

# King's Park Secondary School Newsletter for Families and Friends



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## Welcome to Session 2009-10

### Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) Scotland Act



Along with every other school in Scotland, King's Park will implement the new Health Promotion and Nutrition Act. As a Health Promoting School, we are very aware of our responsibility to promote healthy eating, and help our pupils live longer, healthier lives.

We ask for parents' support and encouragement. John Harkins, our Health Development Officer says:

*Children do not need chocolate, confectionary and fizzy drinks to get them through the school day. Scientific studies have shown It actually hinders concentration levels, affects behaviour and above all increases link to obesity levels. Being healthy in terms of nutrition is essential for young people, whose bodies are growing and developing. This includes within the school day.*

Thank you for your support.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## King's Park Secondary Parent Forum

### AGM & Social Evening

Tuesday Sept. 8th 7pm  
Music, Refreshments, Art Exhibition/Sale

An opportunity to hear music from our prize-winning music department, enjoy baking courtesy of home economics department and view artwork by our talented senior pupils – purchase a piece of art from a future star artist!

If you are unable to attend but would like to join or find out more about the Parent Council contact us at [kpsspcc@gmail.com](mailto:kpsspcc@gmail.com)

*King's Park Secondary Parent Council, working with the school to make King's Park the best it can be.*

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### Behaviour Management Plan

For some time, we have been reviewing the sanction and referral system.

In June, some departments piloted a new Behaviour Management Plan, and this pilot is being extended in the new session. More departments will try out the new plan from August. The components are:

- Promoting Positive Behaviour, through
  - teaching for effective learning
  - assertive discipline strategies
  - praise system (merits)
  - departmental behaviour plans etc.
- Behaviour Support Base
- Use of demerits (instead of loggings) if all other strategies have been unsuccessful, and the pupil's behaviour has continued to be unacceptable despite a clear warning that a demerit will be issued if it does not improve.
- Detention (lunch time for latecoming or lack of homework; after school on Wednesdays for unacceptable behaviour)

We will keep you updated.

## Please Sign and Return

All pupils have received a pack of information for themselves and for parents. Parents are asked to complete and sign these. Pupils should return the 4 forms to Register Teachers as soon as possible, but by Friday 21 August at the latest please.

1. Pupil Records (white)
2. Annual Data Check (white). *Please indicate any changes of pupil details.*
3. Administration of Medicines (green)
4. Press Permission Form (yellow) *Please complete both sides*
5. Text Messaging information (lilac)

The information pack also includes the following:

1. This newsletter
2. 'What We Expect of All Our Pupils' (pink)
3. 'Improving Action Against Bullying' (blue)

Thank you for your assistance.



Dear All

A very warm welcome back, to all pupils, parents, families and friends of our school. Once again we especially welcome our new S1 pupils and their parents.

Many congratulations to all pupils who achieved success in their SQA examinations this year. May you build on these achievements in the future.

As you know, there are several changes this session:

- Our timetable has changed, and there is a reminder of the new times in this newsletter
- We now have four Houses. These are Arran, Lewis, Mull and Skye. Pupils who were in Bute house have been moved, with their class, to another house. Our highly professional Principal Teachers of Pastoral Care and Depute Head Teachers are looking forward to welcoming pupils into their new houses, and getting to know their parents and families.
- Along with every other school in Scotland, we will implement the new Health and Nutrition Act. More information is given in this newsletter.
- Another piece of news is that, in line with Glasgow Education policy, and plans made when Mrs Pat Scullion left in February 2008, King's Park is moving to a flattened senior management structure. Until June 2009 only, Mrs Maura Thomson was seconded as Acting Formal Depute Head Teacher, and Mr Mark Symon (who has now moved to another school – congratulations!) was Acting Depute Head Teacher.

I would like to record my warm and sincere thanks to Mrs Thomson for her excellent work during her secondment as Acting Formal Depute Head Teacher.

From August 2009, all deputies – Mrs Thomson, Miss Marshall, Mrs Logan and Mr Feasby - will have equal responsibility for deputising for the head teacher.

As always, we encourage parents to stay in close touch, and to contact us if you have any concerns. We would be delighted to see everyone at the annual general meeting of the Parent Forum on 8 September. We rely heavily on your support and partnership in the promotion of high standards of work, dress, behaviour, attendance and timekeeping. Once again, thank you for your very valuable support.

Kind Regards

Handwritten signature of Mrs Margaret Barr in black ink.

Mrs Margaret Barr  
Head Teacher

## Improvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan includes the following targets:

- Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence – more active learning; interdisciplinary learning; working in a context; numeracy, literacy and health and wellbeing across learning
- Meeting Learning Needs – Promotion of a Positive Learning Climate – improve teaching for effective learning; implement behaviour management plan; additional support for learning; improve working with parents; 'more choices, more chances' strategy.
- Managing Information – Improve the tracking of pupil progress.

