

Infants School Newsletter Friday 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week with clubs starting and the first Infants Getting to Know You Dinners. It has been great to meet so many of you and welcome you to your children's new year groups – please don't hesitate to come and find me on the Infants playground at the start or end of the day if you have any questions at any time. Please note we still have 2 more Getting to Know You Dinners next week in Infants – Reception on Tuesday 26th September at 4-5pm and Nursery on Thursday 28th September at 3-4pm.

We will be following the Dinners up with class visits when parents can come and see how their child is learning and we will confirm next week the dates of these visits.

Later in the half term we will be inviting all parents to learning workshops where you will be able to visit us, celebrate your child's learning this half term and receive important information about your child's learning. We intend to publish all these workshop and parent meeting dates in the weeks ahead.

KSA Nursery

This week, all of our new Nursery children have started in the KSA Nursery and it's lovely to see how well they are settling into their new environment. We would like to say a very warm 'Welcome to KSA' to all of our new children and families.

Reading

We have really prioritised reading in the curriculum and in the timetable in school this year. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are expected to read at home every night. The Reading Record should be signed by parents each night to show that they have done their reading. At the start of next week, we will be sticking additional guidance into their Reading Record books to make it clearer what is expected.

Maths Overviews

You will find attached to this newsletter the maths overviews mentioned at the Getting to Know You Dinners for this half term for Year 1 and Year 2.

Parent Coffee Mornings – Every Friday, 08:30 – 09:30

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend our coffee morning about the vision for KSA Infants today. The next one will take place next Friday 29th September and will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Arrival time

A reminder that families should arrive at 8.20am, so that your children are definitely in school by 8.30am. Pupils arriving after 8.30am are considered late.

Pick up time

We have had some issues with parents being late to pick up their child. Please remember school finishes at a different time on Mondays. Please make sure you are here on time every day.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Finishing times	<u>2.55pm</u>	4pm	4pm	4pm	4pm

Clubs

Clubs started this week and it was lovely to feel the excitement around the school as children were walking to our wide range of clubs.

We have had feedback this week about how difficult it has been to book clubs accurately. This has been made worse by the large numbers of clubs that we have been offering. Hopefully through the hard work of all the staff over the last few days all issues with clubs have been corrected. If you have any remaining issues, please speak to main reception. Moving forward, for the Spring Clubs, we will start organising the clubs before the holidays so that there are no last minute issues.

School Meals

A reminder that the school meal price is £2.50 for all pupils in Nursery and Year 3 upwards (the Government provides free meals for all pupils in Reception to Year 2). Please ensure you are paying for your school meals unless you are eligible for Free School Meals. If you aren't sure, please speak to Ms Colmans between 8:30am and 10:00am on any day.

Winter Coats

A reminder that all coats in KSA must be dark blue, black or grey, including in Nursery. As cold weather approaches, it is vital that all children bring in their coat every day. Pupils play outside during the day, even in light rain, so it is important they have a warm and waterproof coat with them every day. Where a pupil does not have a coat, parents will be asked to return home to collect one.

Appropriate jackets: plain dark blue, black or dark grey coats.



Inappropriate jackets: hoodies, zip jackets, jackets with logos



All information about uniform can be found at <http://kingsolomonacademy.org/about-us/uniform>.

Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
Tues 26 th Sep	16.00-17.00	Reception Getting to Know You Dinner
Thurs 28 th Sep	15.00-16.00	Nursery Getting to Know You Dinner
Friday 29 th Sep	08:30 –09:30	Parent Coffee Morning Focus: Macmillan Fundraiser
Friday 29 th Sep	15:15 –15.45	Infant School Celebration Assembly (Year 1 and Year 2 only)
Friday 6 th October	08:30 –09:30	Parent Coffee Morning What is our vision for Upper School?
Friday 13 th October	15:15 –15.45	Infant School Celebration Assembly (Year 1 and Year 2 only)

Mrs Keating
Head of Infants