



## Newsletter 18 2021-22

Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and JIS community

### **Week 2, term 2 at JIS – Keeping it short!**

I'm sure most families feel they have had information overload from school this week, due to the transition to online classes, so just a short update this week from school.

### **Online classes will start in full on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Please refer to the messages from school – sent out by the office and class teachers, to get your information about online learning. We shall go fully 'live' on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> with all classes being able to work with class teachers, specialist teachers and guests such as Ms. Wan and Mr. Walton.

We have tried to balance the schedules for online and offline time but also creating opportunity for some positive learning experiences to continue. A schedule has been shared with all families, ready to use. We ask that the students join in as much as possible, but we understand that there may be some times when they cannot join.

The school day will start at 8:15 a.m. each morning. The class lessons will finish around 12:50 p.m. After lunch the students will be able to have a rest or continue with some creative activities. Class teachers will meet with their class at 2:30 p.m. each day to close the school day. On a Wednesday afternoon there will be an assembly with Mr. Walton to attend.

Tech support for parents– if you are experiencing difficulties with access or computers borrowed from school – please contact our newly set up email:

[ithelpdesk@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:ithelpdesk@es.jis.edu.hk) (I.T. Help Desk)

We hope everything will go smoothly but of course nothing is guaranteed. We will try our best to engage the children and manage their learning.

### **Assembly – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

A big thank you to everyone who got up and dressed on time for school this morning and joined Mr. Walton for assembly. Altogether, we met with 165 students – almost everyone! Well done!

Thank you for the pictures and work sent in so far as a response to 'Fantastic Friday'.

### **Student Support services – next two weeks during online learning**

Unfortunately during the upcoming period of online learning visiting specialists including Abi Chan, Speech and Language Therapist and Cheryl Liu, Occupational Therapist both from SPOT Children's Therapy Centre and our own school counsellor Ashima Sharma will not be able to see students face to face in school. Please contact Abi and Cheryl directly to arrange to see them in their Kowloon Bay clinic if this works for your family. Ashima is happy to see students at her own private clinic or online, again please contact her directly. Additionally, Ashima will have weekly 'drop in' sessions for our older students on Google Meet- details to follow.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Student vaccinations – date changed to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

Due to the school closure of schools, the vaccinations due to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> February will now be on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## ESSPA Book Sale now postponed– sort and recycle your books for other JIS students



Obviously the ESSPA book sale will have to be postponed for a few weeks. But this means that you can still have a good sort out of your children's books to clear some space for new ones or have a good bedroom tidy up.

If you are near to school, you can still drop off your good quality, used books at our entrance or you can store them at home until we return to school. ESSPA will arrange a book sale (now later in the term) to give these books new life for new readers, and create some

money to donate to a literacy charity as well. Books that your children have grown out of or sets that they have finished and no longer need – other children may love them and they can buy them at the book sale. Clear out your shelves and send in the books to school – ESSPA will do the rest. Thank you for your support.

## ICHK Newsletter for this week – from Mr. Newton and ICHK



International College Hong Kong

Each week we share the newsletter from ICHK – (International College Hong Kong) to keep our community informed of the news from our partner secondary school.

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

## Reception class interviews for August 2022 change of date:

We hope to host our annual interview sessions for our new Reception class on Monday February 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 2022, if schools are open and visitors are allowed. The interviews currently planned for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January have had to be postponed.

Families wishing to apply for interview can still contact the school to see if spaces are available. Contact Ms. Sachiyo Miyajima on 2834 3531 for details.

Despite all the changes and disruption, I wish everyone a great weekend. We hope that the start of online learning will go smoothly, ask for support if you need it and we will try to help.

Simon Walton  
Principal