

11/10/2019

Dear parents,

Lots of updates below:

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1. News from trips and visits

We had a great day last Friday with all 1600 teachers from across the whole of Ark schools coming together to celebrate our successes as a network and get energised for the year ahead. You can read more about the day on Ark's website here <http://arkonline.org/news/highlights-arks-2019-teacher-summit>.

[Highlights from Ark's 2019 Teacher Summit | Ark](#)

More than 1600 teachers and educators from Ark schools came together on Friday (4 October) for an afternoon of reflection, learning and collaboration as part of the Ark 2019 Teacher Summit, held at Central Hall Westminster.
arkonline.org

We were delighted that King Solomon Academy was awarded “Secondary School of the Year” – we look forward to winning the Primary one at some point soon to match!



Year 5 all visited The Ragged School as part of their learning about the Victorians and the Victorian education system. You can read more about it [here](#).

Year 4 had a great time at the Victoria and Albert museum too: read more [here](#).

2. Goodbye to Ms. Guest

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Megan Guest at the end of this term. Ms. Guest has been a much loved teacher and SENCo at KSA over five years. She has formed wonderful relationships with the pupils in her care and I know many parents have benefited from her love and support over the



years. Megan currently commutes over three hours a day to get to KSA and has now secured a promotion to become Deputy Headteacher at a school very close to her home. We congratulate her on her appointment and wish her all the very best on her next adventures!

Katarine Deeks will take over the leadership of SEN, she already works closely with our Education Psychologist, Alex Haswell, and our Speech and Language Therapist, Emma Fortune. Emma is going to be increasing her planned time with us in the New Year to support us with SEN assessment and funding applications. We are also advertising for a Deputy SENCo to train as our next SENCo. We are confident we have capacity within our existing leadership team to ensure we continue to better meet the needs of all our learners. For any queries, please contact Katarine or Beth.

3. Half term and HT2 Calendar

The end of this half term is fast approaching. A reminder that the last day of this half term is Friday 18th October and all pupils are expected to be back in school at normal time on Monday 28th October.

Primary pupils will be expected to continue their reading records/DEAR journals throughout the half term break. They will come home with an optional maths pack and an optional writing activity for those parents or children who like having a bit more to do over the holiday. They will also have their homework issued on Friday as normal for the week after half term so if you want to get ahead with that, you can.

Please do look ahead on the school's calendar for what to expect in HT2. You can see the calendar [here](#).

4. Open School Parents Evening: Early finish on 4/11 and 11/11 and book your appointment now!

We will run parents evening appointments for every child in Primary from 1.50-4.50pm on Monday 4th November and Monday 11th November.

Please be aware that all pupils [apart from 5 London class] Nursery - Year 6 will finish at 1.30pm on both these days to enable all parents to meet one to one with their child and teacher.

Children in 5 London will be on a trip on Monday 4th returning for dismissal at 2.55pm.

5 London's appointments with Mr. Howlett will begin at 3.10 and run until 6pm on the first Monday.

Please book an appointment on the booking form open [HERE](#) to meet your child's class teacher. Your child should come with you to the meeting so you can see their classroom and their work so far this term.

5. Reception and Nursery open mornings for starters in September 2020

Do come along to find out more about KSA for three and four year olds or spread the word to friends and family who do have children who might be interested in joining the KSA family. The first open morning is on Tuesday 29th October from 9am. Please arrive at the Younger Years Site and join us in the Main Hall for a presentation from Senior Leaders, have a tour of the site and have your questions answered about joining either Nursery or Reception.

6. Pastoral Care: who's who?

We are privileged to have an amazing team of people supporting us in our work at KSA. Please see below for some introductions to some faces you might have started seeing around the building. You can email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org if you would like to contact any of them specifically and we can put you in touch.

PC Mellissa Baptiste

My name is PC Baptiste and I am the new Safer Schools Officer attached to KSA. I am a Police Officer working for the Metropolitan Police Service and have just left Emergency Response team.

My role as a Safer Schools Officer is mainly focused on helping to keeping King Solomon Academy, its pupils, staff and visitors safe. This includes monitoring students arriving and leaving the school, providing a presence on the streets in the vicinity of the school and dealing with behavioural issues outside of the school day.

Aside from that I have various roles within King Solomon Academy including assisting other staff in investigating incidents, dealing with truancy, being on call, being part of the child protection team and assisting with school trips.

I do my utmost to represent the Metropolitan Police Service in the best way possible, by building positive, firm but fair relationships with students and I have an open door policy throughout the whole school day and encourage students to approach me at any time should they wish to, for support or advice.

I look forward to supporting your children throughout this year and should you need to speak with me please contact the school.

Sara Rey



I just wanted to introduce myself as the new school project manager for Place2Be. Some of you may have already had some contact with me or seen me at both sites. Place2Be, a national charity works together with King Solomon Academy to improve the confidence and wellbeing of children and young people. It does this by providing emotional support to pupils, families and staff alike.

It gives pupils a space to express themselves through talking and creative work, and to think about any worries they might have.

One of the most popular aspects of the service is Place2Talk. Its open to all pupils and they can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with myself, either by themselves or with a friend. Pupils often talk about friendships or any other worries they may have.

Place2Be is an organisational member of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy. This means that the organisation and I are committed to the highest standards of personal and professional practice. For any other information about Place2Be please refer to our website place2be.org.uk.

Finally I am looking forward to supporting and getting to know the pupils staff and families of KSA.

Mia O'Connel



My name is Mia O'Connell and I am the new Link Worker attached to King Solomon Academy.

West London Zone is an organisation that works in 27 schools across West London to create support programmes for children and young people aged 3 to 18. West London Zone wants the young people we work with to be confident and happy, have positive relationships and to make good progress at school.

As a link worker I work closely with families to let them know about opportunities in school and the local community and discuss their child's progress. I work with young people over at least two years, getting to know them really well.

Together we focus on building on their strengths to help them achieve their goals in the future and access a variety of activities inside and outside of school.

To find out more information about West London Zone please visit:

<https://www.westlondonzone.org/>