

King David News



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Parent Governors Needed!

Do you want to help move the school forward and become a member of the King David Primary School Governing Body? Write a brief paragraph describing the skills and commitment you could bring to the school; you might want to highlight an area of governance you're skilled in, e.g. finance, buildings or children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

For further information, visit the office for a more detailed explanation of the role.

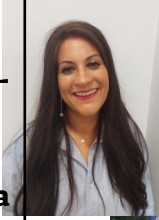
Please hand into the office in an envelope with your name and the year group (s) your child (children) are in. Alternatively, use the email address above.

Closing date: 28th Sep 2024, 3.30pm

Newsletter 2

Wednesday 18th September 2024

The New Leadership Team



Rebbetzen
Jacobs
Head of RE



Mrs Helen
Smyth
Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs Fiona Owen
Headteacher
Lead DSL



Mrs Holly Hind
Deputy
Headteacher

Mrs Owen, Mrs Hind and Mrs Smyth are all Designate Safeguarding Leads (DSLs).

Please come and talk to us in the playground at the start of the day. We are here to listen to parent and community

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an amazing start to the new school year. It's been action packed with changes for the positive. Staff, our School Improvement Partner, parents and children have all commented positively on new routines in place and the calming effect it has had on school and its direction to move the school forward.

Early Opening, Toast and Reading in the classroom

The school gates open at 8.20am and school is open from 8.25am for FREE breakfast in the hall. If your child doesn't fancy toast or fruit, they can go straight to their classrooms to read. **The school day still commences at 8.45am and children who don't choose to come in earlier will line up and be collected by their class-teacher.** It's been hugely popular with both parents, children and staff.

Parents have reported that,

'I considered moving my children but with the positive changes, I am considering keeping them here as they seem so much happier.'

Children have reported that:

'It's amazing.'

'It's helped my parents to have a calm start in the morning at home.'

Shofar Factory Workshop to celebrate Rosh Hashanah

Rebbetzen Jacobs organised for the whole school to learn about how shofars are made last Thursday afternoon. The whole school got to see how rams' horns were used (after they had fallen off—so no animal cruelty involved) and some children even got to saw the tips off. All children experienced blowing shofars and some were real unexpected experts.

Photos will be posted on the blogs when we have our consents for photos updated.

Children's Contact Details and Consents Updates

Inline with new Safeguarding updates, information gathering and consent forms will be sent out as soon as we have our Microsoft license glitches sorted out.

School Lunch Updates

Please note that menus for the week will be on the school website, under blogs. They are on a repeated three week rolling basis. The roast lunch has changed from Wednesdays to accommodate the Kosher Kitchen's cooking (it is a dairy kitchen the children use in the Nest while the school kitchen is a meat kitchen). Please note that sandwich places are applied for on a termly basis. A letter will go out in December for spring term. Children who bring packed lunches and are not on the current autumn term list will get a dinner which will need to be paid for.

King David's 'You Say—We do' Parent Meeting, update.

The parent / carer meeting held on the 5th September introduced the New Leadership Team, the Parent Forum and the Parent Teacher Association Lead parents, Ruqqiya Arshad and Runeela Tahir.

The new King

David Primary

Vision State-

was shared:

King David Primary School Vision Statement: F.A.C.E.

School

ment

Faith

Academic excellence

Community cohesion

Equality

Already we can say we have accomplished meeting some of your parent / carer requests.

You Say:

1. Teach about more faiths.
2. Packed Lunches available to more year groups.
3. Breakfast Club closure (due to lack of demand) concerned working parents.
4. Loss of faith in Leadership.
5. Concerns about standards of Teaching and Learning.

Further 'You Say' Requests from parents/ carers at the meeting:

6. More local trips and one paid for annual trip with a ceiling price of £20.00.
7. Letters with more advance notice of events.
8. Optional paper homework.
9. No homework during half term or Jewish Festivals.
10. A wider range of after school clubs, e.g. craft clubs, to help with wrap around care for children from the same year groups.
11. Parent volunteers to run clubs.
12. Parents / carers to help raise money for school enrichment activities.

We Do:

1. We now teach the SACRE Birmingham Primary Syllabus for the non- Jewish pupils.
www.birmingham.gov.uk/sacre/
2. Packed lunches now available to years 3-6.
3. School now opens for all pupils at 8.25pm with the option of toast and fruit in the hall and or quiet reading in their classroom with teaching assistant supervision. School days still officially starts at 8.45am.
4. New Leadership Team in place with positive strategies to lead the school while still keeping the Jewish ethos at the heart of our Vision.
5. New Curriculum with Schools Partnership (CUSP) which has the same rigour and high consistent standards of teaching and the same methods across the school, ensuring learning is based on educational pedagogy.

There will be another 'You Say', 'We Do' parent /carer meeting in the second autumn half term on Thursday 14th November at 2.30pm. So please come and see further progress made and have your voice heard.

If you'd like to volunteer in school or to run a club, please see Mrs Smyth for further information.



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Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

Teacher Day	School closed for pupils	Monday 2 nd September & Tuesday 3 rd September
Pupils resume		Wednesday 4 th September
Rosh Hashanah	School closed	Thursday 3 rd October and Friday 4 th October
Sukkot	School closed	Thursday 17 th October and Friday 18 th October
Simchat Torah	School closed	Thursday 24 th October and Friday 25 th October
Half term	School closed	Monday 28 th October until Wednesday 30 th October, inc.
Pupils resume		Thursday 31 st October
Term ends		Friday 20 th December

Spring Term 2025

Teacher Day	School closed for pupils	Monday 6 th January
Pupils resume		Tuesday 7 th January
Half term	School closed	Monday 17 th until Friday 21 st February, inc.
Pupils resume		Monday 24 th February
Term ends		Wednesday 9 th April

Summer Term 2025

Teacher Day	School closed for pupils	Wednesday 23 rd April
Pupils resume		Thursday 24 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	School closed	Monday 5 th May
Half term	School closed	Monday 26 th until Friday 30 th May, inc
Shavuot	School closed	Monday 2 nd June and Tuesday 3 rd June
Term ends		Thursday 24 th July
Teacher Day	School closed for pupils	Friday 25 th July

Please note school closes at 2:15pm on the day before festival closures, and every Friday.