



## Newsletter 7 2020-21

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and JIS community

### **It's great to have the students back!**

It may have been a long time coming but it is really great to be back doing what we do best – working with the JIS students. It has been a pleasure to share the stories, listen to the news and see the smiles or the wrinkled eyes, behind a face mask.

First bus rumbles in!



Afternoon crew all lined up ready for day one!



Thank you to everyone for the support in getting the systems right for arrival and dismissal of school. The students have adapted very well to all the little routines for getting into the building and where to wait or which room to head to.

The collection of students at 3:15p.m. seems to be reasonably smooth and slick. Parents who are collecting are reminded to park in the best place possible to ensure that there is a 'flow' to the car park. We have not noticed any major hold-ups so far. Please remain aware of people walking through the car park areas after collecting their children and drive very safely to the exit. Thank you.

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: 'Terrific Tuesday'

Many thanks to all the students and families who got involved in our whole school project from last Tuesday – The Toilet Roll Challenge.

We have made a display of the models, artefacts and creative ideas that have been brought in to school. The inspiration was great and the creative responses were really impressive.



## School uniform shop: Opening hours for next week and beyond.

In order to get ready for school the school uniform shop will open at school on the following days:

- Mon 21st and Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – 8:30 – 3:30pm
- You can visit the company shop in Jordan at any time and arrange orders through online shopping and home delivery - <https://www.jis.ufsonline.com.hk/> to contact the uniform supplier

## Update from Jenny Procter (Student Support Department): O.T. and Speech and Language therapist screening – Reception and P1

Parents in Reception class and P1 are reminded to send in their forms if they would like an initial screening check by the Occupational Therapist or Speech and Language Therapist. Forms are due by the end of September. Any other grades are also welcome to contact Jenny Procter if they are interested.

## Plastic free snacks at school – eco warriors – well done so far!

Thank you for supporting our plastic free snacks for school initiative. It is making a difference already. This has the benefit of encouraging positive eating habits (fruit, vegetables etc.) as well as training the students for positive action on the environment. The JIS Student Council and Environment Ambassadors will be sharing ideas with all of us in the weeks ahead, once they have had an opportunity to meet up together.

## JIS Office updates:

**Student Health Service and Flu Vaccination** request forms are due back in school by 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please hit this deadline as it is very difficult for the staff to accept forms after the deadline has closed on behalf of the HK Student Health Authorities.

**Car park permit.** If you have more than one car or need an updated car permit please email to Ms. Miyajima in the school office on [s-miyajima@jis.edu.hk](mailto:s-miyajima@jis.edu.hk) . She will need your registration number, the owner's name and an up to date contact number

## Extra Curricular information

It is not yet possible for all extra-curricular activities to re-start but some catch session and small group sessions are possible. More information will follow in the coming weeks but for those who may be interested in joining (or re-joining) Glee Club, Ms. Emma would be interested in starting up a group again at JIS on a Wednesday afternoon.

A PDF file is attached to the main newsletter for you to use if you wish.

## JIS School Evaluation update – October 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2020

Cath Wan our PYP Coordinator has been on full speed this week getting all aspects of the school ready for the school evaluation by I.B. staff in a couple of weeks' time. We have to present the school 'virtually' through video and a big series of online meetings over the 3 days, but we hope to be able to share the best of JIS with an evaluator in Australia and one in China. We have had an initial meeting with the 2 colleagues from I.B. and they are looking forward to getting to know the staff, community and students of JIS.

A huge self-study of the school done by all the JIS staff, in 2019-2020, has been shared with I.B. Regional Office in Singapore and our two visitors. They will spend 3 days meeting with people to verify the findings of this survey and also to get a true understanding of a JIS education. We are ready!

## 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](#)

Wishing everyone a very pleasant weekend.

Simon Walton  
Principal

*Note: I'm sure this is doing the rounds on social media – but I received this fabulous photo of a family of wild boar having a swim in the fountain ponds of Bank of China Tower in the middle of Admiralty! Hong Kong always a surprise for us all.*

