

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week here at KSA. We've had the final of our Junior Getting to Know You Dinners, clubs up and running and parent visitors in!

Getting to Know You Dinners

We have really enjoyed welcoming families to the getting to know you events over the first three weeks. This week on Tuesday, we invited the Year 3 parents in. We want to thank you all for coming along and for bringing with you lots of tasty food for us to enjoy and share together!

Science in Year 3

Year 3 are learning about plants in science this half term. This week, they had great fun taking real plants out of their pots and studying them carefully. We now know much more about all the different parts of plants!



Parent visitors

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 6 parents attend our open morning. Mr Leadbetter and Mr Young thoroughly enjoyed hosting. On Monday we invite the Year 5 parents to enjoy an afternoon in class. We ask parents to meet in the main foyer ready for collection by the HoY, Mr James at 13:45. Children can be collected as normal on the KS2 playground. On Wednesday we invite the Year 4 team. We ask parents to drop off children as normal and then make their way to the main foyer where we will collect and lead to classrooms at 8:40. Dates for Year 3 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.

Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 25 th Sep	13:45- 14:45	Year 5 parents visit p.m. lesson
Wednesday 27 th Sep	8:40 – 9:40	Year 4 parents visit a.m. lesson

Curriculum Update from Miss Griffith

All classes are well into their new English texts and really enjoying reading challenging books! We can't wait to see what the final writing outcomes for this half term are going to be. Ask your child what's happening in their class novel at the moment and what they think of it!

This year, we have introduced dedicated handwriting lesson time every day. Pupils are working really hard to form letters correctly and improve the presentation of the work in all subjects. They are rightly proud of their work in books, and so are we.

It's PSHE morning next Tuesday, and pupils will be learning about good physical and mental health, both of which are vital for pupils' successful learning. We are so lucky to have Place2Be as part of our school and encourage you to reach out to them if you think they could support you and your family in any way.

If you would like more information on the PSHE curriculum, please refer to the school website.

Reading

All pupils in Juniors are expected to have their reading logs (LKS2) and diaries (UPKS2) signed every night. There will be more guidance to come next week.

Clubs

We had our first week of clubs up and running this week. We're really excited to offer such a great range. The cookery course got off to a flying start as children from all ages began creating their first meal masterpiece - bruschetta! After discussing what ingredients they needed and what safety issues they had to consider, they began chopping, mixing, ripping, dipping and mastering their fresh ingredients. Every child created a fantastic and delicious-looking piece of bruschetta to take home with them, except those who couldn't resist the temptation to have a taste in the class. We can't wait for next week where they will be back to cooking up a storm!

We have had feedback this week about how difficult it has been to book clubs accurately. This has been made worse by the larger number 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. Thank you so much for all of your support and patience while we improve the smooth running of club routines.

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 dark 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>

Arrival time

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

Ms. Kumar
Head of Juniors