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Dear Parents/Carers,

Community Events & An Engaging Curriculum

Earlier this term, the Waverley Trust Grand Iftaar event was a real success. It allowed our Waverley family and community to come together to break the fast during Ramadan and included performances from some of our pupils. There was a real sense of community and we would like to thank all who supported and attended. A total of £2231.65 was raised on the day, thank you for your generosity and support. It is a great and significant amount for a charity like ACEF and it will support their ongoing work.

As part of our curriculum enrichment, Year 3 pupils visited Singers Hill Synagogue. Pupils had the opportunity to tour around one of the UK's most beautiful and historic synagogue. The visit allowed for further insight into Jewish worship and community life in Birmingham. Last week, our Year 5 pupils visited the Shree Hindu Community Centre, here they were able to reflect on the Waverley HEAR values and appreciate the importance of respect towards one another regardless of beliefs. After a tour, our pupils were able to learn directly from the priest about Hinduism and the significance of special rituals.

Look out for our Phase newsletters which will provide you with a good insight into what our pupils have been learning.

This week we will be the start of the CAT parent Awareness course which will be held at Waverley School. These sessions will continue into Summer 2 and are specifically designed to support parents who want to increase their understanding of autism and is open to those where children have a diagnosis of autism. Other events for this week, includes our special STARS assemblies which will celebrate the efforts and achievements of pupils and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Statutory Assessments

Thank you for your support during this period; we are proud of the way our pupils have approached their statutory assessments in Year 6 and 2. Staff have worked hard to overcome the obstacles of Covid and lost learning time to ensure all pupils were supported and motivated to reach their full potential.

Transition and Pupil Places

As we look ahead to the final part of this academic year, there are a few events and dates that need to be noted (see below). Transition will be a key focus for Summer 2, we have built in opportunities for pupils to start this early on. All of our Year 5 pupils will spend a morning at Waverley Secondary to gain an insight into the Year 7 curriculum, subjects and expectations. Remember, if you want your child to attend Waverley Secondary in September 2023 you will not need to apply elsewhere as our primary pupils automatically transfer into the secondary. Further information around this and Year 6 Transition will be communicated early on in Summer 2.

We have previously communicated that pupil places are available in our current Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. To apply for **primary places** please contact the Admissions team at Waverley School. To apply for **Reception places for September 2022** please visit: <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> or contact our Admissions team at school.

Communication

To further facilitate communication and ensure that queries are directed to the appropriate teams, we have now set up a SEND enquiry box for parents with SEND queries (sendenquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk). These emails will go directly to the SEND team who will be able to communicate responses directly to parents.

Out of School Hours & Keeping Safe

We are finding that some parents or older siblings are dropping our primary pupils off before 8:25am (at the secondary end). This is a concern because primary gates do not open until 8:25am and these pupils remain unsupervised until staff are on duty at 8:25am. Supervision before 8:25am is the responsibility of parents and therefore it is essential that all parents (and older siblings if this responsibility is delegated) remain with the pupils until the gates open.

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 weather is warming up and children may spend more time outdoors. It is essential that you are aware of the whereabouts of your child and reiterate stranger danger, risks of canals and other areas that may pose risks. This also includes monitoring any games and online platforms that your child maybe using to ensure that they are age appropriate.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Friday 27/05/22: End of Summer 1

Monday 06/06/22: Start of Summer 2 School open to all pupils

Monday 06/06/22: Statutory Year 4 Standard Multiplication Table Check starts

Wednesday 08/06/22: EYFS Parent Workshop Early Learning Goals and Reporting

Wednesday 08/06/22-Friday 10/06/22: Statutory Year 1 Phonics Screening

Thursday 09/06/22: 5C Class Assembly 8:50-9:10 World Environment Day

Thursday 09/06/22: Attendance Reward Trip KS1 (class tbc)

Friday 10/06/22: Attendance Reward Trip KS2 (class tbc)

Friday 17/06/22: Reception out at Sea Life Centre

Wednesday 22/06/22: Year 4 4A & 4B Birmingham Canal trip

Thursday 23/06/22: 2C Class Assembly 8:50-9:10 World Humanist Day

Monday 27/06/22-01/07/22 Arts Week

Wednesday 29/06/22: Year 4 4C Birmingham Canal trip

Thursday 30/06/22: 1C Class Assembly 8:50-9:10 Diversity

Monday 04/07/22: Class Swap (pupils to meet 2022-2023 class teacher)

Tuesday 05/07/22: Year 2 out at Weston Super Mare

Tuesday 05/07/22: Year 6 Sports Day (am)/Year 5 Sports Day (pm)

Wednesday 06/07/22: Year 4 Sports Day (am)/Year 3 Sports Day (pm)

Wednesday 06/07/22: Ukulele/Guitar Concert Class 4B & Y5,6 Electives 1:30-2:30 Primary Hall

Thursday 07/07/22: Year 1 Sports Day (am)/Year 2 Sports Day (pm)

Friday 08/07/22: Reception Sports Day (am)/Resource Base Sports Day (pm)

Friday 08/07/22: Annual End of Year Reports to parents

Monday 11/07/22: Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 12/07/22: Parents Evening 3:15-6:00

Tuesday 12/07/22-14/07/22: Reception New Intake Play and Stay sessions

Thursday 14/07/22: Clarinet Concert Class 4C & Y5,6 Electives 2:00pm-3:00pm Primary Hall

Friday 15/07/22: Reception New Intake Parent Seminars (Supporting my Child's Emotional Well-Being and Phonics)

Monday 18/07/22: Reception End of Year Show

Monday 18/07/22: Violin Concert Class 4A & Y5,6 Electives 2:00pm-3:00pm Primary Hall

Monday 18/07/22: Attendance Reward Trips (class tbc)

Tuesday 19/07/22: **End of Summer 2 Final day for all pupils. Primary ends at 12:15/Secondary ends at 12:30**

Finally, school will close to all pupils on Friday 27th May at the normal time. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a safe and restful break with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back on Monday 6th June at the usual start times.

Yours sincerely,

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