

Newsletter- 28/08/19



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Dates for Your Diary]

Monday 2 September	?You Tell Us' Meetings - <u>No school (register on Gateway)</u>
Thursday 05 September	PTA AGM and Mid Autumn Festival Evening (postponed to 12 Sep)
Thursday 12 September	CPD - <u>No school</u>
Monday 30 September	CPD - <u>No school</u>
Tuesday 1 October	National Day - <u>No school</u>
Friday 4 October	Day before Mid-Term Break - <u>FULL Day Classes</u>
7 - 11 October	Mid-Term Break
31 October & 7 November	3 Way Learning Conference
12 - 15 November	School Photo
Friday 15 November	Bingo Night
Friday 13 December	Last day of term - <u>Half day (finish at 12pm)</u>
16 December - 3 January	Term Break
Monday 6 January	First day of Term 2

Dear Parents,



More precisely the PTA needs you. We need Year Group representatives and committee members for the PTA. The AGM is next Thursday followed by the Lantern Festival. So please support your child to make homemade lanterns, come along and join up with the PTA and have a great family evening out. Please see the PTA newsletter for details.

You know about our AAROW's of success and especially Agency (Voice Choice and Ownership). Accordingly I hand the rest of my newsletter notice to our new 2019/20 Student Leaders at KJS?.

Dear Parents,

On Friday 23 August we had a Student Leadership Retreat day where all members of the Student Council met and discussed about who we are, what makes a good leader and our vision for the year ahead at KJS.

Some of our highlights of the day was meeting Mrs Greer and Mr O'Reilly and having interesting conversations about the qualities needed to be a successful leader and leadership mindsets. During our brain break we entertained ourselves with a fun game where we had to role play actions according to the letters in our name.

We ended our meeting by speaking about our vision for the school community and sharing this at our school assembly that afternoon. The student council's vision is to support 'Success for Every Child through a positive, cohesive and sustainable KJS community'. We are looking forward to developing as leaders in the Year Ahead and achieving our vision.

Prisha (6E) and Claire (6A) on behalf of the Student Council



Have a great week and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Kind regards

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Neill O'Reilly

Principal

Update - Distribution of 2018/2019 Yearbook]

2018/2019 Yearbook will be ready to distribute in mid September. For parents who have pre-ordered a copy before the summer holiday, they will receive an email from us today regarding the submission of payment. Should there be any yearbook left due to last minute withdrawal, we will announce it through our weekly newsletter on 11 September.

IMPORTANT - Y6 to Y7 Transfer Application

This is an important notice to all Y6 parents. If you wish your child to transfer to an ESF secondary school, you are required to submit a transfer application for Year 7 (available only on **Gateway**) during the period **Monday 2 September- Friday 13 September 2019**.

Gateway – parent clicks on Year 7 Transfer Application



Applications are processed according to **current residential address at the time of application**; change of residential address following submission of application and prior to entry to Year 7 will not be considered.

For further details, please refer to information available on the ESF website at <http://www.esf.edu.hk/year6-to-year7-key-dates/> for key dates and <http://www.esf.edu.hk/esf-zones> for school zones.

Y1 Central Application for Sibling]

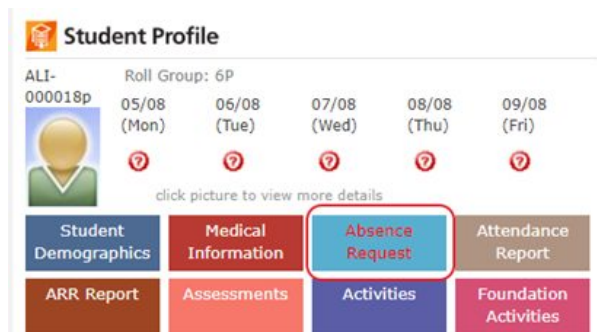
Year 1 Central Application for children born in 2015 will begin from 1 to 30 September. If you have a child who is a sibling of a current KJS student and wishes to apply, please do so through the ESF online application system during the Central Application period.

For further details, please refer to information available on the ESF website at <https://www.esf.edu.hk/application-form/>.

Student Absence]

Parents are asked to contact the school office before the start of school if a child is absent. If the school office does not get notification from you, the School Nurse will call your family home.

This year, to streamline communication with parents, a new function on Gateway to report absence is introduced (see below). You are strongly encouraged to try this new function.



