



## Khalsa Primary School Welcome Back Newsletter

Autumn Term | September 2018 |

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

A very warm welcome to you all as we start the new academic year 2018-19. I hope that the children have had a relaxing summer and have come to school refreshed and ready to learn.

We began our journey in September 2007 with the aim to deliver an excellent education, underpinned by the principles and teachings of the Sikh Faith. In doing so, we have adopted our core values of Truth, Contentment, Love, Humility and Compassion.

The journey continues as we come to the start of another academic year. As we continue our journey I hope you are content with what the school offers.

I would like to personally thank all parents that came to drop off their children today – the car parking rules were observed.

We apologise for the lengthy newsletter but we have a lot of exciting information to share with you!

Mr Raminder Singh Vig  
Principal



School timings:

Nursery: AM (8.20am – 11.20am)

Reception: 8.20am – 3.05pm

Y1-6: 8.20am – 3.15pm

PM (12.05pm – 3.05pm)



## Term Dates

Term starts: Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018  
Term ends: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

### Half Term:

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2018 to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018**

Term starts: Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018  
Term ends: Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018

### Inset Days:

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**



## Other Dates

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sep:  
Year 2 Trip (Golden Hinde) &  
Year 6 Virtual Reality Experience

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Sep:  
NSPCC Assembly

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Sep:  
Super Citizen Assembly

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Sep:  
Jeans for Genes Day

## School Uniform

As you may be aware, we have changed our uniform supplier to Aqua Uniforms Ltd, 274B High Street, Langley, SL3 8HD.

Please be aware that we expect a high standard of presentation for pupils and they should be in the correct uniform at all times.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of children in the wrong uniform. In Autumn and Spring Terms children should wear a **white shirt, a school tie, grey trousers, jumper/cardigan, orange patka and black shoes. Please ensure your child has a book bag and blue drawstring PE bag only.**





## Attendance, Punctuality & Safeguarding

Our Designated  
Safeguarding Lead is  
Mrs Jasbir Mahil  
(Vice Principal)

### School attendance matters!

**It is essential that children attend school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career.**

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child to fulfil their potential.

Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- To learn
- To have fun
- To make new friends
- To experience new things in life
- To develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences
- To achieve
- To develop new skills
- To build confidence and self-esteem
- To have the best possible start in life.

All medical, health or personal appointments should be made after school, weekends or holidays.

Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness – this should be followed up with a written note or email to the school office.

Punctuality is paramount to school life and impacts greatly on children's learning. There is a **generous allowance** to drop your child off to school: classroom doors open at 8.20am and close at 8.35am

**Please help us by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.**

**Remember that education is not an option – it's compulsory.**

### Safeguarding

Khalsa Primary School is committed to **safeguarding** and promoting the welfare of children.

To achieve our commitment, we will ensure continuous development and improvement of robust **safeguarding** processes and procedures that promote a culture of **safeguarding** amongst our staff and volunteers.

We are updating our Safeguarding Policy which will be published on our website shortly.

**Please do keep in mind that the school cannot take responsibility for children that are dropped off in school before 8.15am.**

***Do not be afraid to ask for help if a problem arises:*** Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school – we are here to help and will be supportive. Mr Vig's door is open and will always meet with parents where possible. Please come to the school office to arrange a meeting with teachers or Mr Vig.



## Lunch Menu & Healthy Food Policy

The catering team have been busy working on the new school menu and we have published this on the website and hard copies are available from the school office.

Slough Borough Council measure the height and weight of children annually and their results shows that Khalsa Primary School is the most obese school in Slough. Please help us encourage children to eat healthily by observing the school rules.

Children are allowed to bring in a healthy packed lunch and/or a snack at break time. Please adhere to the healthy food policy on our website – in short, children should be eating plenty of fruit and vegetables and we only allow vegetarian food (no eggs, meat, fish nuts) and no confectionary (chocolate or sweets).

Please try to avoid carbohydrates and encourage your child to have plenty of exercise. Last year, 23% of all Reception children were overweight and 48% of all Year 6 children were either overweight or obese.

## School website & Facebook Page

Please refer to the school website in the first instance for all information and policies. We will be adding the curriculum overviews onto the website by the end of this week.

If you have a Facebook account, kindly like our page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/KhalsaPrimarySchool/>

## Contact sheet & Medical Information

An orange sheet of paper will be given to your child today for you to complete.

Please make every effort to fill these in return completed forms to your child's class teacher by Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018.

## Birthdays at Khalsa

This year we have changed the way we celebrate birthdays at Khalsa.

Kindly contact your child's class teacher prior to your child's birthday to finalise arrangements.

Please refer to the email sent on 4<sup>th</sup> Sep for further information.



## Results 2018

We are very proud of our children and their hard work has shown in the fantastic results below. We will be ensuring we keep this momentum going for next year!

KS1	2017	2018
EYFS Level of Development	80 (48)	88 (52)
Phonics Year 1	93% (58)	98% (57)

KS1 OUTCOMES 2018	Expected Level (Working at age related expectations)	Higher Level (Greater Depth)
Reading	89%	26%
Mathematics	92%	28%
Writing	91%	19%

KS2 OUTCOMES 2018	Expected Level		Higher Level		AVG. Scaled Score	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Reading	84%	75%	33%	Not Yet Known	107	105
Mathematics	95%	76%	47%	Not Yet Known	108	104
Writing	85%	78%	24%	Not Yet Known	n/a	n/a
GPS	95%	78%	67%	Not Yet Known	111	106



# New Class Names: Birds of Sikhi

This year, we have changed the class names to coincide with different birds that are in Gurbani. From now on, we will be renaming all classes as per the table below:

We will be looking in depth at each bird and the Gurdwara hymns associated with them, we will be getting creative with the curriculum and welcome any suggestions from parents about this.

Nursery - Peacock	Mrs S Panesar-Dhaliwal
R Duck R Parrot	Mrs K Birring Mrs J Virdee
1 Rainbird 1 Flamingo	Mrs M Richardson Mrs M Bhogal
2 Partridge 2 Sparrow	Miss P Sandhu Mrs P Morgan
3 Shelduck 3 Heron	Mrs S Clarke Mrs G Chahal
4 Kite 4 Crane	Mrs C Van Rooyen Mrs R Thamu
5 Raven 5 Crow	Mr J Yarnold Mrs G Dosanjh
6 Falcon 6 Hawk	Mrs N Subramaniam Mrs M Nanda

## Coffee Mornings

Mr Vig will be hosting the following coffee mornings:

**KS2 – Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Sep**

**KS1 – Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Sep**

**Nursery & Reception – Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sep**

All sessions will start at 8.45am.  
Come and have a coffee and chat with us!



## Super Citizen Assemblies

We have set the Super Citizen Assemblies for this Academic year. Please look out for an email on the dates below:

<b>Month:</b>	<b>Parents Informed on:</b>	<b>Assembly held on:</b>
September	5th Sep	12th Sep
October	26th Sep	3rd Oct
November	31st Oct	8th Nov
December	28th Nov	5th Dec
January	21st Dec	9th Jan
February	30th Jan	6th Feb
March	27th Feb	6th Mar
<b>April</b>	<b>No Assembly</b>	
May	24th Apr	1st May
June	29th May	5th Jun
<b>July</b>	<b>No Assembly</b>	