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Hello parents and welcome back to Half Term 5!

We continue to live in very strange times where everyone's priority must be on staying well and staying safe. We will be working extremely hard to support you and your children in the weeks ahead as we start a new term of home learning. Many of you have been asking when we will reopen the school. The simple answer is: we don't know. We know that we definitely won't be opening within the next three weeks as the whole country continues to be on 'lockdown.' It is possible we may be open again at some point in late May or June or July or possibly not until September, and once the government starts communicating a timeline and some guidance on opening safely, we will be sure to communicate planning with you as best we can.

In the meantime – we've got plenty to keep us occupied at home!

### **HT5 Home Learning Packs Week 1 and Week 2**

- You should all have received a parcel in the post with the new home learning packs for primary pupils from Nursery to Year 6. You should start these new packs today, Monday! (You can see a photo attached of the mailman coming to collect them all and loading them into the van!)
- If you said you had printing capacity at home and we did not send you a pack, you can print the pack yourself from the school website on the remote learning page, scroll right to the bottom of the page and you'll find the HT5 packs [here](#).
- If you have not received your pack, please email [parents@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:parents@kingsolomonacademy.org) and we can arrange for you either to come and pick it up or put another one in the post.
- If you have not yet finished the previous packs, don't worry, we know some of you were working over the holidays and others weren't. We are all now starting in the same place on the new packs.
- Videos will continue to be uploaded every day on our youtube channel [here](#). Many of you have told us that these videos really help you get your day started each morning so keep it up this term!
- There's also a new assembly on our youtube channel [here](#) for you to watch to get the new term started!

### **HT5 Online Tutorials**

We are excited to tell you that from next week (week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> April) we are going to be doing two 20 mins tutorials a week online for every child in the primary school in small groups of four to six children at a time.

- Having discussed this plan with the Parent Council and put lots of time and effort into planning, we are confident this is going to be a really helpful addition to helping your children feel connected with their teachers and some of their friends and keep them focussed on their learning.
- These will not be formal lessons but they will be a chance for children to see their teachers and their friends in a more 'formal' learning environment than the home, and to share back what they have been doing in their home learning packs, get some feedback and be ready for the next activities in their packs.
- It is easiest for you if you download the Microsoft Teams App (for free) onto the device your children will be using for the tutorials, but you don't have to. You can just log in where it says 'join on the web instead.'
- You will receive an email on Tuesday from your child's teacher which will be an invitation to join a Teams meeting. Please keep this email safe and use it to log in to the meeting on a

phone or device at the right times next week. If you have a calendar linked to your phone, the calendar invite will be saved at the right time and will alert you when it's about to start.

- We will call and check in to make sure you've got the email and to answer your questions on Tuesday/Wednesday. You will also get some step by step information about how to log in and how to prepare in a hard copy letter in the post.
- The teachers are very excited to get to see your children in small groups again – they've been missing teaching you all so much!

### **Phone calls with families this week**

We'll be calling every family tomorrow and Wednesday to check back in with you all and make sure everyone's ok but if there's something more urgent you need help with, please do get in touch asap by emailing [parents@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:parents@kingsolomonacademy.org). Please be aware that the old Paddington Green phone number, which we had been using at Younger Years is no longer in operation. All calls into both sites now go through this number: 0207 563 6900.

### **Keeping up to date with KSA news**

- We look forward to getting back into the term and sharing this week's home learning highlights in the newsletter on Friday.
- Do keep an eye on ksa\_primary on twitter for daily updates on work we've been wowed by! You can just type in ksa\_primary twitter into a search engine like google and it will take you to see daily updates and photos of children and their work. If you want your child to be featured, make sure you share your children's work with their class teacher so it can be put forward!
- We'd especially love to hear from any families who completed the Climbing the Mountain of Life challenge over the holidays – send photos or write ups for us to share! It's still online if you haven't yet done it and fancy spacing them out through the week! See the intro video [here](#).

Sending you all warmest wishes for the week ahead,

Beth Humphreys  
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