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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- CPD Day

  21 November
- ★ Y6 CAMP 2-5 December
- Election Holiday
   8 December
- Last Day of Term 1 (school ends at 12nn)
  12 December
- First Day of Term 2
  5 January

#### **REMINDERS**

If your child is exhibiting any flu symptoms, particularly a high temperature, cough, or runny nose, <u>please refrain</u> from sending them to school.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**



Dear KJS families.

I hope this message finds you well. It was of course Photo week at KJS which always brings a buzz of excitement and a test of logistics for the whole school photo!

I had the pleasure of meeting with our new TASS (The Alliance of Sustainable Schools) ambassadors this week Hathaway Xia, Bitz Han and Divjot Singh. We had a good discussion about the important role they will play in supporting our school's ongoing

commitment to sustainability and reducing our carbon footprint. They are keen to make a positive environmental impact, and I'm confident they will help drive meaningful initiatives throughout the school year. I know the majority of our students are dedicated to creating a more sustainable future for all.

Looking ahead to next week, both our girls and boys football teams will be heading out to compete in the Kowloon tournament held at TKO. The teams have been training hard, and we're excited to see them represent KJS. We wish them the very best of luck in their matches and know they will make us all proud.

As we move into next week, please note that temperatures appear to be dropping, so we encourage you to ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the cooler weather. Layered clothing is always a good option, allowing children to adjust their comfort level throughout the day.

Finally, please don't forget our upcoming PTA Winter Festival on November 28th. It promises to be a wonderful community event.

Have a great weekend

Mr MacGregor Principal

### LIBRARY NEWS

Dear KJS Families,

What an absolutely wonderful week it's been! The excitement from our recent Book Week continues to fill our library halls with joyful energy, and today we get to share some truly heartwarming news. We're absolutely beaming with pride as we introduce you to another brilliant young author from our community whose writing has captured hearts in SCMP Posties!

#### 🔁 Celebrating Our Star Writer in SCMP Posties, Issue #680!

We are absolutely thrilled to celebrate another budding author from our KJS community! This week, Sophie (5JC) shines brightly in **SCMP Posties**, **Issue #680**, with her wonderfully reflective article.





Sophie was overjoyed to learn that her article had been published. She learned of the happy surprise discovered through her friend, Emily. What makes this achievement even more special is that this was Sophie's very first submission at the start of Year 5!

Her inspiration struck during a typhoon day in September. While at home, her mom encouraged her to write a story. As she began writing, Sophie recalled a Library lesson where she learned about other successful student authors. Inspired, she decided to channel her thoughts into a Posties article—and ended up writing about herself!

Sophie beautifully expressed that writing can also be art, a powerful way to express who you are and how you feel. Her advice to other young writers is both genuine and encouraging: "Write more about topics you're interested in."

Well done, Sophie, on your thoughtful and heartfelt contribution! We can't wait to read what you write next.

To read more KJS Success stories from SCMP Posties, click here.

To submit articles to Posties for consideration by the editors, click here.



#### Final Week for Book Week Activities

This is the last week for students to complete their Book Week activities! We've loved seeing the creativity and enthusiasm across the school.

Don't forget that our <u>Book Week page</u> will be live for another week, so you have more time to explore the various activities.

We will be posting all Bookmark Design entries soon and will share a link for students to vote for their favorites. Details will follow—stay tuned!

Remember to visit our <u>Book Week Padlet page</u> to download the photos we've captured or to share any wonderful pictures you've taken during the celebrations!

#### 🖰 A Friendly Reminder About Book Returns



At the start of the school year and in our overdue notices, we shared that this year we would be taking a more consistent approach to managing borrowed books including library books, home readers, and Chinese books.

These resources are all part of the school's learning materials and are now tracked together on our library platform, ORBIT, to help ensure all items are accounted for.

If a student has any overdue books—whether a library book, home

reader, or Chinese book—it will affect their ability to borrow new ones. We kindly ask that all books are returned on time. If more time is needed, students are welcome to renew books online or bring them back to the library to be renewed.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a fair and organized borrowing system for all.

#### Staff Book Recommendation of the Week



This week's recommendation comes from Mrs. Blackshaw from 3KB

Book: Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen

Mrs. Blackshaw says: I adore this book because of its beautiful lessons about respect and empathy, and how it celebrates the magic of finding a place where you belong. To me, the library has always been a special kind of candy shop, overflowing with sweet stories just waiting to be discovered. This book captures that feeling perfectly.



**PTA NEWS ☎** +852 3765 8709 ⋈ PTA@kjs.edu.hk

Dear Parents, The most exciting event of the term is coming up!

Tickets are available here from 14 Nov @6:00 pm, don't miss out!

Everyone (volunteers included) needs a ticket unless you are under 3 years old.

KJS Music club performances, Movie under the Stars, festive food, holiday wreath making, KJS community marketplace... Ticket sales will stop once they reach the limit. Sign up here if you would like to help out. WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT TO KEEP CREATING THESE WONDERFUL EVENTS!

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

The KJS PTA Team.



#### **ESF Explore Winter Camp**



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