

13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of this term and academic year, it has certainly been a year to remember! School has been a very different place across the last twelve months, however, the children have shown us all, how resilient, adaptable and responsible they can be. Despite the national challenges, we have achieved so much and have continued to deliver a high quality education with exceptional learning experiences.

### **Curriculum, Celebrations and Change**

The last few months have certainly been rewarding for all of us. Our staff and pupils have worked incredibly hard to ensure that the curriculum experiences have been diverse, memorable and exciting. You will be able to learn more about this through our newsletters but to capture a few highlights.... We have celebrated Arts Fortnight, an opportunity for all pupils to learn more about the works of great artist and designers such as Louise Bourgeois and Kathe Kollwitz. Despite the unpredictable weather, Sports Days took place and our pupils competed in a number of sporting events and obstacle courses. Transition days and events have all been successful and have supported pupils in preparing for the year ahead.

### **Primary Uniform**

Waverley School has always promoted excellence and high aspirations in everything its pupils do. Uniform and high standards of presentation is one way of reflecting the high ambition that we have here. Over the years, the Primary uniform seems to have evolved and now in need of clarification and consistency. From September 2021 all primary pupils Year 1-6 will be expected to wear black trousers or skirt, white shirt, black jumper, black school shoes and a black/blue striped tie. Further details have been attached to this letter. The uniform and appearance of our pupils will support the ethos of our school; providing the pupils with pride to be part of the school and enabling them to act as ambassadors for the school.

### **End of Summer Term**

The last day for primary pupils will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, this will be at the normal finish time. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July will serve as a remote learning day where pupils can access learning through their known platforms or homework packs. Although, all login details to online learning such as My Maths, Times Table Rockstars...have already been communicated if you need any further details or support this should be communicated before the end of this week.

### **Farewells and Greetings**

Earlier this week our Year 6 pupils graduated and celebrated in a special ceremony to mark the end of their primary years at Waverley. I am so proud of the commitment, dedication and maturity shown by the pupils – they have all achieved so much! Our pupils as always are a credit to us and I wish them all the success for the future, whether it is here at Waverley or another setting.

As the year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Garner, Miss Ellahi, Mr Hussain, Mrs Khatun, Mrs Khan and Mr Aziz all of whom are embracing new chapters of their teaching careers. On behalf of all the staff we thank them for all their work and contribution towards Waverley School.

In September we welcome a new Vice Principal to Waverley, Mrs Simmons. Mrs Simmons is an experienced leader and is looking forward to working with the primary leadership team, staff and community. We also welcome Miss Begum, Mrs Lyons, Miss Ahmad, Miss Lane, Miss Clapham, Miss Poulter, Miss Davies and Mrs Chahal to our team.

Mrs Parveen will join us as a new primary learning mentor, she will support pupils with their learning as well as in a pastoral role.

### **Arrangements for the New Academic Year**

We will welcome all of our pupils back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. In line with DfE guidance we will resume to the usual start and end time for all of primary. School will start at 8:50am and end at 3:15pm. At the start of the day the primary gates and classroom doors will open at 8:35am and close by 8:50pm. Any child arriving on site after 8:50am will be classed as late. We want all of our pupils to be seated and ready to learn by 8:50am. Year 6 pupils will also use these gates for entry and dismissal. The route for end of day dismissal will revert back to parents using the primary gates for entering and leaving the site. Please be aware that secondary dismissal will now be at the same time as primary pupils and therefore a prompt collection would ease congestion.

### **Breakfast Club**

This will be in operation at the start of next term on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Information and guidance has been sent out to all parents, confirmation of places will be communicated with you before the end of this year.

### **Parent Pay**

As previously advised, we are no longer accepting cash or cheques in school. We are asking all parents to only use our e-payment method to pay for dinner money, breakfast club, trips, school uniform etc. This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay or make payment in cash at local stores where you can see the Pay Point logo.

We are steadily increasing the number of our families who have activated accounts but our aim is for all parents to have signed up for this. Even if your child does not pay for school dinners you will need an activated account to pay for any school trips, school uniform and any other payments.

### **Catering and Menus**

We have previously communicated details of our plans and quest for further improving school dinners. I am pleased to confirm that we have now taken on a new catering company - Mellors Catering Services who will be in operation at the start of the new year (see attached introductory letter and menus).

### **Medicines in School**

If your child/children take medication which is either prescribed or off the counter and required in school, please can you bring medication/s to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Medication/inhalers should be in its original packaging and if prescribed it should have your child's name on it. Please see the school nurse, Ms Mahon for a consent form to be signed in order for medication to be administered in school.

### **Key Dates for your Diary:**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021: Teacher Training Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021: Teacher Training Day

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021: School opens for all pupils**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Year 3 Stone/Iron Age workshop & Year 4 Ancient Greece workshop

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Year 2 SATs Parent Meeting 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Primary Photograph Day

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Year 1 Parent Workshop Phonics and Reading 8:35am - 9:20am

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Year 5 Viking Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Reception children in school full time

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021: Reception Parent workshop: Phase 2 Phonics and motor skills 8:35am - 9:20am

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021: International Day of Peace 5A Class Assembly Wednesday 8:50am - 09:10am

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021: Year 4 Walsall Art Gallery

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Start of Black History Month

Week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Year 6 visit Buddhist Pagoda

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Year 1 & 2 Parent workshop: Phonics catch-up 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Black History 2A Class Assembly 8:50am - 09:10am

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021: EYFS Reception Parent workshop: Early Maths 8:35am - 9:20am

Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021: Year 1 visit Twycross Zoo

Wednesday 6/10-08/10/21: Year 2 Virtual Safety Seymour (Carbon monoxide safety) sessions

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Year 1 & 2 Parent workshop: Phase 5 Phonics 3:15am - 4:00pm

Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021: Year 2 visit a local church

Finally, Eid Mubarak to all of our families who will be celebrating, enjoy this time and the summer break with your loved ones. Please remain safe, look after one another and have a well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

*S. Dosanjh*

Mrs Dosanjh

Principal

**Waverley School – Primary**