



# DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

## AL WAKRA CAMPUS

---

*Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school,  
based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve.*

18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of our second full week of the new term I would like to say a belated welcome to our new parents, teachers and children and to give you further information and important notices about the coming term. Please take the time to read carefully the following information.

### **Security**

All parents, care givers and drivers must have a security pass to enter the school. As from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January no one will be allowed to enter the school without their pass. Our children's safety is of paramount importance to us and we expect your full cooperation and support in this. If you do not have a pass you will be required to hand your ID in at the security gate to get a visitors pass. You should also, if you do not have a school security pass, see Marie in the office with a passport photograph in order that she can organize a pass for you.

### **Recruitment**

I have just returned from four days in London where I have been interviewing prospective new teachers for the next academic year for Primary and our expanding Secondary school. The caliber of teachers who are applying to join Doha British School is excellent and I am confident that these teachers will join our current teachers in continuing to provide an outstanding standard of education for all of our children.

### **Knowledge Organisers**

In the first term you received Knowledge organisers for Arabic and Creative Curriculum. You will this term receive Knowledge organisers, along with information about how these help to improve teaching and learning, in Spanish, PE, English, Science (where applicable) and later in the term in math's. I will also be holding a coffee morning where I will be explaining the educational theory behind knowledge organisers and how they can help with students learning.

### **Winter uniform**

In the colder weather please ensure that your child is warm but dressed in school uniform. Children will not be allowed to wear tops, jumpers or cardigans that are not school uniform. We want our children to look smart and represent the school well. School sweatshirts, jumpers and fleeces are available from ZAKS. Girls should wear navy blue tights or black trousers **not** sweat pants or leggings.

### **Music and babies groups**

The mothers and babies music group is continuing this term on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. This is a wonderful way to introduce your child to music, English language and the school environment. The benefits of music on children's learning are well documented and are great preparation for preschool. If you have friends with younger children please tell them about this programme.



# DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

## AL WAKRA CAMPUS

---

*Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve.*

### **School Fair Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

The school fair is always a wonderful and fun event for the whole school and wider community. We will be having meetings soon to start the organisation for this event. Please come and join us if you have any spare time, the more people that can help the easier and more enjoyable it is. We will be sending specific information out very soon.

### **Coffee Mornings**

Coffee Mornings are an informal get together where we present and discuss and on topical issues connected with education or the general wellbeing of our children. Everyone is invited and refreshments are available free of charge!!! There will be three coffee mornings this term please see the dates and topics below.

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February: **Knowledge Organisers, short term memory and Long term memory.** Beverley Stevens
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February: **Understanding your Adolescent.** Alison Kuit: Alison is a Clinical Psychologist with over 10 years' experience of working with children and teenagers.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: **eSafety;** keeping your child safe on line. Nazly Khan

### **Dates for the term**

#### **February**

11<sup>th</sup> Sports week – exact days for key stage sports days will be announced nearer the date.

19<sup>th</sup> Reception - preparing for Year One parent presentation

#### **March**

1<sup>st</sup> WORLD BOOK DAY Dress Up

11<sup>th</sup> STEM WEEK

14<sup>th</sup> Last week of ECA

17<sup>th</sup> Saturday SPRING FAIR

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March Key Stage 1 Production

27<sup>th</sup> Reports Issued

29<sup>th</sup> last day of Term

We will keep you updated of any changes to these dates.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the many events planned for this term.

Yours Sincerely,

**Beverley Stevens**

*V. Principal*