



Newsletter 33 2017-18

Friday 1st June 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around the JIS community

ESSPA Bingo Night - Friday 25th May – Last week!

A big 'thank you' to everyone who came along and supported our ESSPA Bingo Night 2018! It was a great evening with many happy prize winners going home at 8pm! We had some fabulous donated prizes, some close games and some tense moments of fun along the way.

Well done to the ESSPA committee for their organization of this event, once again.



Staffing for 2018- 19

As an update to the information last week Ms Jessie Choi, our P2 E.A. has decided to take the pleasures of retirement next year and will no longer be with us at JIS. Jessie has been with the school since the year 2000 and has cared for and supported many hundreds of P1 and P2 students in her time with us. We hope Jessie will keep in touch with us and come and visit, as she is not leaving Hong Kong but looking forward to spending time with her family and exploring life a little more. Thank you, Jessie for your many years of service and support for the school.

We have been busy meeting some candidates for our E.A. positions in P1 and P2. We have attracted a lot of positive interest in this role and I look forward to sharing some good news in next week's newsletter.

In August we will also be able to introduce the new class teachers in P2 and P3 as well, as I appreciate some parents are naturally interested in their prior experience and areas of educational interest.

Student Council – International Week

The JIS Student Council and Ms Merrill put together some really interesting events for their International Week. Many thanks to all of them for their efforts and planning during the week. We had some multi lingual story telling, lots of interesting and tasty food, movies in several languages, artefacts quiz, flags of the world quiz, and ended up today with some of students proudly dressing in their national dress or clothes that represents their cultural heritage whilst they shared an artefact or item from their life and culture with their peers in their own class or from other visiting classes. A great week!





Can you name the countries above?

Message from a JIS Parent - Action for some HK based refugees

A request to the JIS community: 'My church is working closely with refugees and they are desperately in need of fans during this hot weather. Some children were rushed to the emergency wards due to heat stroke this week. I was hoping to call out to JIS community for any donations of fans. We can collect at their home if it's too big to be sent to school'.

I would really appreciate if you can put it in newsletter with my contact if it's suitable. Thank you for your consideration. Anyone able to support this idea please contact Aina Ando, ainatong@gmail.com

New school uniform: available August 2018

Our school uniform supplier 'Brilliant Trend' has recently decided to close their business and allow Maleerut and Steve to enjoy a happy retirement which has allowed us to enter into negotiations with a new uniform supplier for 2018-19 school year. After 20 years of service we thank Brilliant Trend for their support to the school.

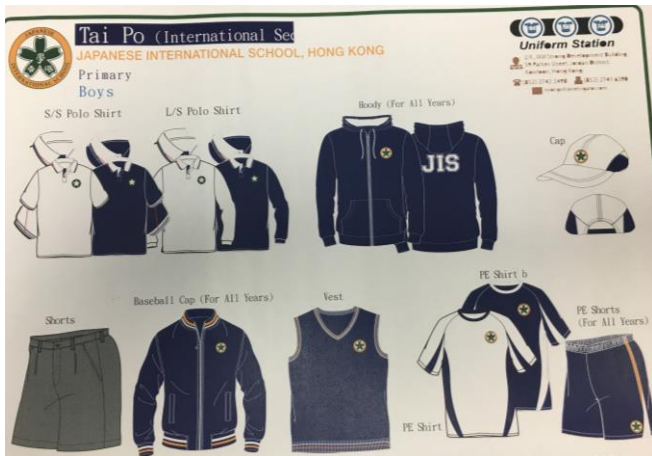
We have taken this opportunity to look at some improvements to the uniform whilst still retaining the JIS tradition of what the students have to wear. There will not be an instant change as we appreciate some students may still have 'wear' left in existing uniform items but we have a gradual phasing out of the old uniform during the next school year, 2018-19.

Our new uniform supplier: Uniform Station Ltd; is very experienced in supplying the uniforms for many schools around Hong Kong and have offered the types of improvements to the service we would like to implement. There will still be a shop at school, a main depot style shop in Kowloon / Jordan area and an on-line ordering service for home delivery.

A key development has to be the use of better quality fabrics as well as aspects of design – see photos below. We wanted to make the school uniform more stylish and reflect the needs and comments of some of our community. The company will also guarantee items and offer a tailoring or adjustment service.

We will be moving away from the green domination of colour and move into a more stylish and classy navy blue and grey – which is the current colour scheme of our sister school in Happy Valley. It was hoped to unite all of our schools into a common identity of colour and style but Japanese Section (Tai Po) has recently decided to keep all aspects of their uniform the same.

There will be an option for dark blue shirts for those long suffering parents of the ‘white shirt’ dirt phenomenon – as requested, but we will still use the white versions for official photographs and as our main school uniform.



Items for winter or cooler weather will be made in the first term once agreed designs are created. We have left a rail of the sample items in the school lobby area for students and parents to see. We hope it will be more representative of our school to have a bit more style and panache!

ESSPA elections of officers: sign up to get involved for 2018-19

Please consider joining our school parent community association as a way to get involved or support the school. Each year there is a community election for a group of parents who meet together to plan and organize different events for the school the students and the community. It is a great way to get involved in the school but it is not too time consuming, ask one of the existing committee members for more details. Kim Murch the current President of ESSPA has sent out some details and attached a form, please sign up and get involved. Nomination forms can be left in the blue box in the school office. The school belongs to all of us and we can work together to make it as good as possible!

School place deposit for 2018-19- please contact school

Please be sure to let the office know about your deposit payment please.

A deposit should have been paid by Friday 1st June to secure your place at JIS. Please send in cheques or pay on-line \$10, 785 with copy of pay in slip to s-miyajima@jis.edu.hk

We look forward to welcoming everyone back at JIS in August 2018.

After school – monitoring the playground, friendship play – 2:45-3:30pm.

Owing to some incidents of damage and inappropriate use of school equipment again, I must ask that all students not doing after school activities leave the school premises by 3:30pm. Can all parents and helpers also remind the students that it is their job to tidy up school equipment before they leave.

After school on Thursday was particularly bad - yet we are informed by some of our students leaving after school activities, that it was not our students causing the issue. As long as our students are being respectful and playing appropriately I am happy to contact SIS and Japanese section and ask them to look into this on our behalf. If anyone sees inappropriate behavior or damage, please intervene or ask the I.S. office for support.

Dates for the next week: 4th June – 8th June 2018

Art Literacy Group – run by Ms De Thier and a group of JIS parents will be exploring Islamic art this week with the classes. (Wednesday to Friday)

Monday 4th:

Tuesday 5th: Dress Casual Day – Animal Charity day

-P2 at Forest Adventure School

Wednesday 6th : Reception class at Wetland Park – all day

-ESSPA Staff Appreciation tea 3pm

Thursday 7th:

Friday 8th:

Have a great weekend, remember...when it happens, we do need some rain!

Simon Walton