



### KSA tour

On Friday, 34 parents and carers joined Max Haimendorf and Katarine Deeks on a tour of King Solomon Academy, visiting classrooms from Years 5 through to Year 11. We also explored the science laboratory and music provision. It was wonderful to meet children, hear them talk enthusiastically and honestly about their school, and see them interact with other pupils and their teachers. We observed many different lessons taking place, and in all of them pupils worked calmly, but studiously. Staff were welcoming and very accommodating for so many visitors. The tour culminated with the opportunity to observe a stunning rehearsal by the school orchestra. For those parents and carers unable to attend this visit, we will be conducting another visit on Tuesday 12 December from 2.15 to 3.15. We will meet at Ark Paddington Green at 2.00 to walk over together or meet at KSA, for 2.15pm, outside the main entrance on Penfold Street.

### Dental appointments

This is a reminder to make all routine dentist and doctor appointments before or after school, or during school holidays and INSET days so children are not unnecessarily absent from learning. The school office will not allow children to be removed from lessons for routine check-ups, and you will be asked to re-schedule your appointment. We understand that hospital appointments are harder to re-schedule.

### Home Learning Workshops

The tables in the next column show the attendance of parents and carers at our first Home Learning Workshops in October 2016 and this year's attendance in October 2017. As you can see attendance has improved further, even last year's Year 3, currently Year 4 has improved by 14%. Having experienced the one-minute word count fluency test with your child, we hope that you are putting aside the time to develop your child's speed reading and fluency, especially if they did not achieve the expectation of 100 words per minute. Your continued support is allowing us to maintain excellent communication with our community and keep you up to date with the latest information and performance data. We look forward to learning together with you again on the following dates. Please put these in your calendar to ensure you have planned ahead to support your child.

Day	Time	Year
Mon 8 January	2.00 – 2.50	Nursery
Tues 9 January	2.15- 3.30	Year 1
Wed 10 January	2.15- 3.30	Year 6
Thurs 11 January	2.15- 3.30	Year 5
Fri 12 January	2.15- 3.30	Year 4
Mon 15 January	2.00 – 2.50	Reception
Tues 16 January	2.15- 3.30	Year 2
Wed 17 January	2.15- 3.30	Year 3

#### Autumn 2 2016

Parent/carer attendance	
Year Group	% attendance
Year 6	98%
Year 5	98%
Year 4	93%
Year 3	65%
Year 2	92%
Year 1	97%
Reception	61%
Nursery	100%

#### Autumn 2 2017

Parent/carer attendance	
Year Group	% attendance
Year 6	46/46 100%
Year 5	23/24 96%
Year 4	32/36 89%
Year 3	26/27 96%
Year 2	32/32 100%
Year 1	18/18 100%
Reception	26/26 100%
Nursery	27/27 100%

### Upcoming events:

Friday 8 December	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 12 December	Years 1-2 Summit Party
Wednesday 13 December	Years 3-4 Summit Party
Thursday 14 December	Years 5-6 Summit Party
Friday 15 December	Pupils' Christmas dinner
Mon 11 – Fri 15 December	Book Fair
Tues 19 December	Festive sing-a-long
Wed 20th December	Last day of school 3.00 Christmas parties