



JUMEIRAH COLLEGE PRIMARY SECTION

Newsletter

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Introduction

It is our intention this year to keep you informed of activities, news and events this year via our newsletter. These will be issued during the first week of each month and more often as required.

New Parent information Evening / Meet the Teacher Evening

We thank all parents that supported these two events, which ran so that you are better informed about the administrative side of school life.

During the evenings a number of new 'booklets' were made available to parents. If you did not attend and would like copies then please contact Mrs Dacre in the school office. (email: jcpsadmin@jcdubai.sch.ae)

Booklets available:

Parents Guide to JCPS
Hearing your child read
Helping your child with spelling
Curriculum Overview (one for each year group)
Targets for Maths and suggested games for home (one for each year group)

Parent / Teacher consultations

This will take place on **Monday 27th October** when parents will have chance to discuss in detail with teachers their child's progress so far this term.

A separate letter will be distributed the week prior to the event in order for parents to make appointments at a mutually convenient time.

Class Assemblies

It gives me pleasure to be able to invite parents of each class to join us at this time. The assemblies will take place each Tuesday morning at 8.15 a.m. in the Examination Room of the Secondary Section.

The schedule for the remainder of this term is as follows:

7 October	Class 3B
14 October	Class 5P
21 October	Class 1B
28 October	Class 6G
4 November	Class 1D
11 November	Class 2F
18 November	Class 2W
9 December	Class 1N

We hope very much that you will put these dates in your diary now so that you will be able to join us.

Bus Service

Whilst the bus services are almost full if you are interested for children from Years 1 – 6 then please contact our Admin Officer Mr. Ashley Thomas, telephone (4) 395 4950 Email: Ashley@jcdubai.sch.ae for further details.

School Uniform

There has unfortunately been a slight 'design fault' with the adjustable elasticated waist-band of some shorts and skirts. The problem being with the size of button used causing it to 'pop-out' from time to time. This seems to happen when boys in particular 'pull down' their shorts rather than undoing their button at the front. Whilst the re-threading of the elastic is a simple task (Mrs Dacre is getting very adept at it!) a cure to this is a larger button on the adjustable elastic.

Mr Zaki will carry out this alteration for any parents who wish to return the garment to the shop at no cost.

Please accept apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Despite our requests for named clothing our 'Lost Property' Box has a growing collection of items for which there is no way of identifying the owner.

JCPS Charity Dinner Dance
Thursday 4th December – Fairmont Hotel
Black Tie, Tickets available from 3rd November

JCPS Charity Ball

We are delighted to announce that the inaugural JCPS Charity Ball will now take place on **Thursday 4th December at the Fairmont Hotel.**

This Black Tie Ball not only be a social event to remember it is expected that it will generate 40,000 Dhs for the school's supported charities of the Red Crescent Society, the Rashid Pediatric Therapy Centre and the Al Noor Training Centre for children with Special Needs.

With a theme of 'It's a Small World' the organising committee under the direction of Mrs Sharin Gaille have been very busy in ensuring the night is a success. One of Dubai's top DJs have been booked to help us dance the night away, a gastronomic buffet is planned and raffle prizes which include 'airline tickets' to exotic places have already been donated. African + Eastern have donated welcoming drinks and wine for tables.

Tickets will be priced at a very reasonable 225 Dhs per head which will provide excellent value bearing in mind not only is the intention to have a good time but to raise money for young people who are far less fortunate than our own. You will be able to 'book' tables of 8 or if you are unable to raise a full table the committee will ensure you a seated with a 'good crowd'. You will be most welcome to invite friends who are not JC parents.

If you know of any one who might be willing to donate a prize for the raffle or you can help in any way please get in touch with Mrs Gaille via the school.

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of November.

Sporting Events

Under the direction of Mr Winders we are pleased to announce the following sporting events during the month of October.

5 th October	Year 5/6 Swim Gala at JESS
7 th October	Year 3/4 Swim Gala at JESS
9 th October	Oz Swim Gala at JC
10 th October	Oz Swim Gala at JC
19 th October	Year 3/6 Swim Gala at DESS
27 th October	'E Sports' Football Clinics

All of the above events will be by invitation only. We hope that these events will spur on those not selected this time. There will be many more opportunities in the future.



Year 1 listen to taped stories

Individual Portrait photographs

These will be taken on Wednesday 15th October and will be available 2-3 weeks afterwards on a sale or return basis (The picture are actually printed in the UK!)

However if you wish to have a 'family' group taken parents are asked to confirm their request in writing to Mrs Dacre at least 2 days before. When family groups are taken individual portraits are not taken unless specifically requested.

Medecins Sans Frontieres Desk Calendar

The school are pleased to support this group in their fund raising. If you would like to purchase a 2004 desk calendar please send 10Dhs in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and CALENDAR. Calendars will be sent home within two days.

A sample and introductory letter are on show in the display cabinet near the 'Park 'n Shop' Gate.

School Closures

Due the Secondary Section 'Open Afternoon' the Primary Section will close at **1.00 p.m on Wednesday 22nd October.**

The 'Open Afternoon' will take place from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

The school will be closed on **Saturday 1 November and Sunday 2 November** for the mid-term break.

Congratulations to

Alina Siddiqi 1B and Joshua Blakemore 3B winners of Mr Wright's Special Award certificates in assembly.

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