



Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around school:

JIS Chinese New Year events and preparations.



Next week we shall be celebrating CNY – Beginning of the Year of the Rat on Friday 24th January. Laoshi (Judith Tseng) and He laoshi have been busy organizing and preparing a programme of our traditional events on this day:

- **Dress Chinese (red / gold) for the day – to celebrate our Chinese cultural roots in Hong Kong and around the world**
- **9:30 a.m. Lion Dance on the school pitch – performed by our local Tai Po youth group**
- **10:30a.m. – P5 Mandarin Class present their CNY assembly for 2020, in the MPR**
- **11:15a.m. – 12pm – JIS Chinese New Year Community lunch** – everyone is welcome to come along and prepare for the new year ahead. Classes will be organising their own lunch through the work of the class parent and teachers.

See below for some other events next Friday morning!



Unusual CNY visitors!

The local monkey population enjoyed a full family picnic on our CNY kumquat trees in the playground on Thursday morning ! (see below)

So for the first time ever we had to move them indoors!

Shame but we had to spoil their fun!



Other events next Friday morning – whilst visitors are in school!

Capoeira group perform – school pitch

On the Friday morning 24th January our **JIS Capoeira group will also perform at 9:15 a.m.** – as a warm up practice for their concert performance at the AIA Carnival in Central. Come early to watch!

SPOT Children's Centre – 10a.m. Conference Room – update from Jenny Procter (St Sppt Coord)

Friday 24th January in JIS Conference Room, Emily Nguyen, O.T., from SPOT Centre, will do a 'Successful Start' presentation. This will be particularly beneficial for Reception parents but all parents welcome. We have arranged this on a day when we know many parents will be around school anyway so we are hoping for a good turnout. Here is a short description from Emily:

'SPOT Children's Therapy Centre will be doing a presentation next week. The presentation will be about the benefits of early identification and intervention to help young children work toward meeting developmental milestones, ensuring future success both academically and at home. They will also provide more information about their therapy center, services they can offer in schools and the screening process.'

As of next week Abi Chan, Speech and Language Therapist, Spot and Emily Nguyen, O.T., Spot will be with us one morning each per week. Forms for screenings are being sent out, if anyone has missed these and would like their child to be included please contact me.

After CNY Ms Yuki, school counsellor will be with us every Tuesday (rather than Tuesday and Thursday bi-weekly) but will continue to see students on a bi-weekly basis.

Thank you – Jenny Procter

Mandarin Class request – Do you have any out of date or no longer needed **lai see packets** – ones that you will not use this year, perhaps. If you have – please send them in to Mandarin class as they have some interesting art and craft ideas that need as many lai see packets as they can get? Thank you.

Reception Class August 2020 – Interviews – 13th – 17th January 2020

This week we had the pleasure to meet some groups of prospective students for our Reception Class of August 2020. The playdate interviews involve a group of JIS staff (Cath Wan, Jenny Procter, Amber Le Scelle and Mr Walton) doing a variety of everyday school activities with the students for around an hour. The staff all made notes about the interactions and discussions they had with the students, so that a decision can be made about initial offers for places. Parents will be receiving some information about their offers from Monday 20th January and we hope to secure a class of 22 in the coming few weeks. We thank everyone of their interest in sending their children to JIS.

Chinese New Year Appeal 2020: Clothing and toys – busy all ready, thank you

Our appeal for good quality clothing and toys has started with the delivery of some Salvation Army collection bins – I have a sneaking suspicion they will easily be filled, judging by our previous years' efforts.

Please make sure all items are clean and in good condition, so that we can donate them and give the recipients a pleasurable experience.

The bins will be in school for around 1 month this year (Feb 10th). So there is plenty of time for your sort out at home!



Student Grant Claim Form - \$2, 500 HK Govt Jan 2020 initiative

Please be reminded to send in your forms for the HK Govt / EDB Student Grant \$2, 500 payment. Send the forms in to the school office for processing – you cannot send it yourself, they have to be sent from school.

Change of dates:

- **Library exchange books day** next week is on Tuesday 21st Jan **NOT** Friday due to the Chinese New Year celebrations.
- **School closure Day on Friday 21st February** – last term we had to postpone our Professional Development workshop for all JIS staff due the HK protest situation. It has been re-arranged to Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd February. School will therefore be closed to all students on Friday 21st February.

Events for term 2 at JIS – Week 3, January 20th - 24th

Monday 20th –

Tuesday 21st – Library Day NOT Friday! All students can exchange books today

Wednesday 22nd – Roz Keep – local artist, visits JIS to do P4 workshop – ‘using recycled materials for artworks’. Roz will also present a school assembly / story telling session for all students in the afternoon.

-Reception Class will be visiting Kadoorie Farm on Wednesday

Thursday 23rd – P3 and P4 classes present their ‘Art Exhibition’ for everyone to enjoy!

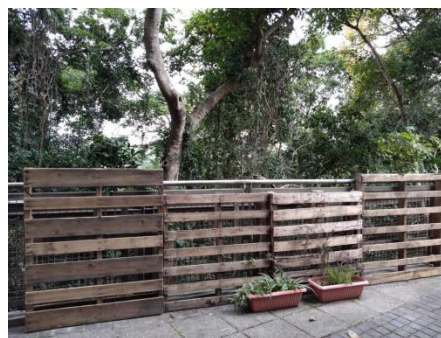
Friday 24th– Chinese New Year Celebrations at JIS including community lunch 11:15am – 12pm

-Capoeira performance and SPOT Therapy meetings

-Half Year School reports will be sent home today

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE CNY holidays at 12pm (midday) on Friday 24th January

Green wall initiative: We aim to start our ‘green wall’ / gardening club initiative after CNY. If you have any large size plastic bottles – please save them and send them in to Christine Lau in the Resources room and we can use them as plant pots, ready to hang on the fence. (Apologies to our recycling bins for a few weeks)



Thanks to Christine Lau for her support and ideas for this initiative.

We look forward to seeing everyone around school as we celebrate Chinese New Year and events like the P3 and P4 art exhibition next week.

ICHK Newsletter – an update from our partner secondary school for this week click [here](#)

Have a great weekend.

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