Any member of the Parent Forum is welcome to have a copy of the detailed plan. Please contact the school.

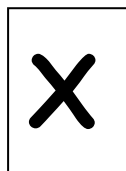
## School Uniform

A reminder that school ties (£5) and zippers (£15) are on sale from the school office.  
Thank you for your support in making sure that pupils come to school wearing the following:



- a **WHITE** shirt or blouse to be worn with a tie
- a **BLACK** skirt or trousers (smart black trousers cropped, eg **to the knee**, are accepted, but shorts are not accepted)
- **BLACK** school zipped sweatshirt or v-neck jumper and the school tie. The tie must be clearly visible at all times.
- **BLACK or dark-coloured footwear** is recommended.

The following items are NOT acceptable:



- Tracksuits, clothing made of flammable material,
- Football colours
- Clothing which is clearly unsuitable for a place of work, e.g. very short skirts, crop tops, leggings, shorts, very tight trousers, jeans, cargo pants.
- Jewellery and accessories which are unsuitable or constitute a health and safety hazard eg long pendant chains, large hooped earrings, heavy rings, diamante earrings, sequined or gold/silver belts, chains and studs.
- Clothing promoting designer brands, drugs or alcohol.
- Pupils should remove all outdoor jackets in class, as well as anything not conforming to the guidelines for school uniform, eg bright colours, striped tops.
- Heavy makeup and very bright or black nail varnish is also discouraged.
- Brightly coloured footwear is discouraged.

## Equipment

It is essential that pupils come to school with the equipment which they need, eg pens, pencils, PE kit, etc. A small number of pupils are expecting these things to be provided for them and are taking no responsibility. This disrupts lessons and is unfair on everyone else. We are monitoring this regularly with Spot Checks in classrooms. This session we will take strong action, including detention, the removal of privileges, and parental interviews, with pupils who do not come to school properly equipped.

We seek your support in making sure pupils arrive at school with the necessary equipment. Thank you for your help.

## New Timetable - Beginning August 2009

\* A reminder to all parents that we change to a new timetable next session, in line with Council Policy.

\* **Mondays and Tuesdays will be our longer days.** School will be 8.55 am until 4 pm.

Lunch will be 12.40 until 1.30 pm

\* **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will be our shorter days.**

\* To address the potential risk to the safety of children from St Mirin's Primary and King's Park Secondary at the end of the day on our shorter days, we need to finish at 3.15 pm on Wed/Thu/Fri. So lunch will be 12.40 until 1.35 pm on those days.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
<b>Start</b>	8.55 am	8.55 am	8.55 am	8.55 am	8.55 am	
	Reg	Reg	Reg	Reg	Reg	Reg 8.55-9.05 (10 mins)
	p1	p1	p1	p1	p1	p1 9.05-9.55
	p2	p2	p2	p2	p2	p2 9.55-10.45
<b>Int</b>	10.45-11	10.45-11	10.45-11	10.45-11	10.45-11	
	p3	p3	p3	p3	p3	p3 11.00-11.50
	p4	p4	p4	p4	p4	p4 11.50-12.40
<b>Lunch</b>	12.40-1.30 pm	12.40-1.30 pm	12.40-1.35 pm	12.40-1.35 pm	12.40-1.35 pm	
	p5	p5	p5	p5	p5	p5 Mon-Tue: 1.30-2.20 Wed-Fri: 1.35-2.25
	p6	p6	p6	p6	p6	p6 Mon-Tue: 2.20-3.10 Wed-Fri: 2.25-3.15
<b>Close</b>	p7	p7	3.15 pm	3.15 pm	3.15 pm	p7 Mon-Tue: 3.10-4.00
	4.00 pm	4.00 pm				

School will start at 8.55 am every day, and we value your support in making sure that pupils arrive at school in plenty of time.

We need pupils to be in the playground before the bell rings at 8.55 am, because registration is a very important part of the day, and they must not be late.

*Pupils who are late or absent from school should bring a note from their parent. A phone call is helpful, but we must also have a written note which includes the date(s) of absence. Thank you.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There was an error in the calendar in this newsletter.

The Christmas/New Year holiday dates were wrong.

The calendar was corrected and reissued to pupils.

Please see additional newsletter for the correct calendar.

## Germ Farm



## Scrub'em!

## Swine Flu

We are regularly kept informed by Education Services about matters related to Influenza A (H1N1) – swine flu.

In school, there will be an increased emphasis on good hygiene and keeping well to build immunity against germs and viruses.

We have provided tissues in every classroom in case pupils have forgotten to bring them, but are unable to provide hand cleaning gels.

However, there are soap dispensers (not bars of soap) in every toilet. There will be signs in toilets and throughout the school, reminding everyone of the importance of hand-washing.

In general, we will be encouraging pupils to eat healthily, in order to build immunity against all germs and viruses.

## CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



## BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



## KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

