

Infants School Newsletter Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week in Infants with lots of fun learning going on for all year groups.

After School Care for Nursery Children

We are planning to re-start After School Care after Half Term. We will be asking parents to register for a place next week by completing a form that will be available from the Nursery team on Tuesday 10th October. The deadline for applications will be 12:00 on Monday 16th October and the allocation of places will be confirmed by the end of Friday 20th October. Please note that payment for After School Care will be via Parentpay and always in advance. More information on After School Care will follow next week.

Parent Coffee Morning

Last week we hosted the Macmillan coffee morning and raised a fantastic £284 for Macmillan Cancer Research! Thank you to all parents who contributed or bought cakes, and to the parent council for organising the event.

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.

Please note:

- The Year 1 Class Visit will be on Wednesday 18th October at 8.40am.
- The Reception Class Visit will be on Tuesday 7th November at 8.45am

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

Something to celebrate this week on attendance – on 2 days this week attendance in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 was 100% - everyone in school! That's fabulous! Thank you to everyone for working with us to make sure that Infants attendance is steadily improving.

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.

Medication

Please note that we do not stock generic medication to administer to pupils throughout the day. We cannot assume parental responsibility for administering medication and the school does not purchase medication to administer to children. If your child requires calpol/ paracetamol etc. for a short period please meet Ms Colmans at the Parent Advice Hub between 8.30 and 10am. She will record the medication and complete the required paperwork with you, this information will then be passed on to the appropriate members of staff.

Coughs and colds

As we approach winter, we understand that coughs and colds are more common. Whilst some colds can be severe, we would generally advise that pupils are only kept out of school on the advice of a doctor or healthcare professional. Please see this link from the NHS for more guidance about preventing coughs and colds, and for treating them:
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cold-common/pages/introduction.aspx>

Advice

Some parents have asked for guidance on dealing with bed wetting for younger children. Please see this link for guidance from our school nurse: <https://www.eric.org.uk/Pages/Category/bedwetting>.

Ms Colmans

Ms Colmans is the Pastoral Care Co-ordinator at King Solomon Academy.

Each morning Ms Colmans is available between 8:30 – 10am to assist parents with the following matters:

- Attendance concerns
- Healthcare Plans
- Housing matters
- Community concerns
- Access to other services
- Medical matters



If you would like to speak to Ms Colmans about any of the above matters or if there is something else you wish to discuss please send an email to parents@kingsolomonacademy.org to request an appointment time.

Priority will be given each morning to those parents that have made appointments. If your matter is urgent and you have not made an appointment Ms Colmans will make every effort to see you that morning.

Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 9 th October	08:40 – 09:40	Year 2 Class Visit
Friday 13 th October	15:15 – 15.45	Infant School Celebration Assembly (Year 1 and Year 2 only)
Wednesday 18 th October	08:40 – 09:40	Year 1 Class Visit
Tuesday 7 th November	08:45 – 09:45	Reception Class Visit

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

Nursery and Reception: l.gizzi@kingsolomonacademy.org

Year 1: j.purohit@kingsolomonacademy.org

Year 2: n.keating@kingsolomonacademy.org

Mrs Keating
Head of Infants