK bulletin](#)

Wishing everyone a pleasant weekend – stay warm and healthy! We shall be in touch next week with updates regarding ‘home learning’ and also to wish everyone well for the CNY holidays.

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