



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.

A warm welcome

A warm welcome is extended to all our new pupils, parents, teachers and Teacher Assistants who join us at the start. We hope that everyone will have a happy and profitable association with JCPS during the year ahead.

Our school continues to grow at a rapid rate and pupil numbers have gone from 210 at our close in June to 425 today. Without all of the people that enter within during each day our school is but an empty building. We look forward to the year ahead with great excitement, as with parent support we feel confident that all of our young people will make excellent progress.

Entrance / Exits to / from the school

We are grateful for parent support and co-operation as we embed the new arrangements for this year into a routine and practice.

Each morning children and parents are to enter the school site via the 'Side Gate' near Park 'n Shop or the gate by the coach parking bays. **NO pupils are to enter the school via the front main entrance.**

All pupils wait in the playground area until a whistle is blown at 7.50 p.m. Children should not enter the school before this time. On hearing the whistle Children in Years 3,4, 5 and 6 go straight to their classroom for 7.55 registration.

Children in Nursery (KG1) also go straight to their class base area. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 line up at their allotted space where the teacher will be waiting to escort them to their room.

At the end of the day (1.45 p.m.) all pupils from Years 3,4,5 and 6 will exit the school by the back

gate. The exception to this will be pupils who have younger brothers and sisters who will go to the exit of the **youngest child**.

Years 1 and 2 will exit into the play space as used in the morning. Again those with brothers / sisters in Reception will go to the 'Reception' exit. All Reception children will exit via the 'Sports Hall Foyer' by the main gate. **Parents are asked to wait outside the doors and not enter into the Foyer.** This is because the Secondary Section PE department is using the foyer and Sports Hall and already the noise level is disturbing the lessons. We also request that you give the teachers space to exit the door safely with the children to their allotted collection space.

As ever, parents are asked to be considerate in their parking, especially to those who live opposite the school. Once routines are established we would prefer pupils to be left in the morning at the gate, however parents are welcome to wait in the play area until the whistle is blown.

New Parent information Evening

All parents who are new to the school are invited to an informal presentation by Mr Wright on **Tuesday 16th September** in the Sports Hall at 7.00 p.m.

Topics to be covered during the evening will include an introduction / overview to the curriculum, the school calendar, trips and outings, homework expectation and general school procedures and policies.

Meet the Teacher Evening

All parents will be welcome to visit the school on **Monday 22nd September** between 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. The purpose of this event is for you to see your child's classroom, talk informally with the class teacher about routines, procedures etc and visit the facilities of the school including those of the Senior School. It is not a time for in depth Confidential conversation about your child's progress. A formal evening will be arranged for that purpose on **Monday 27th October**, when teachers have had opportunity to make a fair

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assessment of your child's progress. However if you do have pressing concerns an appointment can be made for a formal meeting with myself or class teachers. This can be arranged via Mrs Dacre in the Primary Section Office.

Please call into the school at anytime during the two hours. Unfortunately we have to ask you to make other arrangements for childcare as we will be unable to accommodate the pupils during this time.

Snack Breaks

All pupils eat their snack in their classrooms followed by a 20 minute 'playtime'. Pupils without a hat are not allowed into the sun. There are 4 'cooled' drinking fountains within the Primary Section and one outside to which pupils have access throughout the day.

Class Assemblies

During this term each week class in turn will lead a brief assembly for the other pupils. It will be an opportunity for them to share the work of their classroom and present their learning to others. According to the age of the children they will vary in length from 10 – 20 minutes. These will not be great lengthy productions that have been rehearsed endlessly, but a chance for children to be able to stand up and speak out clearly to the audience.

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 this term is as follows:

30 September	Class 3R
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.

Email address

The school will have two new email addresses:

jcpsadmin@jcdubai.sch.ae
jcpshead@jcdubai.sch.ae

the former is to be used for general enquiries and messages to the Primary Section and the latter for Mr Wright's attention. We hope that you will find these useful.

If you wish the school to send to you electronic copies of newsletters, notes and other information would you please email:

jcpsadmin@jcdubai.sch.ae

using INFORMATION REQUEST as the subject line and in the body of the text please give your name, your child's name and class. We will reply to you informing you when you have been added to our circulation lists.

School Uniform

The children all look extremely smart in their new uniform. We particularly thank all parents of pupils who were here last year for moving so promptly to the new uniform. The demand has meant that some items are in short supply at 'ZAKS' our new supplier. If that is the case please do not worry too much, but send your child to school in the closest match you already have i.e. white polo shirt, appropriate hat etc.

However we do ask that you ensure that your child's clothing is clearly marked with a name on the label. This is particularly important with 'hats'



Day 1 for our new Nursery Class (KG1) and its music with Mr Watt.

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