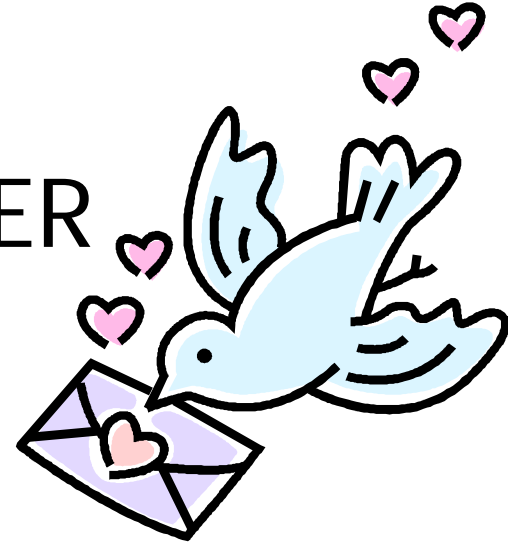




# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



13<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Dear Parents and Guardians

For Your information.

## Sickness/ Attendances/ Reports

All reports will record attendances –both possible and actual. If your child is sick please send a brief note in the homework record book to explain and those days will be recorded as days they have attended. Class teachers and form teachers will check for notes at the end of the week at least and record 'sick attendances' in the attendance register. With secondary students, form teachers will ask the office to call you if there is a second absence without a note or in fact even a first unaccountable absence.

## Junk Food

Healthy eating and lifestyle is a life skill which we will support throughout the school. Gum, chocolate, sweets, chips/crisps and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. Such junk food will be monitored in KG and Primary by staff. Secondary students are not monitored daily.

## Food questions.

A parent asked what cooking oil the school uses. On salad –olive oil. For other purposes (though very little if anything is fried) it comes as 'refined vegetable oil fortified with vitamin A' and the chef thinks it is corn oil (USA). Another parent has stated that her child sometimes came home with an untouched snack. She asked if this is monitored –it is now. Parents will be informed if a child keeps leaving their snack or doesn't eat their school lunch. If there is any problem, referring to primary children not eating, please inform the Head of Primary.

Please Find Attached Copy Of Four Week Cycle Of The Lunch Menu For Your Fridge Door.

## Parking Problems.

The guards' supervisor is with the guards morning and afternoon. He told me parents can also park on the right hand side of the club reception entrance and can use the additional car park immediately around the corner from there - where our buses park. Parents are advised not to double park. Drivers with mobile phones could also park on the verge immediately outside the club main gate and wait for the parent to call them in to pick them up. Of course when clubs start the end of school times will be further spread out. Also when the area in front of the club main gate is finished an additional area of parking will be available to your left as you enter.

## Morning Supervision

Students are supervised by an assistant from 7.30am – if your child comes before 7.30am you are welcome to stay and watch your child until that time.

## School Notice Board

This has been removed from the entrance as it was difficult for the office to maintain. The new notice board with approved notices is sandwiched in between the staff photos and the PTA board next to the security guard opposite the offices– though PTA information may very well appear on both. Approved adverts for such as cars, nannies, furnishings etc will be on a separate notice board by the side of the Head of Primary's office.

## Clubs Will Begin Monday 24th September

### Ramadan

If your child is fasting and is not taking water, parents must consider whether it is wise for them to participate in sports – please inform your child's form teacher by homework diary note or other note if this is the case and you wish them to be excused sports.

### Uniform

Track suits are due in today and will be available next week. Some additional skorts arrived today and the rest are due Monday. From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September all students must be in correct uniform.

### PE Day Uniform

On sports days including swimming days, secondary students come to school in uniform. Primary students may come in school PE kit on their sports days.

### Musical Instruments

Students taking musical instrument tuition may be released from classes or have tuition in breaks but it is not possible to specify which – some taking less 'popular' instruments may be taking lessons on Saturday at the Kampala Music School which is not far away – you will be informed by Miss Cooper.

### Children Waiting To Be Picked Up.

For security purposes and to ensure monitoring of appropriate behaviour, students are not able to go to the club or wait in car parks after school. They must be picked up in school. However, when a driver arrives in the car park he can call them if they both have mobile phones.

### Newsletters Distribution.

From today only the oldest child in the family will receive a newsletter. This newsletter will carry a distinctive piece of clip art. Information from the Primary Head will carry a distinctive identifying motif as will that from the Secondary Coordinator. This newsletter will be sent to the website manager and should be available on the website. You will find the link at the bottom of the home page. If your child forgets the Friday newsletter you should be able to find it on the school website.

### Website

This is about to undergo a complete revision. It can be accessed on [www.kabiraschool.com](http://www.kabiraschool.com). Soon it will also be accessed by [www.kisu.com](http://www.kisu.com). You will be informed of developments.

### Apologies To Miss Macleod

Miss Macleod is one of our two wonderful Year Six teachers. Her name was left off the list of staff I sent you last week.

### Many Thanks To The PTA Committee

For arranging the recent coffee mornings for 'old' and new parents and for arranging tomorrow's School Community Picnic. From 3pm to 6pm.

### Our New School Mascot

Today our new school lion mascot was launched. He visited the Key Stage One and Two assembly. Tomorrow he will visit the Picnic area and will be available from 3.30pm to 4.00pm if anyone would like to bring their camera and have a photo taken with him for your album. He will accompany sports teams to lend his support at major events and appear at other major school events

## CHOGM

There are a couple of ideas around as to which days Chogm will affect. We were advised to accept the dates of closure in our calendar by the CHOGM Security Committee. Until formally advised by that same Committee we will follow these dates.

## PE Dept. Information From Mr Carberry.

### PE Lessons

A reminder to all students and parents that it is a school policy for hats to be worn during P.E. lessons. On swimming days (for Primary students) could parents please ensure that their child comes to school in their regular P.E. kit in case of bad weather.

### Swim Squad

All those swimmers who wish to train and be part of the KISU Swim Squad are welcome to start next week. It would be great to get a good start. There are no other clubs next week, so even if you have only signed up for one swim squad you can come to both next week while we wait for clubs to start the following week

Secondary students will swim on Mondays and Thursday while primary students will swim on Wednesday's and Fridays.

The KISU Swim Team has an excellent winning tradition and we are looking forward to another great year. See you in the pool.

## Outdoor Education

We are currently putting the final touches to our Year 9/10 trip to Kibale/Fort Portal. Please find below the costs for our different excursions.

Year	Trip	Cost
3	Jinja Outdoor Centre	100,000
4	Mabira Forest	50,000
5	Kaazi	150,000
6	Mombassa	1,320,000
7	Kaazi	150,000
8	Lake Bunyonyi	400,000
9/10	Kibale/Fort Portal	400,000

Many parents have already paid their deposit (thanks). Since the trips for Years 8 and 9/10 have changed, so too have their costs. The amounts for some of these trips are inflated; therefore, you will receive a refund if the cost of the trip is less than indicated above. Last year's parents of Years 5, 6, and 7 trips have a refund they can collect from the Bursar. Deposits for the Mombassa trip do not have to be made until second term.

## Ski Trip

Good news! We received confirmation last week that Ski Morgins has accommodation for us in one of their large chalets. As a result, we can take a few more children for our February mid-term ski trip. If you would like to go, please leave your deposit (200 US) with Abu. If you require more information about the ski trip, please stop by my (Head of Primary) office. We will be having a meeting for all parents attending the trip in early October.

Best wishes

Graham Pheby

