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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of a year always brings about reflection and a time of looking back at the achievements of the last few months. It certainly has been an unusual term, one that we would never have predicted. However, our staff and pupils have made us proud and have remained resilient, positive and engaged. Our drive on strengthening teaching and learning continues, all staff have worked hard on building on approaches to planning and classroom practice. By the end of this term all of our pupils will have been assessed, pupil progress meetings will have taken place and interventions/support identified for the Spring term.

Diversity Day

We start our end of year celebrations with Diversity Day on Tuesday 15th December. 'Learning through Diversity' serves as the school motto and some of you will be aware that this year many of our activities have celebrated the diversity that we have in school, local area and wider world. This term, Black History Month, Armistice Day, Diwali, Hannukah, Bodhi Day are a few of the events pupils have studied. Diversity Day will explore various artists from around the world. Each year group will be focusing on different countries and artists in which a variety of skills can be explored. Some of the artists include: R1 Wassily Wassilyevich Kandinsky – pointillism, R3 Ayesha Siddiqui- abstract painting, 2B Katsushika Hokusai –The Great Wave of Kanagawa... You can support your child by asking about the country, artist and art work that is being explored. In addition to this, support your child with activities prior to the 15th such as researching the artist, collating art work from the artist, making a flag to represent the country. To enhance the day further, we have organised for school lunch to reflect food from across the world and look forward to the diverse options.

Look out for our Twitter feed, where we will showcase the outcomes and experiences of our pupils.

Christmas and Festive Activities

The School Christmas Post box is up and running. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to friends at Waverley School, the free post service has begun. Remind your child to write the name and class on the envelope. We can only make deliveries to children and adults in school. Cards will remain in quarantine and will only be delivered on certain days.



The annual school Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 16th December. If you would like your child to receive a Christmas Dinner and they usually have a packed lunch, please send a payment of £2.10 to the school office by Wednesday 9th December.

'Jumper for Joy' - We will also be raising funds for 'Save the Children' and ask that all pupils make a donation of £1.00 and wear their Christmas jumper on Wednesday 16th December.

We have arranged for Hobgoblin Theatre Company to come into school on Wednesday 16th to perform a pantomime for all pupils. The performance of 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz,' will be a live stream to allow pupils to watch this within their bubbles.

Our class Christmas parties will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 17th December. Children are allowed to wear their party clothes for school. We would also be grateful if your child could bring along some packaged party

food (e.g. crisps, savouries, cakes, buns, biscuits). In order to keep all children safe from food allergies, please do not send in any homemade baked goods. Santa will be visiting each classroom with a class gift on this day.



In addition to the above, we will have Birmingham City Mission in to deliver Christmas assemblies, Year 1 nativity assembly and STAR assemblies.

Why not take part in our Christmas Library competition set by Ms. Lowes our school librarian: this year the theme is 'Christmas Stockings'. The task is to design, create or write about the history of the Christmas Stocking. Closing date: 15 December 2020.

School will end on Friday 18th December 2020, this will be half day. Primary pupils will have lunch in school before they are dismissed on this day. **To maintain the bubble concept and minimise the number of parents on site, the end of the day will be staggered as follows:**

Reception: End of day at 12:30
Year 1: End of day at 12:35
Year 2: End of the day at 12:40
Year 3: End of the day at 12:45
Year 4: End of the day at 12:50
Year 5: End of the day at 12:55
Year 6: End of the day at 1:00

It is important that your child remembers to bring home a reading book, holiday homework, login details, PE bag and any personal belongings. Through our forthcoming newsletters year groups will be sharing curriculum overviews and projects for Spring 1.

As the year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to Mr Lewis who will be leaving us to start a teaching post closer to home. On behalf of all the staff we thank him for all his work and contribution towards Waverley School – he will be missed. Sadly, we also have to say goodbye to Mrs Cain, who I know will be missed by many of you. Mrs Cain has supported all of our pupils, but particularly those with SEND and has worked tirelessly to support pupils and families. We wish Mr Lewis and Mrs Cain the best for their future careers. In January, we welcome back Mrs Sultan from maternity leave who will join Miss Robertson in R1, in the new year.

Key Dates for your diary for Spring 1

Monday 4th January 2021: Teacher Training Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 5th January 2021: Start of Spring 1 (School open to all primary pupils)
Wednesday 20th January 2021: 3A Class Assembly Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday 3rd February 2021: 4B Class Assembly Chinese New Year
Friday 5th February 2021: NSPCC's Number and Maths Enterprise Day
Tuesday 9th February 2021: Safer Internet Day
Friday 12th February 2021: End of Spring 1

Monday 22nd February 2021: Start of Spring 2

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a safe and merry festive period and look forward to welcoming back all of our families in January 2021.

Mrs Dosanjh



Head of School Primary