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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of a very productive Spring Term, I have been impressed with the quality of enrichment activities and learning that has taken place. The Phase and PE newsletters will give you a flavour of the vast opportunities and experiences of our pupils. To name a few, early on this half term Year 5 stepped back in time through 900 years of history in Tamworth Castle and some of our Reception pupils had their first ever encounter with farm animals at Ash End Farm, Year 4 were immersed in the beautiful Elizabethan house and architecture of the Tudor period at Blakesley Hall and Year 2 gained a fascinating insight into the rich heritage of the nation's favourite chocolate brand Cadbury's.

We continue to promote sports and PE across the school and wider curriculum. A special well done to the Girls' Football Team who have reached two finals this year! Our year 4 pupils recently took part in a football festival at Aston Villa F.C. which was a great opportunity for them to visit and use the facilities of such a prestigious football club. Without a doubt, the pedometers have been creating some healthy competition in school as well as increasing those steps!

### **Statutory Assessments**

The summer term is an important term for all of our pupils as this is a period of assessments. Statutory assessments will take place for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 pupils in May/June. Details of these will be sent out separately but it is essential that pupils attend school every day, arrive equipped to learn and consistently carry out homework and additional learning activities. We want all pupils to achieve their potential and for this reason have once again offered Easter holiday Booster sessions for some of these year groups. If you have not returned the consent forms, please do so as soon as possible.

### **Ramadan, Grand Iftaar and Eid**

We are now in the holy month of Ramadan a period of prayer, fasting, self-control, charity-giving and goodwill to others. Ramadan is a time of self-reflection and a time for all of us to think of cleansing the whole self through prayer and reflection throughout the day to have a positive impact on us as individuals and as a community. As previously communicated, it is only our Years 5 and 6 pupils where parents have provided written consent who should be fasting. If at any point, there are any signs of dehydration or a child is feeling unwell they will need to drink water or break the fast.

We will soon be inviting our families to the Waverley Education Foundation 'The Grand Iftaar' on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 7:30pm -9:30pm. The event will take place in the main hall at Waverley School. The Grand Iftaar brings parents, the community and staff together to break their fast during Ramadan and will include performances from some of our primary and secondary students. All money raised through this year's event will be donated to support the Trust nominated charity, Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF). ACEF is a volunteer-led charity that aims to advance the education and health of 900 plus vulnerable children who attend the Brainhouse Academy situated in Mathare North, Kenya – one of the world's most deprived areas. The school was established to help educate street children, vulnerable children and children of families who could not afford the cost of education. Our support is at the heart of our core values of Humanity, Equality, Aspiration and Respect.

Eid will fall early May and it is important to remember that only **one day's absence is authorised** for your child to celebrate with you. Please do not keep your child off from school for more than one day. There will be an Eid lunch for all pupils during that week and it will be on this day pupils can come into school wearing their Eid attire.

### **Lunchtime Provision and Pastoral**

We are fortunate to have grown our lunchtime supervisor team and now have fourteen new staff members in primary supporting lunch times. Our new team have recently received training on games and activities, this will enhance the provision for our children. In addition to this, we have two new learning mentors who will support with the pastoral provision across school. To further develop pupil leadership some of our pupils have been trained as Sports Ambassadors to help deliver games and activities during lunchtimes.

### **Comic Relief and Charity**

Thank you to all donations received for Red Nose Day, we managed to collect a Trust total of £1,061.00 with primary raising £514.81 of this total – well done! This is a month of giving and thinking of others, we should offer our thoughts and prayers to those who are suffering and less fortunate than ourselves.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all parents and families for their support. We wish all of our parents and community Ramadan Mubarak and Happy Easter. I wish you all a restful and safe break and look forward to having all the pupils back in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Friday 08/04/22: End of Spring 2 (finish at the normal school time)

**Monday 25/04/22: Start of Summer 1 – All pupils return to school**

Monday 25/04/22: St George's Day

Wednesday 27/04/22: EYFS & Year 1 Parent Workshops: Helping Your Child Succeed

Thursday 28/04/22: 4C Class Assembly Ramadan 8:50-9:10

Thursday 28/04/22: KS1 Class Attendance Reward- Cinema Star City (class tbc)

Thursday 28/04/22: Grand Iftaar Trust Event 7:30-9:30

Friday 29/04/22: KS2 Class Attendance Reward- Cinema Star City (class tbc)

Monday 02/05/22: May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 03/05/22: Eid (tbc)

Wednesday 04/05/22: Eid Celebration Lunch

Monday 09/05/22-Friday 13/05/22: Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 Assessment Week

Thursday 12/05/22-Thursday 26/05/22: Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 Assessments

Thursday 26/05/22: 3A Class Assembly Queen's Platinum Jubilee 8:50-9:10

Friday 27/05/22: A Royal Tea Party –Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Friday 27/05/22: End of Summer 1

Monday 06/06/22: Start of Summer 2

Yours sincerely,

*S. Dosanjh*

Mrs Dosanjh

Principal

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