

Friday 22nd November 2019

Hello parents,

We're half way through the half term and there's plenty to hear about and look forward to! Please see below for updates on the following things:

1. End of term assessment and Home Learning Workshops in January
2. Primary staffing updates
3. Reception and Nursery open mornings: next one is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December
4. Winter Fair: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm on Younger Years Site (*change of location!*)
5. Trip payment deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> December
6. Marylebone Project: donations of toiletries for homeless people in the local area

### **1. End of term assessments**

Children from Year 1-Year 6 will be sitting end of term assessments in reading, arithmetic and maths over the next few weeks. Children up to Year 2 will all be doing a one to one phonics assessment too. Nobody needs to do any specific preparation for these at home – they are assessments for us to track how pupils are progressing in their core skills. They will also be doing 'Go Writes' in English, science and humanities where they will be bringing together all their learning from the term into answering critical essay questions or writing extended pieces such as stories or reports – they are all opportunities for pupils to show off how much progress they've made this term! We will share pupils' outcomes in **Home Learning Workshops in January**. A reminder that we gave you printed copies of these dates at parents evening and you can find them on the website [here](#).

### **2. Staffing updates**

We are delighted to have appointed Polly Swindells as Primary Deputy SENCo. She will begin her nationally accredited training course in the New Year and be ably supported in her role by Katarine Deeks, the SEN leadership team on OYS and the Ark network.

We are sad to say that Louise Patterson will be leaving KSA at Christmas. Louise will be much missed as an excellent teacher, Year Lead and leader of phonics. We wish her all the very best in her future role with Read Write Inc Phonics. Congratulations to Jess Smith who will take on the role of Phonics Lead. We are also welcoming a new Tutor Fellow to the Year 2 team: Lucy Grant. Parents looking to discuss any issues about Year 2 should still communicate with Lisa Eyre.

### **3. Reception and Nursery open mornings for starters in September 2020**

- Mr. Haimendorf, Ms. Humphreys and Ms. Deeks spent a lovely Saturday afternoon handing out flyers about KSA on Church Street and were pleased to welcome prospective parents to our open morning on Tuesday.
- If you have a three or four year old or you know someone who does, please spread the word to friends and family who might be interested in joining the KSA family. **There is a flyer attached that you might like to forward on!**
- The next open morning is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. 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 visiting lessons in Nursery and Reception, and have your questions answered about joining either Nursery or Reception.
- If you are willing and able to volunteer some time to promote the school in the local area by handing out flyers, please email [g.woolf@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:g.woolf@kingsolomonacademy.org) to see if we could use your help!

### **4. Winter Fair**

- We are excited about the KSA Winter Fair which will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 3.30pm
- We have changed the location so it will now take place on the Younger Years Site.
- If you would like to have a sibling in Year 5 or Year 6 walked over to the fair by KSA staff instead of going to pick them up at 4pm, please email [parents@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:parents@kingsolomonacademy.org) to book them onto the special walking group by the end of the day on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>. Parents must be at the Younger Years Site to meet children in Years 5 and 6 who are walked over from Older Years Site.
- If you would like to help out in organising the Winter Fair, please contact Gabby Woolf, Head of Operations, on [g.woolf@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:g.woolf@kingsolomonacademy.org)



### **5. Trip payment deadline**

- 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.
- The cost of this per pupil works out at between £40 and £50.

- We ask parents to contribute £35 towards this cost as a one off payment. We are able to subsidise the cost for parents of children on Free School Meals so those parents only need to contribute £20.
- Parents are asked to pay by 10<sup>th</sup> December. It is possible to pay in instalments. 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.

**6.Marylebone Project: donations of toiletries for homeless people in the local area**

There is a box in reception at both YYS and OYS for any donations of toiletries for homeless people in the local area, organised by The Marylebone Project. They will take all toiletries which are full and unused such as shower gels, deodorants, sanitary products, moisturisers and even socks.

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