



## Newsletter 14

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community



Looks like we've been getting into the swing of the new term! Mr Walton appears with a camera – P3 are ready.

Please read on.....

### **JIS – Student Council CNY Appeal January 2017**

At the Student Council meeting this week they discussed their support for our annual appeal. Posters have gone up around school and the Student Council reps will be reminding their friends and classmates to support and donate. JIS is a school with a big heart and we believe it is a very important part of our student and school development that we engage with different aspects of community in Hong Kong and around the world with fundraising, support and engagement. In previous years we have successfully managed this with aspects of recycling or 'upcycling' as it is now sometimes referred to; as well as some fundraising appeals. As we build up to the Chinese New Year festival and in between the Christmas / New Year festivities we ask that you help us by getting involved in a variety of ways:

**Donate and clear out the bedrooms / wardrobes / toy cupboards for a New Year sort out!**

**Chinese New Year food collection – send in to school, 1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby area. (Before 25<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

We shall be collecting boxes, bags, tins of food to donate to a local charity – 'Food Angel' who do some amazing work with local families who struggle to provide adequate food for their families. If we can collect a large range of rice, pasta, noodles, boxed snacks, tins of sauces / vegetables we will arrange a donation to Food Angel to support some families for Chinese New Year meal and celebration.

If you are shopping this weekend plan ahead - BRING a bag of rice to school on Monday!!

### **Clothing and toys: (Before 25<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

Some of the students in P6 requested that we also collect clothing and toys that could be used by local charities, such as Salvation Army or other local organisations. Please check your closets and wardrobes to find good quality clothes that children have grown out of or your children no longer wear. As the weather may be getting cooler, check for coats, jackets as well. If Father Christmas arrived again this year or laisee packets are about to provide new toys for your family – please have a look in the toy box and see what could give some other children joy, happiness and a smile. Send the clean and working toys or games in to the school – 1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby area.

### **Book sale – ESSPA and JIS: (Before 6<sup>th</sup> February)**

Finally, have a good look at your children's bookshelves! Every 2 years ESSPA and the school organize a charity book sale to give a fresh look to your book shelves and also raise some money for two very good causes – Room to Read charity and JIS library! Basically, send in your good quality unused or unloved books that are no longer needed at home and we arrange a book sale at school of these books. We sell them back at prices from \$5-\$10+ or so to the students during a book sale on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Send your books in to the school office ready for the sale any time in the next few weeks.

*Thank you in advance for your kind support. Please talk to your children at home about 'why' we are doing these events. We shall also use school assembly and class meetings time to spread the ideas and understandings about giving and the purposes of supporting others less fortunate than ourselves.*

### **Chinese New Year**

Our school celebrations day will be on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 9:30a.m.** with a lion dance, followed by P5 class assembly and then our traditional community shared lunch, along the school corridor..

**For the community lunch:** As last year, class parents will liaise with their classes to provide the following:

- Reception and P1 could bring a selection of appetiser;
- P2-4 a selection of Mains
- P5-6 a selection of Desserts /drinks.

This may help to provide some degree of balance!



**Dress code:** On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> all students will be encouraged to dress to

match the CNY celebrations – either in a Chinese costume or in colours to match the spirit of a Chinese festival (red, gold, yellow etc.)

**As Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January it is New Year's eve we shall close the school at 12pm – noon** to enable our Chinese families and staff to get home in time for their family celebrations.

### **Around school updates:**

#### **Japanese Section Open Day- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

The Japanese Section of our school will be hosting their annual Open Day with open classrooms, a concert in the gym, some vendors around school and then a family lunch in classrooms. If parents are interested in coming along, please note that there is no parking available.

### **School fees: - please settle outstanding amounts as soon as possible**

We still have a few outstanding balances for term 2 school fees, please check that payments have been made. If there are any questions, please contact Kim Murch in the school office: 2834 3531



**School uniform: Please support the school correctly.**

The weather is fabulous at the moment but we may be getting some cooler weather in the coming weeks. Please can I ask that you make sure your children are wearing correct school uniform at all times. We have a range of winter clothing available from the school shop, to order and collect or visit the shop to browse. Branded and sports sweatshirts are not school uniform. Please also support us in being consistent – school shoes should be main colour black for all days when P.E. lessons are not happening. Sports shoes can be sport shoes but should not be worn for everyday of the week – just for P.E days only.

**Japanese class – Saturday school:**

A letter has been circulated for those wishing their children to join the Saturday class for Japanese. Please send in forms to school if you are interested in joining.

**P3/P4 art classes:**

As part of their current unit of inquiry, the P3 and P4 classes have been getting involved in a range of arts based activities. Below some artistic action in P4 this week.



This week the students also had a water colours painting workshop with a local artist – Don Choi (husband of our very own Jessie Choi)!

**Reception Class went off for the day on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> for a journey to TST and Central.**

As part of their current unit of inquiry they have been exploring the types of journeys people go on, where and why? No-one got lost and some happy travellers returned to school after a busy day out and about in Hong Kong

**JIS Bookathon 2017– advance notice**

Starting from 20<sup>th</sup> January Ms. Cong and Mrs. Wan in the library will be launching the annual JIS Bookathon. The aim of the Bookathon is for the students to prepare for ‘UNESCO World Book Day’ by doing some fundraising for the JIS library and Room to Read charity. More details will follow later but we

shall celebrate World Book Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 with a character dress up day and events in the library.

**P1 and P6 Immunisations:**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, this week was immunisation day – apart from a few tears, everyone was very brave and now hopefully healthy.

**JIS Calendar for 2017-18 – draft 1:**

We have created draft 1 of the 2017-18 JIS calendar on the front page of the school website – calendar updates, just below the weekly news – should you need a reference copy. This first draft indicates the proposed main term dates with some provisional events added.

***Dates for the diary – next week – Week 3 - January 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>***

**JIS Student Council will be supporting and reminding our Chinese New Year appeals for donations of food, clothes, toys and books for the ESSPA sale.**

**Reception Class interview playdates at JIS all week this week.**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Reception class interviews start

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Mr Walton presenting at HKEdU

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** –

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** –

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Launch of JIS Bookathon in library sessions

**ICHK update:**

I attach the link to this week's ICHK Secondary email bulleting from Toby Newton, Head of School.

This week's bulletin from ICHK includes some fantastic news about the achievements of some ICHK students in Mathematics and Environmental Management– they have achieved the highest grades at IGCSE examinations in Hong Kong! In International Mathematics the students came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Hong Kong! The bulletin includes some other news and personal reflections from the students on their success and how ICHK has enabled them to excel.

**[ICHK Bulletin 3](#)**

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend

Simon Walton