



Newsletter 13 2020-21

Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and JIS community

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Many of you will have heard the news from the HK Govt Departments regarding the closure of P1 – P3 classes for 2 weeks from next Monday 23rd November. This will mean that at JIS our Reception class, P1, P2, P3 students will not be able to return to school for 2 weeks. Students in P4, P5 and P6 will be able to attend school as normal for the time being.

Monday 23rd November – what does this mean?

This will mean that:

- Staff in Reception, P1, P2, P3 will be sending some activities for students to have a go at for Monday 23rd through Class Dojo – Reception and P1 and through Google classroom for P2 and P3.
- Due to late notice for the closure, Monday will be used by staff as a planning day so that we can start the resumption of online meetings and class activities from Tuesday 24th November.
- We will aim to achieve a schedule similar to our previous period of online learning but this may take a few days to set up fully, as we have to match the needs of those students at home with those in the school building.
- The timetables and schedules will be shared with all families as soon as they are available. All class teachers will send detailed information related to their class.
- We shall use our usual Google meeting system for arranging online lessons or activities

As we currently understand things, P4, P5 and P6 can attend school as normal during this period, unless we are informed otherwise.

Having some of the students at home and some at school will fully stretch our staffing resources so we ask for parental understanding and support as we adapt to what is required of us.

Whole day schooling – the first week



Having the students back in school together has gone really well this week. The students have adapted to being back together and as the week has gone on, routines have got smoother and more efficient. The classrooms have to set up in a layout that is not ideal and is not suited to our usual styles of teaching and learning, but we are making it work and

adapting on a daily basis.



Note: Obviously this is not happening in some classes next week now.

Around school:

Student health and reporting to CHP (note: some of this information has now been overtaken by the closure of classes)

All schools are required to report to CHP and EDB about the health of their school community. If a class has 3 or more cases of confirmed URT infections we have to report it to HK authorities and they will visit the school to decide if that class needs to be closed.

If your child is unwell, please continue to support the school and keep them at home. The guidelines require that all students should not return to school until at least 48hrs after cold / flu / fever symptoms have disappeared – not 48hrs from the start of the symptoms.

Important note: If a class is closed by the CHP, all students and staff of this class will be issued with a COVID-19 testing kit and students will not be allowed to return to school until they have a proven negative result.

Author visit: - (this will now be online as well as in person – adapted)



On Friday 27th and Monday 30th November, we will welcome author and passionate environmentalist Suzanne Younan to JIS.

You should have received an email from Ms. Wan and a book order form earlier this week.

On Friday 27th, all students who are in school will change their library books as usual and the following classes will have a lesson with Suzanne: Reception and P3 online and P6 in person.

On Monday 30th, P1, P2, will be online and P4 and P5 will have their lesson in person.

If you would like more information on Suzanne Younan and her books, please visit her website at: <https://www.dracoviridi.com>

If you would like to order copies of her books, please return the order form to your class teacher by next Tuesday.

Birthday celebrations and cakes at school

Please can we ask that parents do NOT send in cakes or gifts to school to celebrate their child's birthday.

We are not trying to be difficult but we cannot really accept shared food at school in the current climate and we are trying very hard to role model with the students about the use of single use plastics.

The giving of gift bags does cause us concern as it creates unnecessary competition between the students in class, which we would like to avoid. We hope you understand our thoughts.

We are TOTALLY happy to celebrate birthdays with a song and a cheer from class mates and staff, with all the students in school.

Flu jabs at school: today

Student influenza jabs happened today at school – in many different ways. Most students were fine and managed but some do find it traumatic – so our thanks go to Ms. Christine and Ms. Miyajima who managed to get things done and cope with some tears and much more!

Please monitor your child carefully over the weekend to check for any reaction to the injection.

School lunches – provided by ‘School Luncher’ – for those who will be attending school

Some of our long term families have been asking about lunch deliveries and orders through a company we have used before called ‘New Luncher’. These orders and deliveries will be able to start in December 2020, for those students who are in school.

For details about the New Luncher deliveries contact www.thenewluncher.hk



Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend ahead.

Simon Walton
Principal