



Newsletter 3 2020-21

Friday 28th August 2020

Dear Parents and JIS community

Week 2 has gone well with lots of different activities for classes and an increasing number of JIS staff engaging with students in large and small groups. Thanks to everyone for their efforts. Please keep in touch with your child's class teacher or the school office if you have any concerns or questions.



Always make sure you are nice and comfortable when going online, just like Nam Nam in P6 has clearly demonstrated to us all! Thanks for the photo Nam Nam!

(Note: As a reminder please ask all students to be on time and ready for their activities. When in a meeting, please remind your children to focus, stay as still as possible and not to leave and then rejoin the meetings)

Around school this week!

Resources collection today – 28th August 2020 - today



It was great to see so many people coming into school today to collect resources for the coming weeks ahead. The pick-ups general went very smooth as well.

A big thank you to Ms Miyajima and our school driver Mr Yu for arranging the deliveries and also the team of volunteers at school who got things ready for the community visits. A real team effort! Much of the equipment or books will be used in sessions in the coming days and weeks.

The library books delivery will be on a weekly basis, but will move to Thursdays from next week.

If you have not yet collected resources, please come in to school and ask the school office staff for assistance.



Meet the Teacher night – Thursday 3rd September – 6pm via link

Please make sure to mark in your diary the session next Thursday evening for our Meet The Teacher presentation. All class teachers will be in touch with their class community to set up the meeting. It is an ideal opportunity for parents to hear more about the routines, style of learning and curriculum ahead for your child. Parents who are unable to attend will be offered a recording of the presentation that can be emailed after the event.

Meet the Teacher – part 2 – Thursday 10th September – 6pm and 6:45pm – via link

As a follow up to the original classroom based meeting, Mr Walton and Ms Wan will be hosting another presentation for the school community to cover issues and questions related to the whole school, its curriculum and community.

Session 1: at 6pm – Reception, P1, 2, 3 – (code: meettheteacher2)

Session 2: at 6:45pm – P4, 5, 6 – (code: meettheteacher2b)

Parents with students in both sections of the school need only attend one of these – it will be a repeated session. We will send reminders of Google Meet codes nearer the time.

In order to share useful information parents will be invited to submit questions for these presentations which either Mr Walton or Ms Wan will address.

Chromebook computers:

Many thanks to all the parents who purchased the 50% discounted chromebooks through school. We have been busy trying to update and release aspects of the ‘educational licensing’ on the machines for independent use. On the whole these machines are ideal for students to be using when accessing aspects of our Google based learning programme. They may not be ideal for Y1 and Reception students but can be used and will be long lasting in their application to JIS. A big thanks to Kim Murch and Wa Man Lee who researched and tried to find the best way forwards to all families who have bought a machine. Any questions about follow up, please contact the school office.

Curriculum news:

Student Support Department: Raz Kids and Headsprout reading programmes

Jenny Procter would like to remind all JIS students who have a link to the Headsprout and Raz Kids reading programme to keep using them as much as possible. These programmes are used by the Student Support Department when in school – but can be used at any time from home. Any student who has forgotten their login or password should contact Ms Procter for a reminder.

Library update from Ms Wan and Ms Anna:

We hope your children are enjoying their library books this week. As a school, we are passionate about nurturing children’s love of reading and we have been investigating ways of continuing to distribute books during home learning. Our school driver, Mr Yu has many responsibilities, but we have managed to book his services on a weekly basis on Thursdays. We have adapted our schedule accordingly.

This is our revised schedule, which we hope to maintain until children can visit us in person:

1. Every Friday, you will receive the book order form. Please submit your requests by 8am the following **Tuesday**.
2. On the order form, you can choose whether to:
 - Collect your books from JIS anytime from the following Thursday, midday onwards
 - Collect from Sai Kung Golf Course Car Park on the following Thursday 12:30 - 12:50pm
 - Collect from Hung Hom: Kowloon Ferry Pier on the following Thursday 1:40pm - 2:00pm
 - Collect from Gold Coast: Immigration car park on the following 2:45pm - 3:00pm
 - Arrange delivery yourself through school bus services. This is for families who have paid for school bus services only. If you would like to use this service, please contact the bus service yourself to arrange. The books will be available for the bus driver to collect from JIS any time from the Thursday midday onwards.

Here is the link for next week's distribution: <https://forms.gle/b6j8AMiMDD9uvLg28>

Thank you for working with us in sharing the joy of reading!

P6 - Yr 7 Secondary School applications – for August 2021

It seems crazy right now as we have just started this academic year, but I know some families are already making plans and may need some information for the transition to secondary school. Please get in touch with Mr Walton - s-walton@jis.edu.hk if you need any support or ideas on this process.

All students at JIS get an automatic place at ICHK (our partner secondary school) if they wish to use it, but we appreciate some families may also consider other schools due to their location or siblings.



International College Hong Kong

Families may need a student reference as part of an application form and these will be created through the office for all applications. We will get some information from the students this week about their interests and achievements and then merge that with data from the school to create the reference.

ICHK Newsletter

Each week we share the newsletter from ICHK to keep our community informed of the news from our partner secondary school. All students at JIS have the option for an automatic place at ICHK for secondary schooling.

To access this week's newsletter click [here](#)

Hong Kong EDB – starting schools again in Hong Kong, September 2020 - update

There are lots of rumours in the media about what is happening regarding the starting of schools in Hong Kong, so it was very useful for me to attend a Zoom meeting with the Under Secretary for Education yesterday to hear the latest updates, yesterday. There will be an announcement about the possibility of resuming school very soon but she was keen to emphasise that no final decisions have been made as yet. It appears that schools may be requested to resume using their plans and guidelines from May 2020 but that all sections of school would be able to resume – for us this would include Reception Class. Schools will be given 2 weeks notice as to when they may resume and some form of induction for new students may be allowed in order to prepare for reopening. It appears that this may be in September 2020.

For JIS as our numbers are small and our classroom facilities are large, I shall hope to be able to ask to start as quickly as possible. We had some excellent feedback from the EDB in May 2020 regarding our methods for keeping the students safe and as healthy as possible. I hope we can get similar approval as soon as we can for September.

We all hope to be able to start as soon as we can!

It was fabulous to host two assemblies again this morning. A big 'THANK YOU' to all the people who have sent in photos, and messages from our Friday Challenges already today. I will try to check through the Google classrooms and Dojo portfolios to give some feedback to everyone.

In the meantime, should you need any support I can be reached on: s-walton@jis.edu.hk or by phone JIS office: 2834 3531.

Wishing everyone a very pleasant weekend. It's going to be hot again!

Simon Walton
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