



Khalsa Primary School Newsletter - End of Term



December 2017

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Message from the Head Teacher

We are now at the end of a very busy term and we have enjoyed a number of festive events here in school. We hope that you enjoyed our Key Stage 1 winter production, the children worked very hard and loved the chance to perform to an audience. All your help with costumes and props was greatly appreciated.

This year was a special year in the Sikh calendar as we celebrated the 350th birthday day of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Our message to the children was very clear, Guru Gobind Singh Ji made sacrifices so that we can have a better life today.

We are very well supported during the year and I would like to thank all the parents who gave their time so willingly. The volunteers that come to school regularly to support the children are greatly appreciated.

The newly formed Parents Association is now beginning to make a real impact on school life. I along with all the staff appreciate all the hard work and I hope this partnership continues. We look forward to continuing to work with you all in the New Year.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful and restful winter break and I look forward to a happy and successful New Year.



BBC Children in Need

Thank you for your kind donations for Children in Need.

Children in Need proved to be a successful day in Khalsa Primary School. On Friday 17th November 2017 a total of £315 was raised by you and our children. Thank you very much for your support.

All donations have been forwarded to the charity.

Payment Information

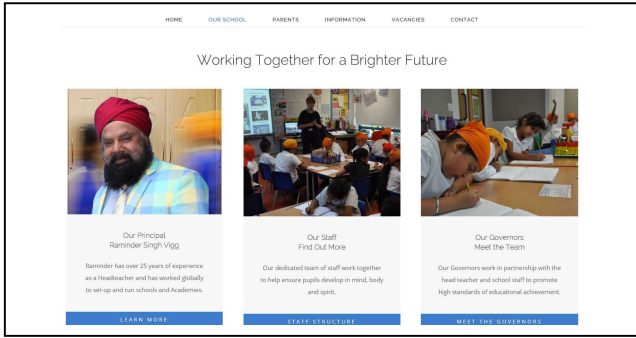
Lunch: £1.95 per day

Payment for lunches can be made via ParentMail or by cash at the School Office.

Reading Club

Reception – A reading club takes place each week on Tuesday at 8:20am to 8:40am & Friday 2:35pm to 2:50pm.

Year 1 – We will be starting a reading club Wednesday on 10th January 2018 from 8:45am to 9:15am. We are encouraging parents to come and read with their child.



SCHOOL TERM DATES

Please regularly check the school website

End of Term - School ends on **Tuesday 19th December 2017 @ 12:30 PM.**

Term Starts - **Thursday 4th January 2018**

February Half term

Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018

Term starts - Monday 19th February 2018

Easter Holidays

Term ends - Wednesday 28th March 2018

Term starts - Monday 16th April 2018.

School Contact Details

Please use the number below to contact the School: 01753 823 501

Khalsa Primary School new website goes live

As some of you may have already noticed we have 'refreshed' our Khalsa Primary School website.

We would like to thank Tarvinder Gill in helping Khalsa Primary School setting up the website. Tarvinder has worked hard and spent many hours to get us up to speed. Well done Tarvinder!

If you haven't had a chance to view the website please do so at www.khalsaprimarieschool.com

If you have any comments, suggestions or would like to see more of 'something' on the website please contact the School Office.

National Christmas Jumper Day

The National Christmas Jumper Day was on Friday 15th December 2017.

This year, Khalsa Primary School decided to take part and hold a Christmas Jumper day in aid of "Save the Children".

To show our support, all children and staff were invited to make a small donation of £1.00 and come to school in non-uniform on Friday 15th December 2017 wearing their favourite festive jumper.

We are pleased to announce that we raised £325.00. All proceeds will go to Save the Children. A special thank you to all our parents for their kind donations.



350th Birth Anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji

On Tuesday 12th December, we were privileged to have Mr D P Singh, (Counsellor of Public Diplomacy from the High Commission of India in London) come to our school to host and sponsor a special Competition to celebrate the 350th Birth Anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. All pupils in KS2 were asked to create something imaginative to do with the 10th Guru. In the end there were 4 categories: 3D Art; 2D Art; Poetry; Facts.

The winning children were given specially engraved glass trophies as their prizes. Well done to the children that won either 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize in the competition.



Parent Mail

Parent Mail is Khalsa Primary School's main form of communication with parents. We are using less paper and moving to electronic communication.

