



Dear parents,

Welcome back to Half Term 2!

We are delighted to have completed the first phase of the building project at the Younger Years Site. Parents seem to be enjoying the new school entrance and EYFS are certainly delighted with their outside space. We are also thrilled to have much more of the large playground back for the months ahead as well as more readily accessible toilets for children and adults. Thank you to everyone who has been patient during this phase and a massive thank you to Gabby Woolf, Matt Edmonton and the entire operations team for making this work happen. We have also undergone a huge IT upgrade at the Older Years Site – do ask your children in Year 5 and 6 about their new whiteboards and teacher laptops – they've been big hits!

We've had a great first week, kicked off by assemblies on both sites about Diwali and the Hindu Festival of Light. We've all started new books, got stuck into new maths units and started thinking about new enquiry questions in humanities and science. It won't be long before we start practicing our Christmas songs!

Lots of updates below:

1. News from learning experiences, trips and visits
2. Parents Evening - all parents must action
3. Trip payments and deadline
4. Reception and Nursery Open Mornings for new starters in September 2020
5. Parent Governor role – deadline, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

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

Year 1 set off for London Zoo on Wednesday for their first trip of the term. You can read more about it and see the pictures on the website here:

<http://kingsolomonacademy.org/news/y1-trip-regents-park-zoo>

### **2. Parents Evening: Early finish on 4/11 and 11/11 and make sure you're ready for your appointment**

- 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 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.**
- We want to spend this important time with you and your child. Please do not send older siblings to stand in for you.
- Please make sure you arrive in good time for your appointment – and remember that your child must come with you as they will be leading you through their learning from last half term.
- When you arrive, go straight to your child's classroom, dropping off any younger siblings at the creche on your way. We will give you your child's attendance certificate for last term, an update on their behaviour, dates for your diary



- You will also be asked to complete a parent survey – you only need to do one per family

### **3. 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.
- 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.
- We will share details of all six experiences with all parents at the start of next half term so you can see how the money is being spent.
- 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.

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

- We welcomed parents on Wednesday morning to visit KSA EYFS. They were all very impressed by the learning they saw in both Nursery and Reception classrooms and loved the outdoor area.
- 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.
- The next open morning is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 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.

### **5. Parent Governor**

One of the parent governor terms has recently come to an end, so a governor will be appointed for a three year term. The appointment process is outlined in the attached document. We have many fantastic skills, insights and perspectives in our parent community so we welcome any and all applications.

The deadline for application is Monday 18th November, and applications can be made through the Ark portal: <http://arkonline.tfaforms.net/2>