



## Newsletter 36 2017-18

Friday 22nd June 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

### Around the JIS community

#### *Student Induction Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June*

On Wednesday we welcomed most of our new Reception and P1 class members into school for an hour or two. They all spent some time in their classes with their new teacher and assistant to get used to their new environment and to meet some of their new classmates.

#### *Music Assembly – Celebration of JIS musical talent – last Wednesday pm*

Well done and thanks to all the musicians who performed on Wednesday afternoon. We had a range of soloists, duets and groups as well as each class singing a song from their recent music lesson collection. We were also able to hand out some very impressive HK Music Festival certificates to some of the performers.



#### *School reports: sent home on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June*

School reports were sent home today. Please share them with your children and make them a meaningful reflection of their achievements this year. These half year report compliment the unit of inquiry reports that you have received at various times during the school year. Some unit of inquiry reports are being compiled now, as units are still in progress and they will be sent home next week to complete the set. Students in P3 – P6 also have a copy of their child's standardized test scores from the MAPS programme (USA). These test are one-off activities and have their use but do not in any way equal the value of a teachers report which is compiled to reflect many more hours and observations done in a classroom.

## *Uniform update: don't panic!*



As mentioned in a previous newsletter we are in the process of developing and upgrading our school uniform for next school year. We apologise that it is not currently available, as planned but the uniform shop at school will be open before school starts Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August; Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August all day 8:30 – 3:30pm. The shop will then be open every Friday at Tai Po school. There will be an on-line shopping option, which we will share details of in due course.

PLEASE do not feel that you have to have complete new school uniform for day 1, August 21st. We fully understand that many students will have uniform that has a lot of wear left in it. We expect to transition the uniform for around 6 months and then look to Jan 2019 as the official start. We shall be selling new summer clothing items in August and will diversify what is available through the term as we head into cooler weather, in October and November.

## *Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – House fun activity day – Red Dragons, Blue Pegasus, Yellow Phoenix*

On Monday all students need to be reminded to wear P.E. kit shorts and their sports day coloured t-shirt (red, yellow or blue) or a school PE kit shirt with their house badge on it. There will be some fun team work challenges for each of the 3 houses on Monday as they do treasure hunts and scavenger hunts around the school campus. It is a teamwork challenge, finding clues around the school building and then building up answers to a series of challenges. We shall all meet up in the gym for lunch afterwards to share the findings and results.

Many thanks to Mr Appleton, Ms Ada and the school PSPE Learning Team for planning this all out for us all to enjoy.

(Japanese Section are not in school on Monday – so we have the whole building to ourselves)

## *P6 Graduation Day – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018*

On Wednesday we say a very fond 'farewell' to our current P6 class as they graduate from JIS and head off to new secondary schools and new countries around the world. The ceremony is a mix of formality and emotion as we wish everyone well with a series of songs, speeches by our guests and the P6 students.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the school gym at 8:30a.m. The P6 families will celebrate with a lunch and party in the afternoon and evening.



## *Dates for the next week: 25<sup>th</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – final week of the school year*

**Monday 25th:** House Team challenge day

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>:** JIS Board of Directors meeting – Mr Walton to represent the school

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>:** P6 Graduation Day – ceremony at 8:30am in the school gym

**Thursday 28th:** JIS Glee club rehearsal day and performance at 6pm

**Friday 29th:** End of year at 12pm midday – Happy holidays everyone.

## ***JIS Tai Po Dragons – hit the waves on Monday!***

The Tai Po school ‘dragons’ did themselves proud last Monday – our best ever team performance with 2 trophies and 2 traditional suckling pigs to celebrate with!



The team is made up of staff from both International Section and Japanese Section of Tai Po school and is proving to be a great way for us to get to know each other and build more ‘whole school’ spirit.

ICHK Newsletter for this week: click - [here](#) from the staff and students at ICHK

Wishing everyone a great weekend.

Simon Walton