



Headteacher's Weekly News

Preparatory School

Thursday 13th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Preparatory School and my first newsletter of the new school year. We have had a very successful start to the year and have been extremely encouraged by the smooth transition for our youngest children in the Nursery and Pre-Prep. I would like to welcome all our new families that have joined the Preparatory School, and we look forward to working with you to best support your child's needs. The pupils are also enjoying learning about their new class city names, as we no longer refer to class a, b or c. Please ask your child to remind you of their year group and class city name, so that if you have to contact the school, you know the correct class.

This year marks the beginning of a new chapter in the history of BISAK, with the transition from a Primary to a Preparatory School, with a Pre-Prep for our youngest children. During the year, the staff and I look forward to informing you about a range of new teaching, learning and pastoral initiatives, while at the same time developing our unique and the first British Preparatory School in Al Khobar.

I am delighted to welcome our three new teachers, Mr Nelson (Year 3 Teacher), Miss Haddon (Year 3 Teacher) and Mr Bloom (Year 5 Teacher) to our school. In addition to our teachers, I would like to welcome Mrs Gannon, Mrs Beardmore, Miss Murray and Mrs White who have joined our Pre-Prep learning assistant team. I wish all our new staff the very best in their new posts.

For those pupils who attend after-school Arabic, please remember that classes start on Monday 17th September. We are finalising our events calendar for this term and the year group half-termly curriculum overviews will be sent out next week.

In the Preparatory School we now have a new and enlarged Leadership Team to support our pupils and staff further to ensure high quality academic and pastoral support for our pupils. I am delighted that the following staff have been promoted to the following positions to lead and manage pupils and staff:

- Head of Pre-Prep – Mrs C Aisthorpe (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- Head of Lower School – Miss B. Twite (Year 3 and Year 4)
- Head of Upper School – Mrs J. Matthee (Year 5 and Year 6)

If, during the year you have any questions about your child's learning or pastoral support, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Following this, the chain of contact is the Head of each age phase, then Miss Naidoo (Deputy Head) and finally myself. We have also appointed staff members to lead and manage subjects across the school from Nursery to Year 6. Congratulations to the following staff for being promoted onto the Preparatory School Extended Leadership Team.

Head of English – Ms Sexton	Head of Design and Technology – Miss Pollington
Head of Mathematics – Mr Matthee	Head of Humanities – Mr Stevenson
Head of Science – Mr Bryson	Senior Teacher for Pre-Prep – Miss Phelps
Head of Computing – Mr McKee	
Head of Expressive Arts (Dance, Drama, Music and Art) and working alongside our whole school P.E./Music/Art Heads of Department – Mrs Morgan	

Our whole-school Inclusion Co-ordinator, Miss Kotek is also taking the new role of English Specialist teacher and teaching some Pre-Prep and Preparatory classes.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing the pupils returning next week.

Kind regards

Darren Aisthorpe
Headteacher - Preparatory School

Please turn over

LETTERS SENT HOME SENT THIS:

Preparatory School

- 6th September – Arrangements for the first days in School
- 10th September – Parents' Welcome Meeting information
- 10th September – Afterschool Arabic classes
- 10th September – BSME Music Festival

No letters are being sent home today

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- Any new items of lost property will be placed in the containers in the Lower School (Years 3 and 4)
- **Please note that the school day for Nursery children ONLY will be 9:00am until 12:00pm from 16th September until 4th October (inclusive). From 7th October, the children will start at 7:20am until 12:50pm**
- Please can I remind all parents to refer to the Parent-Pupil Handbook (this can be found on the school website), especially regarding matters of:
 - Uniform
 - Attendance
 - Healthy eating – snacks and lunch

KEY DATES AND NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS – AUTUMN TERM 2018 - 2019

Please be advised that we are currently finalising our Events Calendar and further dates will be posted in due course.

PREPARATORY

- 18th September – Parents' Welcome Meeting from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. *A letter was issued on 10th September*
- 4th October – National Poetry Day

PRE-PREP

- 25th September – Nursery and Reception Maths Workshop for parents from 7:30am to 8:25am
- 26th September – Years 1 and 2 Maths Workshop for parents from 7:30am to 8:25am
- 2nd October – Reception Art Workshop for parents. *Further details will be issued in due course.*

LOWER PREPARATORY (Years 3 and 4)

- 24th September – Years 3 and 4 English Workshop for parents from 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- 1st October – Maths Workshop for parents. *Further details will be issued in due course.*

UPPER PREPARATORY (Years 5 and 6)

- 1st October – Maths Workshop for parents. *Further details will be issued in due course.*
- 3rd October – Year 3 'Paleontologist Dress Up'. *Further details will be issued in due course.*
- 8th October – Years 5 and 6 English/AR Workshop for parents. *Further details will be issued in due course.*

Please note that the above dates may be subject to change. Please also continue to check the Events Calendar on the school website.