



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
23 Nam Long Shan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

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Re: Read for Meaning Book Clubs on Tuesdays and Fridays

Dear Parents,

Read for Meaning after-school book clubs will be starting again in mid-October. Please note that this programme is for **PTA members only**. If you have not joined the PTA yet, our membership form is attached for your action.

The following book clubs are on offer. If you have any questions about which one to enroll your child in, please contact Mrs. Barker directly at marygbarker@hotmail.com.

- **Beginner:** Tuesdays from 3:20 to 4:20pm for new P3/P4 pupils
- **Advanced:** Tuesdays from 3:20 to 4:35pm for P5/P6 pupils
- **Intermediate:** Fridays from 3:20 to 4:35pm for P4/P5 pupils

While enrollment is open, please be advised that priority in the intermediate and advanced groups will be given to pupils who have already participated in the programme. **ALSO, on this occasion, please do not send your applications to school.** Note also that enrollment is for 16 sessions covering the academic year (avoiding exam periods etc.)

To register, please read and complete the attached flyer, and send it to Mrs. Barker of Read for Meaning. Instructions and address are clearly stated on the flyer.

We hope the book club will foster a love of reading among our children.

Katherine Chan
PTA Activities Coordinator



Read for Meaning is returning to SIS!

Read for Meaning is returning on Tuesdays and Fridays this autumn.

Our book clubs are designed to

- develop reading **comprehension**, particularly in the key skill areas of inference, prediction, summary and opinion;
- build **vocabulary**;
- investigate the principal concepts of **literary criticism**, including figurative language, setting, theme, characterization and narration;
- build **confidence** through participation in small group discussions; and
- foster a **love and appreciation** of books.

In the **beginner group**, we will be reading a variety of books and stories, both fiction and non-fiction, from around the world. Typically, we will read aloud one text per session, with short worksheets to be set as homework. Note that worksheets should require no more than 15 minutes, and answers will be reviewed at the beginning of the next class. In the **intermediate and advanced groups**, we will be reading three novels and other shorter texts (plays and poems) over the course of 16 sessions, and pupils will be expected to put in approximately an hour per week of preparation (includes both reading and worksheet.) Intermediate and advanced pupils will also be expected to prepare and deliver short presentations, employing themes and concepts taught during the course of literature study.

Tuesday book clubs: Oct. 13; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1; Jan. 26; Feb. 2; March 2, 9, 16; Apr. 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11.

Friday book clubs: Oct. 9, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27; Jan. 29; Feb. 5; March 5, 12, 19; April 16, 30; May 7, 14, 28.

The minimum number of pupils per group is six and the maximum is eight. As space is limited, enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Cost of Advanced and Intermediate clubs is \$4500; cost of Beginner club is \$3600. Note that fees are full-year, rather than by the term, and include all books and materials.

If you have any questions about the programme, please call Mrs. Barker at 2523 0062, or email her at marygbarker@hotmail.com.

To register, please read and complete the registration form on the following page.

Read for Meaning Book Clubs
Academic Year 2009/2010 Programme

Registration Form

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Pupil's name _____

Existing Read for Meaning pupil _____ New pupil _____

Choose book club by ticking below. If you are unsure about which book club is suitable for your child, please contact Mrs. Barker at 2523 0062 or marygbarker@hotmail.com.

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Pupil's SIS class _____

Name of parent or guardian _____

Tel. No. (Home) _____ (Office) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email address of parent or guardian: _____

Special requests or anything else teacher should know about your child: _____

To register, complete and return the registration form with a cheque payable for appropriate amount (see above) to **Read for Meaning Ltd.**

All registration forms and cheques should be sent to:

Mrs. Mary Barker
Tavistock, Apt. 1101
10 Tregunter Path
Midlevels

Do not deposit envelopes into PTA mail box at school.

The maximum number of pupils per group is eight, and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for receipt of cheques is Tuesday, 6 October 2009. Priority for intermediate and advanced groups will be given to pupils who have already attended Read for Meaning book clubs.

For more information about the book clubs, please contact Mrs. Barker of Read for Meaning at 2523 0062 or email her at marygbarker@hotmail.com.



SIS-PTA Membership Application Form

(Please fill in **BLOCK** letters)

Name of Student : _____

Class : _____

Name of Parent : _____

Telephone : _____ (Home) _____ (Mobile)

Email : _____

Home Address : _____

Membership Fee

When you join SIS-PTA, your membership will be charged on a per family basis. You will not need to pay further, even if another child joins SIS later, as long as your membership is still valid. The amount that you pay depends on the grade of your child when you join SIS-PTA:

PY1	HK\$800
PY2	HK\$700
P1	HK\$600
P2	HK\$500
P3	HK\$400
P4	HK\$300
P5	HK\$200
P6	HK\$100
Sec 1	HK\$100
Sec 2	HK\$100
Sec 3	HK\$100

If you join the PTA when your child is in Sec 1, Sec 2 or Sec 3 in year 2009, you will pay an annual renewal membership fee of HK\$100.

Each SIS-PTA member will receive a membership card as proof of payment that will bear your child's name, the year of issuance and expiry. Kindly note that you may be required to produce the card at certain PTA activities. A HK\$50 replacement fee will be charged for a lost card.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to email SIS-PTA at pta@singapore.edu.hk

Note: For payment of PTA membership fee, please submit form with cheque payable to “**Singapore International School – PTA**” and return it to the school at 23 Nam Long Shan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong together with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Bank Name	Cheque No.	Amount