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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had such a successful start to this academic year and this is due to the hard work of our staff and pupils, whom I am so proud of. This half term our pupils have been immersed in the world of the Welsh National Opera, where they have experienced the power, drama and raw emotion of opera! Pupils have also engaged with a number of visits such as Twycross Zoo and Birmingham City Cathedral all of which have further supported their learning. Our workshops, Safety Seymour, Stone and Iron Age and Ancient Greeks have all allowed hands on and first hand experiences. As some of the Covid restrictions have eased pupils have been able to partake in a number of sporting activities and tournaments – well done to those who participated!

Harvest

Some of you may have seen on our Twitter feed the generous donations that we have received from our community for our Harvest collection. Can I thank all parents for such generosity and care for our wider community; all donations have now been collected by Birmingham City Mission who will distribute to charities around Birmingham.

Consultation to the Start and End of the Day

Thank you for those of you who shared your thoughts and views on this matter. The vast majority of parents could see the logic and benefits in Primary pupils starting school at 8:40 and ending the day at 3:05. Now the consultation has ended, we are in a position from 1st November to follow these timings. Primary gates will open at 8:25 and close at 8:40. Any pupil arriving after 8:40 will be marked as late. At the end of the school day, Primary gates will open at 3:05 and close at 3:20. Any secondary pupils collecting younger siblings will need to be prompt. In the cases where secondary pupils are collecting younger siblings it is essential that these pupils are reminded of conduct and expectations on the primary site. Any student without a sibling collection badge will not be allowed on site.

Parents' Evening & Book Fair

Details regarding the forthcoming Parents' Evening have been communicated with all parents and by now all appointments should have been confirmed. During this week, we will have Scholastic Book Fair in which will be accessible to all pupils and parents from 3:15 to 5:45 on the Tuesday and Wednesday in the Primary dining hall. Please come and have a look as we want all of our children reading and developing a love of books!

Parent Workshops

There are a number of parent workshops planned for Autumn two. Details of these are in the year group newsletters which have been sent out this week.

Reception Places 2022-2023

We have a virtual website full of information about the school including a tour, seeing examples of lessons in progress and frequently asked parental questions.

The link: <https://www.onlineopenevening.co.uk/waverleyschool>

If you have any questions about Reception enrolment for September 2022, please email the enquiry team on enquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk and the team will ensure that the most appropriate member of staff answers your query.

Staying Safe

As we are approaching the half term break, can we use this as an opportunity to remind our children of the importance of safety. The evenings are drawing in earlier and it is getting darker, it is essential that you are aware of the whereabouts of your child. We are all know that at times there are shows and games that become popular and spread across various online platforms. However, these are not always suitable or age appropriate. At times, some of these shows and games depict violence and risk to young people. Please can I ask that as parents you are aware of what your child is viewing and monitor this rigorously. We want all of our pupils to return safely to school on Monday 1st November. Please remind your child about the high expectations of behavior, manners and conduct in school.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Monday 01/11/21: Start of Autumn 2 **(8:40 start)**

Week commencing Monday 01/11: Scholastic Book Fair in School 3:15-5:45

Tuesday 02/11 & Wednesday 03/11: Parents' Evenings 3:15-6:00

Wednesday 03/11: Diwali Lunch

Thursday 04/11: Years 5 & 6 Drug Awareness Assembly PC Cooper

Wednesday 10/11: Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

Thursday 11/11: Remembrance Day

Thursday 11/11: Years 3 & 4 Drug Awareness Assembly PC Cooper

Thursday 11/11: Start of the Self Esteem & Confidence Programme –Bordesley Green Allotments

Monday 15/11: Year 6 at National Justice Museum

Thursday 18/11: Anti Bullying Workshops

Thursday 18/11: Photograph Day

Friday 19/11: Children in Need Day (£1.00 donation to wear spots and stripes)

Week commencing 22/11: Year 2 Particles Scientist Workshop

Thursday 25/11: Year 6 at Birmingham Hippodrome - The Nutcracker

Monday 06/12: Hanukah Lunch

Tuesday 14/12: EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 15/12: Pantomime in School –Wind in the Willows

Wednesday 15/12: Christmas Lunch

Friday 17/12: Final day for all pupils (half day)

As always, thank you for your continued support. I wish you an enjoyable and restful half term and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back safely on Monday 1st November.

Yours sincerely

S. Dosanjh

Mrs Dosanjh

Principal

Waverley School – Primary Phase