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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are approaching the end of this term, I would like to thank you all for your support and commitment to the school and local community. This commitment has also been seen from our pupils, who this term have worked hard despite some of the Covid challenges we still continue to face. Our pupils have remained focused and happy in school, as is reflected in the recent Ofsted Report. We are proud that our school was judged as a Good school and thank all pupils, parents and staff for the determination and drive to further improve.

Cultural Capital and Curriculum

This term, our pupils have embraced the many opportunities and experiences which all add to the cultural capital and learning beyond the curriculum. Our Year 6 pupils visited the ballet for the first time ever and were immersed by the Royal Ballet performance of *The Nutcracker* – ‘*enchanting tale, magical, unique production and captivated*’ were just a few words from our pupils! Earlier this half term, our Year 3 pupils visited *Roots and Branches* as part of their work on Romans, they built aqueducts and learnt about the Roman way of life. Year 1 pupils made a trip to the local Asda to learn all about the origins of food. Pupils were fortunate to have received a private tour – including the warehouse and food stores. We are grateful for the food contributions from Asda which supported the food tasting session back at school!

Our Safeguarding curriculum has been further enhanced by the work of PC Cooper who has delivered key assemblies on Drug Awareness and Safer Stranger. This partnership with PC Cooper has allowed for some of our Year 5 pupils engaging in self-esteem and confidence programme which involved orienteering, obstacle courses and horticultural activities. Anti-Bullying week was marked by a number of assemblies and workshops, the theme of kindness permeated throughout all discussions and activities. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

Please refer to our Phase Newsletters to gain further insight into what our children have been learning.

Fun and Festivities

We have had an exciting festive week, with performances, pantomime and our special Christmas Dinner. Thank you to everyone who donated to Save the Children fund by encouraging your children to wear their Christmas Jumper this week. We are pleased to have raised £243.48. Our talented musicians performed last week in a number of concerts, a special well done to Year 4 and our electives who showed their skill and expertise! This week has been the start of our STAR Assemblies – a special well done to all STARS, you continue to be a credit to Waverley! It was lovely to see parents back in school and a part of our celebrations.

Attendance and Punctuality

Although, we have not quite met the school target of 97%, attendance figures across primary are looking better than previous years. Thank you, for your support with this and ensuring that all pupils are in school every day. Attendance data is shared with pupils on a regular basis, last half term our winning classes 2B and 5C visited Scallywags, Indoor Play Centre as part of a reward. Winning classes for Autumn 2 will visit Snowdome at the start of the new year. Punctuality across Primary needs to be further improved, we expect all of our pupils to be in and seated by 8:40am. It is for this reason, that our gates open at 8:25am – and remember this is when teaching and learning starts! Any child who is regularly late, misses out on morning focus activities – this is usually basic skills and time to apply or consolidate on reading, handwriting, spelling and Maths.

End of Day Dismissal

If your child is in Years 4, 5 and 6 dismissal, is from the MUGA. Please can I remind parents that you need to walk to the staff member to collect your child. Beckoning from afar or sending messages via other adults will not be accepted as parental approval for collection. As part of our safeguarding procedures all parents will need to collect pupils directly from the class teacher or adults supporting.

This term, we have noticed that the number of pupils being collected late on a regular basis are rising. This is unfair on staff as on many nights there are meetings and other planned commitments. Our gates close at 3:20pm and this is the time all pupils should be collected by. Any parent who has delegated this responsibility to a secondary sibling must remind older children to arrive at the primary site on time. If these pupils are regularly late the responsibility will fall back on parents concerned.

End of Term

As the year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to Mr Suman and Miss Ahmad who will be leaving us to start a teaching post closer to home. We also say farewell to Mrs Parveen, our learning mentor who has taken up a post elsewhere. On behalf of all the staff we thank them for all their work and contribution towards Waverley School.

As we get closer to the end of term, it is important that your child is prepared for the break and remembers to bring home a reading book, holiday homework, login details, PE bag and any personal belongings. School will finish for primary on Friday 17th December at 12:15pm.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Friday 17/12/21: End of Autumn 2 Primary pupils end at 12:15pm

Tuesday 04/01/22: Teacher Training Day (School closed to pupils)

Wednesday 05/01/22: Start of Spring 1 – All pupils in school

Wednesday 12/01/22: Year 1 Parent Workshop –Supporting with English 3:20-4:00pm Year 1 Classrooms

Wednesday 12/01/22: Reception Parent Workshop –Phonics Primary Hall 3:20-4:00pm

Thursday 20/01/22: 3A Class Assembly 8:40-9:00am Martin Luther King

Wednesday 26/01/22: Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 03/02/22: 4B Class Assembly 8:40-9:00am Chinese New Year

Friday 11/02/22: Safer Internet Day

Friday 18/02/22: End of Spring 1

Monday 28/02/22: 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 2022.

Yours sincerely,

S. Dosanjh

Mrs Dosanjh

Principal

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