The Office staff are having a 'clean up' of Parent Mail to ensure we have your correct email address and mobile number. If you do not receive any electronic communication from the School please speak to the office staff.

As of 13th December 2017 our Parent Mail statistics showed that:

99% of families receive SMS
98% of families receive emails
94% of families have a Parent Mail account
47% of families are using the Parent Mail mobile app.

We are urging all parents to use Parent Mail more often. Please download the Parent Mail app from your App Store (free) and login to your account.



Free School Meals

If you think you qualify for free school meals then you can apply using the Slough Borough Council website free school meals form. Slough Borough Council will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

If you do not have an email address, then you can get a 'free school meals' application form from the School Office. The school will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

Don't forget

You can apply online or pick up a form from Khalsa Primary School.

Not claiming benefits, but have a child in reception, Year 1 and Year 2?

There are clear advantages in pupils having a school dinner, so the Government have announced that every child in the above year groups will be eligible for a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

Khalsa Primary School Communication

We note there has been a mix up with communication this term. From January 2018 we are looking to improve our communication. Please work with us whilst we make changes to our communication techniques.



Class DoJo

From January 2018 all staff will be using Class Dojo more to communicate with parents. You should expect to receive at least two Dojo messages a week.

Attendance

We recently issued a communication regarding our policy on lateness and holidays taken during term time.

Lates

We are urging all parents to get their children to School on time. As a trial we have increased our drop off time by a further 5 minutes from 8:20 to 8:35am. We have noticed a significant improvement since implementing this change - w/e 1st December 2017 there were 100 lates compared to w/e 8th December 2017 with only 48 lates.

Holidays during term time

Holidays during term time are not permitted. Please refrain from taking your child out of School during term time. The local authority will fine parents if they take their children out of School during term time - three parents have already been fined.

Attendance

Our overall attendance figures have dropped dramatically. As of 15th December 2017 our attendance was 96.34%. In 2016 the attendance figure was 98%. Anything below 96% is classed as inadequate. We are urging all parents to please refrain from taking your children out of School unless absolutely necessary.

Medical

All parents have recently been contacted regarding their child and any medical conditions they may have. If your child has medication in School or suffers from any allergies/asthma and you have not completed a medical form please contact the School Office as a matter of urgency.

The image shows two forms from Public Health England. The first is an 'Allergy Action Plan' with fields for child's name, date of birth, and details of allergies. The second is an 'ASTHMA ACTION PLAN' with fields for child's name, date of birth, and details of asthma symptoms and medication.

Thank you

Thank you to all parents and children for all the lovely gifts and cards brought for the Khalsa Primary School staff. It is much appreciated.

Curriculum

It has been a very busy first term for the children across the school with all classes completing two units in our new curriculum. Keep an eye out for Dojo messages in the New Year for what your child's topic will be in the Spring term.



Road Update

The road project has gone out to tender and we are due to receive responses in January and work is expected to start in February. Further updates will be provided next term.

The Governing Body and School Staff would like to thank all parents and the community for all of the donations. We have now collected approximately £163,000.

Reminder – A number of complaints have been received regarding the speed which parents are driving at in the car park. Please take care when driving.

In addition to this, please park sensibly – we have been advised that a car has been damaged on the School premises due to the way parents have parked.

The School is unable to take responsibility for any damaged caused. Please take care and park sensibly.

Khalsa Primary School results

Please visit the DFE website for details regarding the latest Khalsa Primary School result <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/134778>

End of Term Production

Reception, Year One and Year Two have really enjoyed their performance of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' and the nativity story. We are very proud of all our children for their excellent effort in our Winter Performance. We would also like to say thank you to our parents for all their support in helping children rehearse their lines and songs as well as providing such wonderful costumes.

Recent Events

Tuesday 5th December 2017 – Year 5 visited **St Paul's Church**.

Monday 11th December 2017 – **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**. All children watched Goldilocks and the Three Bears pantomime.

Tuesday 12th December 2017 – A special award ceremony took place for the 350th Birth Anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

Thursday 14th December 2017 – Year 1 took a trip to the Post Office. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 watched the pantomime Aladdin.

Thursday 14th December 2017 to Tuesday 19th December 2017 – **Cycling Event**. Many children from Year 6 have taken part in a cycling event.

Monday 18th December 2017 – End of Term Production for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Tuesday 19th December 2017 – End of Term, last day. School finishes at 12:30pm. PTA Winter Fete 12:30pm to 3:30pm.