

## Newsletter- 29/04/20



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### **Dates for Your Diary]**

Thursday 30 April	Buddha's Birthday - <b>No school</b>
Friday 1 May	Labour Day - <b>No school</b>
Friday 15 May	PTA Bingo Night
Friday 22 May	KJS Music Concert
Friday 29 May	ESF Transition Day for whole school
Wednesday 3 June	Y5 girls & Y6 immunisation
Friday 5 June	PTA Disco Night
Tuesday 23 June	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 24 June	Final Assembly at 2pm & Last day of the year - <b>Full day class</b>
Thursday 25 June	Summer holiday begins!
Tuesday 11 August	First day of 2020/2021 school year

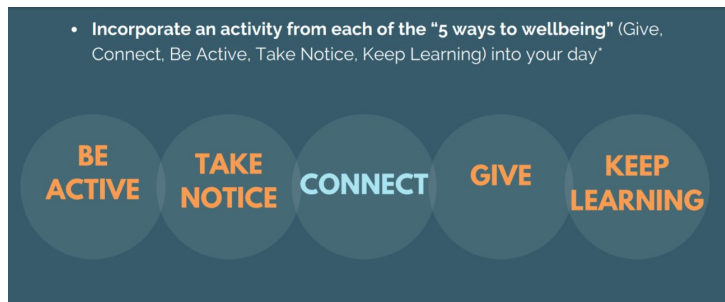
Dear Parents,

Welcome parents to this week's newsletter filled with very important information that can save you time, enhance student safety and wellbeing, allow you to have a say about your child's learning, save you money and celebrate the happenings at KJS. Please take a look!

Assembly video:

Attached is a video for your children and you to enjoy together. There is something for everyone in the video and a special challenge to Year 5 students.

My Fay speaks about wellbeing and refers to this "5 Ways to wellbeing".



Zoom Safety:

It is a requirement that children have their video on, their correct name and room number displayed, and that they engage in a respectful manner. Please support them to do this.

Parent comment, end of year report:

You have been so intimately involved in your child's learning for most of 2020 that we would like to invite you to contribute up to 150 words celebrating your child's progress this year. We will send you a link shortly. In the meantime, you might want to start discussing and preparing what you would like to say about your child's AAROW's of Success and their Learner Profile attributes (our school values) during distance learning or anything else positive that you would like on this very important document.

This report will celebrate the learning and progress your child has made for the entire year. As we move into 2020, it is very timely, after the year we have had, to remember with a special report.

Please continue reading below for more important information. We wish you a safe and restful weekend as we celebrate Buddha's birthday.

Kind regards

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Neill O'Reilly

Principal

#### **Refund of KJS Fee 2019/2020 (Year 6)]**

Thank you for your patience regarding the 2019/20 camp. It has been a challenging time as we sought to postpone the event and worked with providers to secure the best outcome for our students. Once a decision was made to cancel the camp, the school investigated the options of refunds. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure a full refund from providers as they had already incurred costs. However, for those parents who require a full refund, the School Council has agreed to this. If requested, we will meet the shortfall of HK\$1,216 on average per student in order to provide a full refund. Accordingly, Year 6 families have been offered a refund of the camp fee and partial refund for stationery and activities after deducting all the expenses.

Year 6 parents, please complete this form on or before **Sunday, 17 May 2020**, and we will arrange the refund. Details of the refund and related matters are listed in this form. Should you still have further questions, please email our Finance Team at [finance@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:finance@kjs.edu.hk).

#### **School bus costs during suspended school]**

We have spoken to ESF Centre about bus costs, refunds and compensation as a number of parents have contacted the school directly.

ESF and the school is aware of the company's responses in terms of considering discounted fees. However, the school is not directly involved as contracts are between parents and the bus company. ESF Centre has been advocating for parents to major bus companies. However, it remains up to the parents to negotiate with the bus company directly on this matter. We regret that we are unable to assist further with negotiations regarding bus fares during school suspensions.

#### **45% Discount on June's Fees]**

As part of the 'Triple Assistance Package' launched by ESF (see ESF Notices below), should you wish to receive the discount on June's fees, please log in to your Gateway account to opt in through eNotice. If you are unfamiliar with the eNotice function, you may [click here](#) for instructions.

In order to be eligible, you need to meet the following criteria:

- Your child is in full-time education at the school.
- You do not already receive any kind of fee remission in full.
- Your fees are not paid by an external body such as the HK Government.

The deadline to opt in is Thursday, 7 May 2020. If you have any questions about the package, please contact ESF at [covid19relief@esfcentre.edu.hk](mailto:covid19relief@esfcentre.edu.hk) and someone will be in touch with you directly.

### **Student Grant Scheme Update]**

All forms received have been sent to ESF Centre and ESF has assured that it has been handed to the Education Bureau (EDB) for processing. It will take some time for the government to issue grants to respective bank accounts.

### **AAROW's of Success at KJS]**

By installing a new 126kW solar system on the roof of KJS we are showing Respect for self, others and the environment!

Many thanks to the ESF Team who have managed this project and CPL who have partnered with ESF and KJS.



### **Library News**



We have some exciting news for you this week! The KJS Library team has enabled the 'Book Review' function on Orbit!

You can help the KJS school community by writing book reviews and sharing your opinion on the books you have borrowed. Please take the books you have borrowed from our KJS Library and write a review.

Please click on this link to learn how you can write a review. A copy of this will be on our KJS Virtual Library ?Online Resource Guide?.

Have fun! Become a book reviewer!

## ESF and Other Notices

### **ESF launches Triple Assistance Package**

ESF has announced the launching of 'Triple Assistance Package' for parents in need. As the name suggests, there are three elements:

- All ESF families who currently pay fees will be able to quickly and easily opt in to receive a 45% discount - per student - on their fees in June.

The extension of the current ESF Financial Assistance Scheme to include the families of Year 1 and Year 7 students ? as well as families of students in ESF Kindergartens and of students who have joined ESF within this current academic year.

- The launch of a new 'Covid-19 Emergency Assistance Scheme' that will offer fast-track support to families ? giving you the option to defer up to 50% of your April, May and June 2020 fees ? with the option to pay back over 24 months starting in January 2021.

You can get more detailed information about all of these schemes in the 'Triple Assistance Package' online at this webpage: [www.esf.edu.hk/tripleassistance](http://www.esf.edu.hk/tripleassistance).

### **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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