

Infants School Newsletter Friday 29th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week and again it has been lovely to meet so many of you at the Reception and Nursery Getting to Know You Dinners.

Parent Coffee Morning

It was lovely to see so many of you at the coffee morning last Friday and today for the Macmillan Coffee Morning which was raising funds for the Macmillan Cancer Trust.

Class Visits

On Monday 9th October we invite the Year 2 parents to enjoy a visit to the Year 2 classrooms. We ask parents to drop off children as normal and then gather in the Infants playground where we will collect and lead you to classrooms at 8:40. Dates for Year 1 are coming soon!

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 workshops and parent meeting dates in the weeks ahead.

EYFS Parent/Carer Workshop

We are holding a Workshop for parents and carers of children in Nursery and Reception on Thursday 5th October 2:00 – 3:00pm. Come and join us to talk about how to support your child's talk and reading in Nursery and Reception. Please come to the main school reception.

Curriculum Update from Miss Griffith

All pupils now have detailed home reading expectations stuck into their reading record books, which explain exactly what they should be doing at home each night for their reading homework. Thank you so much for your support – reading really is the best homework!

Individual Healthcare Plans

All pupils with allergies or medical needs require a healthcare plan. If you have yet to make an appointment to create an individual healthcare plan please email i.colmans@kingsolomonacademy to make an appointment or to create a healthcare plan over the phone/ via email. **If you have not made a healthcare plan this year it will be assumed that your child's medical needs are no longer chronic and hence will be removed from our system.**

If your child requires specific medication for a fixed period (e.g. antibiotics or painkillers for a specific and temporary ailment) please bring it to reception between 8.30 and 10 am and Imogen Colmans, our Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator, will be able to ensure your child receives the medication they require.

Appointments

We understand that occasionally pupils may need to miss a short period of school to attend emergency or inflexible appointments. These will be authorised if documentation is provided to your child's Head of Year in advance of the appointment. Any non- urgent appointments (e.g. dental/ doctors checkups, opticians' appointments) should be made for after school, or for during the holidays. These will not be authorised during the school day. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in school and learning at all opportunities.

Attendance

All pupils are expected to have attendance of at least 97% and are expected to be on time to school every day. We understand that sometimes pupils fall ill and of course we would encourage parents to care for and support their children when they are unwell, keeping them at home when absolutely necessary. If in doubt about whether or not your child should be in school, please send them in and their Head of Year will make a decision about whether or not they should stay. Please be aware that if your child's attendance falls below 90% we have a duty to refer the case to external agencies so they can support your family with school attendance.

Clubs

Cookery club continues to rustle up sweet treats! The children were thoroughly engaged and had a great time! Karate club proves to be popular for another year. We're excited that so many of our children are choosing a discipline that pushes them both physically and mentally.



Payment for Clubs

All clubs must be paid for via parent pay. If you have misplaced your log in details please contact s.ali@kingsolomonacademy.org and Salma, our afternoon receptionist, will email them to you. If you have not paid for your child's club by Monday 25th September, your child will not be able to attend the club until the following week when payment has been received.

Parental Supervision after School

We would like to remind parents that when pupils are dismissed from school it is important to ensure they are safe on their journey home. It has been noticed by school staff, parents and members of the community that a number of children are playing in Broadley Street Gardens after school without parental supervision. At times recently this play has become boisterous, unsafe or anti-social. We would ask parents to always supervise their young children when they are playing, and to ensure that they are not causing harm to themselves or others in the community. If there is an issue with safety in the park which parents notice, we would advise them to exercise their parental responsibility to keep their children safe by removing them from the situation and by informing the relevant authorities where appropriate. As staff working in an educational setting, we have a legal safeguarding responsibility to ensure that all children are protected from harm. If we are aware of young children playing without appropriate supervision, we have an obligation to take action to ensure that child's immediate and future safety.

Use of the Main Reception Space

At the beginning and end of the school day there are a large number of pupils entering or leaving the school through the main entrance. In order to keep the main reception area clear we ask that parents wait outside for their children, or come in to speak to directly to reception staff if they have a query or an appointment. The reception area should not be used as a waiting space by families without an appointment as this causes the area to be too full and causes congestion and noise in an already busy area. In addition, the reception area should not be used as a 'cut through' to the infants building as this poses a safeguarding risk where adults are walking through the building without ID, and without being signed in for fire safety reasons. We would like the space to be calmer and quieter so that the reception staff can more efficiently help families with queries and can take phone calls. We appreciate your support in managing this space at these crucial times.

Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
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)

Please contact your Head of Year if you have any questions. The email addresses are below:

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