King's Oak Academy: Lower School Newsletter

Work Hard Be Kind

24 September 2021





Dear Families,

I hope that you have all had a fantastic week.

This week we have been excited to get back to eating together in the hall! It has been so nice to be able to have a lovely dining experience again and the

children have quickly adapted to this routine.

I hope that you have a restful weekend and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Kind regards

Miss Sarah Franklin Assistant Principal

SMSAs

We are looking to expand our team of lunchtime supervisors to support the children during lunchtime. If you would like to apply or would like some more information, we would love to hear from you.

Coffee morning

Coffee morning is back! After such a long time, we are delighted to announce that this will be restarting. Coffee mornings are a wonderful opportunity for parents to get together, share ideas and challenges over a cup of coffee. Staff are on hand to chat about issues relating to school. It is also an opportunity to meet our parent councillors. At other times, we invite visitors to these sessions such as local community police officers, council housing, job centre plus and adult education services. The coffee mornings take place from 9 – 10am on the first Thursday of each month. The first one will be Thursday 7th October.

Grimsbury Farm trip

Year 1 are looking forward to their Grimsbury Farm trip on Monday 27 September. They will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning at 2.00pm. We hope they will all have a wonderful time.

Dogs

There is an increasing number of dogs being brought for collection at the end of the school day. Whilst they are not coming into the playground, thank you for that, they are waiting outside the gate but also in the KS2 tunnel. Please can I ask that dogs are kept on leads and away from the tunnel and gates.

Reading

Thank you for all of the time that you already invest in your child's learning. We understand the importance of reading regularly at home and the positive impact that just 15 – 20 minutes of reading each night can have on a child's future and academic development. As we continue to promote the profile and importance of reading at KOA, we will be collecting in children's reading records daily as of Monday. Please encourage children to get their reading records out ready to give to their teachers as they enter the classroom. We hope that this will help to further support children in reading at home every day so that they can continue to become fluent readers.

Postponement of Primary Flu Sessions

Due to the announcement of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout to all 12-15 year olds, we will need to postpone all primary school flu sessions due to be held before half-term.

These sessions will be rescheduled and we will be in touch to organise these at a later date.

We apologise for the inconvenience and appreciate your support with these programmes.

Important Upcoming Dates;

Monday 27 September – Grimsbury Farm Trip Wednesday 29 September – Bedtime Story Wednesday 6 October – School Photos Thursday 7 October – Lower School Coffee Morning



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Bedtime Story

We are excited to be holding a Bedtime Story evening on Wednesday 29 September at 6.00pm for Year 1 and Year 2 where they will be able to listen to a bedtime story in their pyjamas and even have a cuddle with their teddy bears!

Friends of KOA

The team behind Friends of King's Oak Academy work closely with the school and Senior Leadership Team to provide extra funding and support for children who are a part of Lower and Middle School.

For the first time since COVID, an in-person meeting is being held on Tuesday 28 September where you can find out more about the work they do and how to join Friends of KOA.

I am excited to announce we are part of Your School Lottery! With tickets costing £1 a week and potentially boosting school funds, it is a great opportunity to raise money for the school but you too, could also be in with a chance with winning.

Please see attached for further information.

After School Clubs

We are lucky to have our after-school sports clubs started up again this term! There are a range of clubs available each night of the week. If you would like to book your child on to clubs there are still some places left.

Engaged in Bristol

Please see attached details on a support group covering Bristol/South Gloucestershire and North Somerset. The aim of the group is to bring parents and carers of children who have a bladder or bowel condition together, so that they can support each other and share experiences.

Year 4 Radiographer Visit

This week, Year 4 have been learning about the skeletal system. We learnt about the important parts of the skeleton and how they protect our soft organs. On Wednesday, we had a visit from Alex the Radiographer (an X-Ray expert) who spoke to us about bones and X-Rays! The children had lots of questions and learnt a lot about how X-Rays work.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoga with Nat Years 1 & 2	Zumba with Faye Years 2, 3 & 4	Zumba with Faye Years 5 & 6	Yoga with Nat Years 3 & 4	Sporting Chance Football club Years 1, 2 & 3
Sporting Chance Athletics club KS2 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sporting Chance Football clubs Years 4, 5 & 6		Sporting Chance Superstars club Years 1 & 2	

Yoga with Nat – email Nat at nattymarchant@icloud.com

Zumba with Faye – email Faye at faye-smith-21@hotmail.com

Sporting Chance - Book via their website https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/events

Information about PP funded places will be coming next week.

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