

Thursday 15th February 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Happy New Year for the Year of the Dog from all of us here at JIS.



We look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays on Monday 26th February

Home learning and school closure

A strange week at school as teachers try to make sure activities are available to all those who can carry on with their learning at home. Many thanks to all those students who have been in touch with staff and who have been sending or uploading activities they have worked on. We look forward to consolidating these activities and catching up, when we return to school on Monday 26th February. We sincerely hope everyone in the JIS community has managed to stay healthy and can look forward to a family holiday for the Chinese New Year.

3 Way conferences – Tuesday 6th March and Thursday 8th March

A reminder to all JIS families to save the date and consider an appropriate time for coming in to school for a 3 Way conference soon after we get back from the holidays. Letters and reply slips will be sent out on Monday 26th February via backpack mail. Conference times will be available from 1:30pm – 6pm on both of the above dates.

SIS extra-curricular activities – CNY period – repeat notice

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@hksis.com, or 2652 1164

Japanese wadaiko drumming next week:

As Japanese Section return to school on Tuesday 20th February, please note that Yoko sensei is still offering to run her series of drumming and baton twirling workshops. Please refer to the email message sent out for full details, if your child is interested to attend.

Around JIS: week 7 – It's been mighty quiet!

No students but lots of meetings, workshops, tidying, cleaning and generally making the school look great and getting ready for some exciting units of inquiry and events in term 2 part 2!

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: <u>ICHK Chinese New Year newsletter</u>

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year. We look forward to getting back to normal after the holidays and hope that all of us have been able to stay fit and well during the current influenza season.

Kung Hei Fat Choi / Gong Xi Fa Cai to everyone at JIS.

Simon Walton **Principal**

