



Newsletter 18 2018-19

Friday 25th January 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Chinese New Year week approaching – full details below:

Next week on Friday 1st February we shall be celebrating the beginning of the Chinese New Year festival with a lion dance, P5 Mandarin class presentation and our annual community lunch.



Around school:

Wadaiko Team Perform in Stanley Plaza – Sunday 20th January



Well done to all the students and parents who came along to Stanley last weekend. We had over 30 drummers perform at 2pm and 4pm. They made a fabulous impression and noise(!) that resounded through the whole of Stanley Plaza to get the interest of many tourists and day trippers.

Many thanks to Yoko sensei and Kiyomi sensei for organizing the opportunity for the students with RTHK and also for all the time spent rehearsing and getting prepared for the event.

Congratulations to all the drummers!



JIS Half Year School reports – home today:

Half year school reports have been sent home with students today in 'back pack' mail. These reports offer some important information on current levels of achievement (LoA) and also learning targets for students to be developing. Please share the report with your child(ren) and reflect on both the positives regarding the first 6 months of this school year, and also the future aspirations written within the learning targets it includes. Many thanks to all the JIS staff for all the personal hours of time used in compiling the reports.

JIS Annual charity appeal New Year 2019:

Our school appeal is flipping in to top gear for the final week to try our best to support other people in Hong Kong. Please help!

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. Hand in 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. Please get them involved at home with this.



*Last day for donations will be Wednesday 30th
January*

Coming soon – the book sale

Books: We shall be launching our bi-annual book sale appeal in January and February – with a grand sale on 1st 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 1st 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.

ESSPA – P3 lunch today.

Many thanks to all the ESSPA committee, as ever, for their work in arranging the special lunch for today. Always a great treat and distraction on a Friday!

Japanese Section Open Day 2019 – tomorrow.

The Japanese section of JIS will be celebrating their annual Open Day tomorrow, on Saturday 25th January from 9:30a.m. – 3pm. Any interested JIS parents are welcome to join if they would like to. There will no car parking available at school for this event.

Reception Class interviews – for August 2019 class.

We met a group of around 50 students for our Reception Class 2019-20 this week. It was great to welcome some siblings and also interesting to meet some new families to JIS – many of whom had heard wonderful things about JIS from our school community! Many thanks for the positive promotion everyone.....

Results from these interviews will be given to families on Monday 28th January.

School annual production 2019 – The Jungle Book

Ms Wan and Ms De Thier have got the show rehearsals up and running. There are many eager actors getting their lines learned and songs practiced.

JIS Diary updates:

Chinese New Year celebration day – Friday 1st February.

9:15 a.m. – Lion Dance in the school playground / pitch area

10:30a.m. - P5 Mandarin Class CNY presentation show

11 – 11:45a.m. JIS CNY Community Lunch – everyone welcome to come along and celebrate the beginning of Chinese New Year festivities at school.

12:pm – School closes for the CNY holidays



Author Visit - Sarah Brennan Monday 11th February – first day back after CNY

On Monday February 11th, author Sarah Brennan will visit P1 - P6 students for a mixture of story telling, writing workshops and the release of her new book, '*Ping Pong Pig*'. You should have received an order form for Sarah Brennan's books in your child's bag, offering discount prices. If you would like to purchase any of the books, please return the completed order form, with a cheque made out to "Auspicious Times Ltd" and return it to your child's teacher before **Thursday, 31st January**.

Thank you for your interest in Sarah Brennan's parent workshop. We currently have 13 parents interested. I will take final numbers on Thursday 31st January and contact and liaise with Ms. Brennan about a visit. If you haven't expressed interest and would like to, here is the link again:

<https://goo.gl/forms/O3MMQ6ow3G7qEiw43>

We have attached Sarah Brennan's biography and a colour copy of the book order form for your information.

Library day – Thursday next week – 31st January

Due to CNY celebrations on Friday 1st February all students will be able to exchange their books in the school library on THURSDAY next week.

Events for the week ahead at JIS –

Week 5– 28th January – 1st February 2019

Monday 28th – Mrs. Wan not in school – in Japan presenting I.B. workshop (returns Thursday 31st)

Tuesday 29th – JIS Board Meeting – Mr Walton to attend (12 – 2:30pm)

Wednesday 30th – P4 class at HK APA – Wilde Creatures – theatre trip – a.m.

-Reception class at Tai Po Kau country park – forest school – a.m.

-Setsubun festival celebration with Japanese Class – cooking (10:30-12pm) and lunchtime bean throwing!

Thursday 31st – P3 and P4 Art Exhibition – afternoon presentation for parents and school

-Library Day – final book swap before the CNY year holiday

Friday 1st – Chinese New Year celebration day at JIS – Community lunch at 11:- 11:45a.m.

ICHK Newsletter

This week's news letter from ICHK – can be read by clicking [here](#)

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Keep healthy everyone and please keep your children at home if they are unwell. Parents of Reception students may keep their children at home if they wish to, in line with current HK Government directives.

Simon Walton
Principal