



Newsletter 13 2019-20

Friday 6th December 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around school:

Cinderella Rockerfella – Friday 13th December – SOON!

Ms Wan, Ms Jill and Ms De Thier are going full speed with their cast and crew for the school show on Friday 13th December. Next week we shall move to the gym for rehearsals and get the students used to being on the 'big stage'. The cast are really keen and have worked so hard to prepare a wonderful evening, on schedule. The whole school is involved in the show, which brings us all together for a seasonal social before we break for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The show will start at 6pm and ESSPA will be organizing the tickets and pre-show food and drinks in the playground area from around 5:00pm. Tickets application forms have been sent out. The tickets help to pay for the rental of sound system and microphones to enable us all to enjoy the show.



Christmas card delivery service at JIS.



Everyone is welcome to send a message or a card to their friends and teachers in school using the JIS Postal service. The postbox is on the first floor close to the Christmas trees and Food Angel donation area. The cards will be collected and delivered by our P6 postal staff (!) each day once they open the box at lunchtime.

Cards need to have a clear name and class on the envelopes! Classes with more than one student with the same name could benefit from a surname too!

JIS Christmas Appeal – A food collection for Food Angel – 2nd – 16th December.

As part of our school values we try to ensure that our students have a developing social conscience and are aware of those around them who may be less fortunate than themselves. Every year we arrange our Christmas appeal to help a local Hong Kong charity and this year we shall collect donations of food items for 'Food Angel' and excellent local HK NGO we have supported for many years.

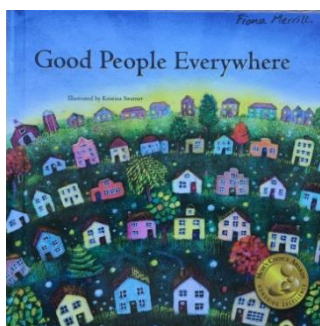
We ask that all our students bring a donation of food that we can put around our Christmas trees and then invite Food Angel staff to come and collect before the end of term to help create a festive Christmas or New Year meal for some of Hong Kong's less fortunate families.



Food Angel create meals for a variety of groups on a daily basis to ensure that people can have a real meal. They need bags of rice, pasta, tinned, boxed or dried food and snacks (non-perishable foods) to help them create meals that can be delivered or given at their centres in Hong Kong. Please support us and let's see how big a pile of donations we can create around our Christmas trees!



(Note: we usually do a clothing collection for the Salvation Army at Chinese New Year also – so food only this Christmas, please)



Good People Everywhere – a celebration of humanity and its diversity – repeat message

We have a few responses and will create a display of these in school – if it's cold this weekend and kids are stuck indoors maybe ask them to create something to boost our display!

P5 and P6 woodworking challenge

The P5 and P6 class had an interesting challenge this week related to their 'structures' unit of inquiry. Given a set of limited resources they were asked to create a firm platform that all 4 members of their group could stand upon. Some basic skills were taught and explored so that the platforms could be safe and solve the challenge. We hope to use them as stools and small tables around the building!



Many thanks to Christine Lau for organizing this experience with Mr. Ullrich Drews for the students. Ullrich is keen to potentially do more work in schools and possible an after school activity so we shall see what interest we have and what can be organized.

School calendar for 202-21 – draft 1 – on website / attached

We have attached our draft 1 of a school calendar for next year, as we appreciate many families like / need to plan ahead. The main dates of the holiday are similar to other international schools in Hong Kong as we are aware of the sibling secondary schools.

August is crazy hot and often very wet so we shall start on a similar date to this year – slightly later than other schools. I am also conscious of the 4 year old who start in Reception having a very long first term in school, so to shorten this slightly and extend in other areas makes sense.

School winter uniform: update

As we enter the cooler weather season we appreciate that students need to wear warmer clothing. The school uniform shop does supply a range of winter clothing (see pic). We ask that all families respect the school uniform and use it for school clothing. If tights or sports clothing leggings are worn they should be black or dark grey – not stripy or bright colours. We do stock long trousers available for both girls and boys and also the tracksuit trousers are warm fleecy fabric. The school 'hoodie' is popular and warm, as well as the terry jacket as an option.

May I also remind students and parents that school shoes should be mainly black in colour. Other sports shoes may be worn on class P.E. days but black shoes at all other times. Thank you for your support.

A downloadable uniform list is available on the school website. The school uniform shop is open every Friday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tai Po (International Section) - Primary

Uniform Order Form

2023

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POLO T-SHIRT

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