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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- * Y5 Camp

 RESCHEDULED TO TERM 2
- ** Public Holiday
 29 October
- Book Week
 3-7 November
- School Photo Week
 10-13 November
- CPD Day
 21 November
- * Election Holiday

 8 December
- Last Day of Term 1 (school ends at 12nn)
 12 December

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear KJS families.

I hope this newsletter finds you well. What a wonderful few days we've had celebrating Diwali amongst the KJS community.

Our assemblies today were absolutely fantastic, showcasing incredible performances from our talented students. The energy, creativity, and cultural pride on show by all involved was truly inspiring to witness. A huge thanks to Ms Gupta, Ms jackson and Ms Doucette for helping to organise them.

Also I would like to add a huge thanks to all the parents who joined us to watch their children performing so well. To all of you celebrating Diwali, we wish you a very happy and joyful festival with amongst family and friends.

You will have read the message from our CEO, Belinda Greer, earlier today. I am sure you will agree that having an opportunity to bring back a day of face-to-face learning is important for us to facilitate if we can, and I fully support this decision. For clarity, Monday February 23rd 2026 is now a normal school day instead of the previously stated ESF wide staff PD day.

We recognise that some of you may have already booked trips abroad for the Lunar New Year and so may not be able to attend on that day. Please note that this will not be marked down as an absence on any child's attendance records.

We will send a message nearer the time reminding you all to inform us if this applies to your family.

Near the time, we will also send details of some links to online activities that students can engage with if they are unable to attend school that day due to travelling commitments. However, having two children myself, I know that trying to keep students busy when travelling is work in itself, so this will of course be fully optional to engage with.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me directly.

Mr MacGregor Principal WEEK OF 17 OCTOBER PAGE 02

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear KJS Community,

The KJS student council would like to remind you about our Box of Hope collection drive.

Our collection started just yesterday and we have already received many gift boxes which is wonderful to see!

Together we hope to collect at least 500 boxes from our school community in support of this worthy cause.

We encourage you to participate by making a Box of Hope and giving a child the gift of hope this Christmas!

Some of the most important things to put in the shoebox or reusable bag are a toothbrush, toothpaste, and soap. Please also add other fun items, such as toys, games, books, and stationery etc. No food is allowed, and everything should be brand new.

Remember to wrap your box and lid separately so it can be checked by Box of Hope before being delivered to a child.

Please note that box labels have not been sent home. Instead your child will complete this at school with the class teacher when they bring in their gift box.

You can find more information about the Box of Hope initiative through this link.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Bailey at leah.bailey@kjs.edu.hk

Kind regards, The KJS Student Council

78TH HONG KONG SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL (2026)

If you wish your child to participate in the Music Festival, please submit the application form on the HKSMSA website AND pay the enrolment fee via ESF Hub before the below deadline.

		DEADLINE
Step 1	Submit the Enrollment Form on HKSMSA	Wednesday, 22nd October at 23:00
Step 2	Settle the Enrollment Fee on the Payment System via ESF Hub	Saturday, 25th October at 23:00

Please be reminded that the enrollment will only be successful if parents complete the TWO steps before the deadline. Please find the details in the News Feed on ESF Hub.

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A PTA NEWS



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, it seems like a long break, but we are sure everyone had a great time. Back for a busy week of events with Diwali celebrations which were vibrant and colourful, starting with

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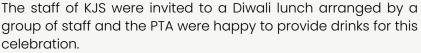
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Staff Diwali Lunch Thursday 16 October















Dress Colourful (Diwali) Friday 17 October 2025

We had a wonderful day today at KJS to celebrate Diwali, the Indian Festival of Light. Many children came to school wearing colourful, casual or traditional clothes. We had parent volunteers come and help at the arts and crafts table, all materials of which were sponsored by the PTA. Students made small lamps, cards and drawings which they took home with them.















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Voluntary donations of \$20 were collected by the class teams. These donations will be for PTA and will be donated to the school for future school projects. Total collected donation amount will be reported.

A huge thanks to our wonderful volunteers, teachers and Committee members who make this all possible.





PTA UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)-27 October 3:30 pm

The next event we need your support by joining in the Zoom call is our AGM. All the work of the PTA is directed by the Executive Committee and they are elected at this meeting, so please do register and attend.



Spooky Boogie Ball Thursday 30 October



Come along and enjoy the Haunted House, Spooky Maze, face painting, games, snacks and popcorn, Monster's Eyeball Punch, a disco and costume parades. We are giving everyone lots of time to get their costumes ready for the competition, and the theme will be costumes that are home made, sustainable and easily recycled.

Judges will decide on small prize winners from all classes and there will be a bigger prize for the best costume in each year group.

Tickets are on sale from today and can be purchased here.

Currently, the tickets are limited due to the small ratio of volunteers and ticket sales will stop once the event is full.

We need volunteers as always, so please take one minute of your time to offer your support by filling out this Google Form. The more volunteers we have, the more KJS families can be accommodated.

We look forward to your participation in the coming weeks. Have a good weekend everyone!