



Newsletter 2 2018-19

Friday 31st August 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

A wet week in Tai Po but we have settled into the routines of school and have enjoyed getting to know some of our new students and families.

Around school this week!



Relaxing and chilling in the library seemed like a great thing to do on a wet day like today. P1 seemed very happy to accept the challenge of relaxing and enjoying the library very easily today!



ESSPA – social ‘coffee morning’– this morning.



A big ‘thank you’ to all the members of our new ESSPA committee for hosting the annual coffee morning today.

It was great to see range of JIS parents at the event and we hope everyone found it useful in meeting fellow community members and asking any support questions about the school.

ESSPA – Welcome Back Party BBQ!

Friday 14th September 2017, 6-8pm

ESSPA look forward to welcoming everyone back to school and to meet new families/students at their annual term 1 BBQ, scheduled for the evening of Friday 14th September, starting at 6pm.

The event is held in the school covered playground and will be an evening of good food, nice company, with some games and



activities. It is a great opportunity to meet some new parents and fellow students. The evening is an event for the whole family, all children are invited and it makes a great start to the school year.

Order forms for food have been sent out and need to be returned to school as soon as possible for catering to be ordered (**Please return by 10th September – latest!**). We will ensure a great evening and plenty of food will be available, so no-one goes hungry... we hope!

Please make an effort to come along and start the school year off with the whole school community

COMING SOON: Meet the Teacher Night – Wednesday 5th September, 7:00pm

You will get a chance to meet your child's class teacher on 'Meet the Teacher' evening on **Wednesday 5th September at 7:00pm**. They 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. More information on this evening will follow shortly.

At the beginning of the 'Meet the Teacher' evening there will be a short presentation in the 1st floor multi purpose room (MPR) for all parents. Note: Crèche: - We will be able to show a short movie in the MPR for those families, without childminding services, who need to bring their children along to this type of evening meeting.

Class Dojo; smartphone / device application



The school is now connected to the community through Class Dojo – look out for message updates, photos and occasional videos about what is going on in your child's classroom. Some students are now using their own personal dojo accounts to create news feeds and portfolios of what they have been in doing in class.

Term 1 school fees; now urgently due

A quick reminder that term 1 school fees are now due for payment. Please pay by cheque (send in to the school office) or by on-line payment (email to school a copy of the payment slip) as soon as possible. Bank details are on the school website in 'Admission' - Fees section. Many thanks.

Security and school – important update – please read this carefully



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. Demands on schools to review safety and access increase all the time so we have to be up to date and careful in all our practices.

Starting Monday 3rd September:

All visitors to the school must identify themselves at the school office before they enter the school. Please wear your JIS school i.d. and sign in at the office. (Or receive a visitors badge.) Please make sure all family members are aware of this and support us.

After school hours when Japanese Section buses have left (around 3:40pm) the rear car park will be closed – the sliding silver gate will be pulled across to prevent people using this exit or entrance. Access in and out of the building will be through the swimming pool entrance doors on the ground floor. Mr Lun (security staff) will have a desk in the entrance area and will sign people in and out of the building. If you have your school I.D. it will be much quicker and safer. All students and visitors to the school after 3:40pm will be asked to use this entrance.

We are keen to keep the school and students safe, be aware of who is in the building and to promote responsible safeguarding practices within our community. Thank you for your support.

Toby Newton –ICHK presentation at JIS – Monday 3rd September – 8:30am



International College Hong Kong

Mr Toby Newton – head of school at ICHK - has kindly agreed to come along to JIS on Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. ‘drop off’ time to give a presentation and Q&A session for the JIS community about his school. Any member

of the JIS school community who may be interested is very welcome to come along, as well as the parents in our upper school classes who may be considering secondary school decisions in the few coming years. The presentation will be in the school conference room on the first floor.

Finally.....

I look forward to seeing everyone around school, hopefully in the sunshine not rain soon. Please do not forget to send in your order form for the Welcome Back BBQ –send in before Friday 7th September.

In the meantime, should you need any support I can be reached on:

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