

Friday 29th November 2019

Hello parents,

It's nearly December! We're certainly starting to get festive for the weeks ahead – as well as making sure we show off everything we've learnt in assessments. We also wish Year 5 a great time on their very first residential trip at Sayer's Croft – follow their progress on the **KSA_Primary** twitter feed for updates and photos each day!

1. End of term assessment and Home Learning Workshops in January
2. Winter Fair: Friday 6th December 3.30pm on Younger Years Site
3. Other festive events
4. Trip payment deadline: 10th December
5. 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. Winter Fair

- We are excited about the KSA Winter Fair which will be next Friday 6th 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 to book them onto the special walking group.
- We hope all primary families will join us to enjoy Santa's Grotto, a bouncy castle, stalls and plenty of festive fun.
- If you would like to help out in organising the Winter Fair, please contact Gabby Woolf, Head of Operations, on g.woolf@kingsolomonacademy.org



3. Festive events

- We kicked off the first festive events with the pantomime of Pinocchio for Year 3 and Year 4 on Wednesday. They all really enjoyed the performance. Some children were chosen to become actors within the performance and did an excellent job, reading their lines confidently and with expression! You can see photos [here](#). Reception- Year 2 will also be having a pantomime performance on 13th December. (*Year 5 and 6 do not have the pantomime because Year 5 are on residential and because we have a different theatrical performance for them later in the year to coincide with World Book Day.*)
- Pupils on YYS who have singing as their music curriculum are hosting a festive sing-a-long where we would love parents to join the fun. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 learn strings instruments during their music lessons and we are looking forward to a performance in the Spring term. The sing-a-longs are on:
 - 11th December 2.30-3.15 for Nursery and Reception;
 - 12th December 2.30-3.15 for Year 1 and Year 2;
 - 13th December 2.30-3.15 for Year 3 and Year 4.
- All primary pupils are having Christmas parties in their classrooms on Wednesday 18th December. Parents are welcome to join the fun for N-Y4 from 2.45pm and for Y5-Y6 from 3.15pm.
- All pupils across primary and secondary will celebrate with a Christmas lunch and crackers in the final week of term

4. 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 10th 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.

5. 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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