



## Newsletter 16 2018-19

Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

### JIS Student Council Toy Swap Day

Many thanks for the response and support for the Student Council Toy Swap Day. Sharing the message of renewable resources and how we can recycle our things has been a key message from the Student Council and Ms Merrill. Giving new life and a new home to items is a clear way of using resources more effectively.



### ESSPA P4 Special lunch:

Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped arrange another 'special lunch' for all the students. This lunch was organized with P4 parents and in discussions with the students there will be a donation made to 'UNICEF' from the money raised from the lunch. In previous lunches P6 students voted to support WWF and P5 wanted to support Hong Kong Dog Rescue.

### ESSPA – a big thanks from the staff and students – Ipad donation

On behalf of the students and staff we would like to say a big 'thank you' to the JIS community and ESSPA volunteers as they have agreed to donate 10 more new Ipads for the students to use for their learning.

As many of you will be aware with the increasing use of Class Dojo for online portfolios and many activities such as the coding and programming, we have been using our Ipads more and more. The donation from ESSPA will allow each class to have more dedicated machines in their room, as well as the shared ones in trolleys around the school. Thank you to everyone who has supported the community events and special lunches arranged by ESSPA to make this happen



Yesterday in P2 Ms Le Scelle and Mr Walton had the P2 class using the Ipads to explore our planet and even find their 'grandparents houses' using the Ipads and Google Earth. They were confident in minutes and were totally engaged using technology in such a constructive way.

### Reception class – visit to Kadoorie Farm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Yesterday the Reception class had a trip out to Kadoorie Farm to explore more aspects of living things and the animal kingdom. They all got to have a close encounter with a snake – which was either 'awesome' or 'a little bit scary', depending on who you ask!



A great day out for all Reception class. Thanks to Ms Merrill and Ms Janice for arranging the trip, and to the parents for their support in coming along.



### Wadaiko Team Perform in Stanley Plaza – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Yoko sensei and Kiyomi sensei have arranged for the jIS – I.S. Wadaiko Team to perform at the RTHK children’s carnival in Stanley Plaza this Sunday. They will perform at 2pm and then again at 4pm. Good luck to all the team members and thanks to the parents for bringing the students over to Stanley.



### JIS Annual charity appeal New Year 2019: Now that Toy Swap is completed, we can turn our focus onto the annual school appeal.....

At JIS we have a very strong tradition of helping others and learning the value and benefits of thinking of others. This year we shall again be launching our books, clothes, food appeal between Christmas and Chinese New Year. A great time of year to clear out some of your shelves and donate good quality items for others to enjoy. Thank you in advance for your support

**Books:** We shall be launching our bi-annual book sale appeal in January and February – with a grand sale on 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day. Donate your good quality books and ESSPA will sort them into groups for other students to buy at a very cheap price (\$2, \$5, \$10) on 1<sup>st</sup> March. That way everyone can get an upgrade of books for a very cheap price. We also share the positive message of re-use and recycle with all the students. Books for donation, please send in to the school office for storage prior to the sale.

**Clothes:** Clear out your wardrobes and drawers and send in your clean, outgrown, not needed clothes for children and we will donate them to the Salvation Army as part of our annual support for the people of Hong Kong, not as fortunate as us. Clothes can be donated before end of January in time for donation for CNY.





**Food:** In previous years we have had an amazing response for our food appeal for 'Food Angel' a superb local charity who help feed the less privileged and elderly in Hong Kong. Donate bags of rice, boxed and tin foods, non-perishable food items and we will arrange to get them to Food Angel in time for them to use for CNY. Donate food items to the first floor lobby area for collection.

Many thanks in advance for your support. We will work closely with the students to explain the purposes of donation and organization of an appeal like this.

### School uniform update:

The school uniform can now be bought in 3 ways: Via our own school shop, on-line ordering, visiting the



company warehouse shop in Jordan, Kowloon.

The school jogging/track pants are now in stock, in the school shop. They are comfortable and useful for those chilly mornings, on P.E. days. (\$170 per pair). All sizes are now in stock. Ours school shop is open on Fridays from 8:15 -3pm. Order forms are on the school website for processing and collection on Friday.

Uniform can now also be ordered on-line for delivery to your home or to school.



Follow the link and order if you cannot get access into the school shop:

<https://www.jis.ufsonline.com.hk/>

If you prefer to visit the main company shop in Jordan the address is as follows:

- Uniform Station
- Rm 6A, Will Strong Development Building
- 59 Parkes Street,
- Jordan Road,
- Kowloon
- Tel :- 3598-0073

### School annual production 2019 – The Jungle Book

Ms Wan and Ms De Thier have been busy arranging some auditions for our production of Jungle Book in March 2019. We have a lot of talented and interested students so roles have been difficult to choose. We have a fabulous tradition of doing a 'big' show each year, involving the whole school. There is a range of ways of getting involved if you would like to as a parent – some help with the scenery and props making, or through ESSPA in selling and organizing the ticketing.

Parts for the show have now been selected and Ms. Wan / Ms De Thier would like to thank everyone who came along and also to say that they were very impressed with the level of talent and they have managed to make sure all interested students have been given a part in the show. Great job!

### Diary updates:

**JIS Reception Class 2019 interviews** in week of January 21<sup>st</sup>

**P1 class interviews** follow where spaces are available

**Chinese New Year** celebration day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. (Lion dance, student presentation and shared community lunch)

### **Events for the week ahead at JIS –**

Ms Merrill will be on a Forest School Leaders Course (Level 3) for the week, on Lantau Island. Mrs. Juliet Ashton will return to work with the Reception class for the week.

### **Week 3– 14th – 18th January 2019**

**Monday 14th** – Mrs Ashton in school in Reception class this week

P3 and P4 arts rotation activities again this week

**Tuesday 15th** – P2 trip to Shing Mun Valley area,

-P3 and P4 HK Art Museum trip

**Wednesday 16th** – P1 and P6 vaccinations in morning

**Thursday 17th** – ICHK Board meeting – Mr Walton to attend

**Friday 18th** –

**Sunday 20th** – I.S. Wadaiko Team to perform in Stanley Plaza as part of RTHK festival 2pm, 4pm on stage.

### **ICHK Newsletter**

Some great news about enrolments and interest in the work going on at ICHK in this week's newsletter from Mr Toby Newton. Read on by clicking [here](#) .

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend, the sun is currently shining in Tai Po, let's hope it can last for the weekend!

Simon Walton  
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