

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Dear parents,

We've already finished the first half term of the year! It has been a great week of Summit Parties and Achievement Assemblies to celebrate all our successes. We hope you enjoy a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Lots of updates below:

1. News from learning experiences, trips and visits
2. Half term and HT2 calendar
3. Booking Open School Parents Evening - all parents must action
4. Trip payments and deadline
5. Reception and Nursery Open Mornings for new starters in September 2020
6. Primary Parent Representatives

### **1. News from learning experiences, trips and visits**

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our first Open School on the Younger Years Site on Wednesday afternoon. We had over 200 parents join us for story time in our classrooms and get to see where your children spend their days! We look forward to welcoming you back next month for Parents Evening Appointments in your children's classrooms. You can see some pictures below.



Year 6 have now all been to the Natural History Museum and all of Year 5 have been to the Ragged School. You can read more about what they learnt [here](#).

Natural History Museum [here](#).



Pupils in Nursery and Reception have also been on their first trips on local area walks. You can read more and see some pictures [here](#).

## **2. 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 18<sup>th</sup> October and all pupils are expected to be back in school at normal time on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

## **3. 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 4<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Please be aware that all pupils from 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.**

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.

## **4. Trip payment deadlines**

We are proud of the way in which we enrich our curriculum through running a comprehensive programme of trips, visits and workshops for all primary children every half term. In Years 1-4, the cost of this per pupil works out at between £40 and £50. The school uses some of the school budget to contribute to this, and we ask parents to contribute £35 towards this cost as a one off payment. The government gives the school extra money for pupils on Free School Meals so those parents only need to contribute only £20. The amounts in Nursery, Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 are slightly different (especially in Year 5 and 6 where there are residential trips). We will share each year groups individual information including details of the experiences with all parents at the start of next half term so you can see how the money is being spent. Parents are asked their contribution by 10<sup>th</sup> December. All payments must go through Parent Pay or be paid in cash or with a card at either of the offices on the YYS or the OYS. For any enquiries about Parent Pay, please go to Cheryl Francis in the YYS Office or call her on 0207 641 4122.

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Primary Parent Representatives**

Thank you to all the parents who have put themselves forward to be class representatives. Each of the parents listed below has volunteered to:

- help parents be in touch with each other;
- help parents organise playdates and activities after school/weekends/in the holidays;



- help share reminders e.g. when Home Learning Workshops are;
- help other parents address queries to the class teacher/Year Lead.

**T The parent rep is not a go-to person for complaints or worries** – these should always be addressed to the school and not to other parents.

If you would like to get in touch with your class' parent rep, please ask your child's class teacher to introduce you. The school will never share parents' contact details with other parents.

<http://kingsolomonacademy.org/parents/primary-parents-information/class-parent-representatives>

Kind regards,

**Beth Humphreys**  
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Head of Primary