Message from Chinese Department]

Parents please be reminded to register for the 'You Tell Us' meeting with our Chinese teachers. Here are the sign up dates on

Gateway:

Year group	Meeting Date	Sign up Date
Year 1	10 Sep	30 Aug 10am
Year 2	20 Sep	6 Sep 10am
Year 3	24 Sep	10 Sep 10am
Year 4	27 Sep	13 Sep 10am
Year 5	18 Oct	4 Oct 10am

Year 6 parents please come to the Chinese Department after their classroom conference times on 31 Oct & 7 Nov. Sign ups as assigned by the Year 6 later.

Chess Club - Term 1

Term 1 Chess Club will start during the first week of September. For sign up and further inquiries, please contact The Chess Academy directly on **3480 4199 / 9178 7376 / info@activekidshk.com**.

Junior Baking Class - Term 1]



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5th September – 6th December 2019

Fun themed baking classes for students (ages 5-11) on **Thursday or Friday** after-school (3:00pm - 4:30pm). Lessons include hands-on baking and decorating instructions, take home delicious desserts / savouries with recipes. Instructed by qualified primary teacher / cake designer.

For inquiries or to enroll, please contact Ms. Hong at flourhk@hotmail.com.
More information at www.facebook.com/flourhk



PTA Update]

PTA Event

We will be having our first event of the year ? **our AGM and Celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival on Thursday, 5 September 2019**. Please refer to the flyer below for more details. Do make a note of the change in the date. It will take place on **Thursday** instead of Friday next week.



As with all events, **we welcome families, siblings and grandparents**. Adults are responsible for their children. Please **bring your own water bottle** which you will be able to refill at complimentary water stations on the 1st floor. Bear in mind that this will be an **alcohol-free event**; kindly refrain from bringing in your alcoholic beverages.

Ice cream and popcorn will be available for purchase. We are looking for **volunteers** for the event. If you can help, even for **30 minutes**, please let us know.

PTA Representatives

Thank you to all the parents who have come forward to represent their classes. **We still need parent representatives** for the following classes. If you would like to help, please let us know via email at pta@kjs.hk.

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1M

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3J

5P

5W

6P

PTA Executive Committee

With our AGM next week, we would like to receive more **nominations** so we can vote in our **new committee** for the new school year. If you are interested in joining our committee and getting more involved with your child's life at school, or if you know of anyone who would be an asset to our committee, please use this link to sign up. **All nominations need to be submitted before Wednesday, 4 September 2019.**

Winter Uniforms

The Winter Uniforms' order form has been sent via email to all parents. Please use the link in the email to place your orders.

Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you, your children and your families at the AGM and Mid-Autumn Celebration next week.

Kind regards,

Saloni Melwani

Chair, PTA

Missing link from PTA

ESF and Other Notices

Parent Workshop: ?What Matters: Effects and Side Effects of Education

In this presentation, Professor Yong Zhao brings extensive evidence to show that every child has both potential and need to become great. To help each and every child achieve their greatness, we need a different kind of education that focuses on enhancing the unique strengths and passion of each child. Education is to help each and every child discover and develop their strengths and passions with the goal to create value for others and the world. To do so, we need to make education personalizable by the child, instead of personalized for the child.

It will take place on **Saturday 7 September at Quarry Bay School, from 9.00 to 10.30am**. This is on a first-come, first-served - maximum 300 places

Registration link: http://bit.ly/Zhao_2019

West Island School Open Day

Please see details about the West Island School Open Day with the link below.

<https://www.wis.edu.hk/open-day-wednesday-18-september-2019/>

71st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (2019)

Entry forms for the 71st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (2019) are now available (click [here](#)) Parents who wish their children to participate in the Festival must return the completed forms together with the entry fee in cash, to the school office by Tuesday 10 September. Late applications cannot be processed. Please also write your child's name and class on the top right hand corner of the entry form. For further details on Rules & Regulations and Syllabus, please visit the official website <http://www.hksmsa.org.hk>

Student Success

The celebration of student success will channel to our Facebook page. You can find the school's Facebook here. Please keep the photos and stories coming of our children shooting the AAROW's of Success!

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If you do not wish to receive our newsletters by email, you may contact the school office at office@kjs.edu.hk to opt out. Our newsletters will still be accessible on our website <https://www.kjs.edu.hk/kjs-news/>.

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