



Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 1 – May 2017

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and Spring Break.

New building

The new building is on track to be handed over in the Spring Term 2018. The external structure is complete and internal structures are also in place. The site is still not yet accessible to pupils and staff, but it is possible that we will be able to visit the site in the Autumn term.

Staffing

As you will be aware from the letter from Ms Houlton (Chair of Governors) sent to you last term, I will be stepping down from the role of Head Teacher at Marjory Kinnon School at the end of this term.

Ms Meredith, the current Deputy Head Teacher will become Acting Head for one year and I will be employed in a part-time consultancy role to support Ms Meredith and to oversee the move into the new school building. The plan is for there to be a permanent head in place in September 2018.

I have been working at MKS for 7 years and those of you who have had children in the school throughout this period would have seen the many improvements and changes to the school that we have made, and that I am very proud of. I will be leaving a highly committed and talented team who I am confident will continue to make Marjory Kinnon School a safe place for learning for your children. My reason for leaving the school is that I am going to follow a different career path, and I will be leaving London. I am happy that I will be able to continue to work with the staff team next year and that I will see the transition of the school into the new building. I am also confident that Ms Meredith will be able to continue to steer the school towards ever increasing levels of success over this next year. I would like to thank all of you for your support and your kind words and feedback over the last seven years. It has been a pleasure to support and work with you and your children.

Term Dates for next year

The term dates for next year are overleaf. You will see that the half term date in February has not been fixed. This is because we intend to use the half term to move into the new school, and we need to have an agreed handover date before we can finalise the holidays. It is likely that we will need to close the school for longer than just half term week. We intend to use 2 of our INSET days, the half term, and we will also need some additional days. We really do appreciate that extended school closure puts you and your family under a lot of pressure, but I am afraid this will be unavoidable. Packing up, moving and unpacking the whole school, ensuring the new school equipment and systems run safely, ensuring kitchens are running smoothly etc will all take time, but we will work as quickly as we can, and will close the school for the shortest time possible. Ms Meredith will communicate with you next term regarding the finalised closure dates once they have been agreed.

Regards

Ms D Morton

Headteacher

Proposed TERM DATES 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

Monday	4th September	INSET day for staff, school closed for pupils
Tuesday	5th September	First day of school for pupils
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October		HALF TERM
Monday	30 th October	School reopens for pupils and staff
Wednesday	20 th December	Last day of term (Finish 1pm)

Spring Term 2018

Tuesday	2 nd January	School reopens for pupils and staff
Date to be agreed		HALF TERM
Date to be agreed		School reopens for pupils and staff
Thursday	29 th March	Last day of term (Finish 1pm)

Summer Term 2018

Monday	16 th April	School reopens for pupils and staff
Monday	7 th May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June		HALF TERM
Monday	4 th June	School reopens for pupils and staff
Friday	20 th July	Last day of term (Finish 1pm)

Autumn Term 2018

Monday	3 rd September	INSET day for staff, school closed for pupils
Tuesday	4 th September	School reopens for pupils

Dates for the Spring half term will be determined by the move into the new school building. These will be agreed and published in December 2017.