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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw close to the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Our whole school community has worked tirelessly to ensure that we continue to provide the highest level of educational as well as personal support for all of our pupils and families.

Sharing Successes!

There is no doubt about it, our pupils have worked hard and end of year results shows good progress. We are proud of the fact that despite a turbulent couple of years our Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 results shows that pupils are attaining in line with or above local and national averages in all subjects. This is a result of the hard work from all pupils and staff along with the support from parents.

This year we have had over twenty educational visits and trips taking place – this does not include the additional workshops in school! We know how invaluable these opportunities and experiences are for our pupils. The rich, hands on experiences provides our children with lasting memories and new learning. Some of the recent trips have included Reception taking a walk through the ocean tunnel at National Sea Life Centre, Year 2 having fun on the sandy beach of Weston-super-Mare, Year 6 experiencing the exhilarating rides of Drayton Manor and Year 4 taking a boat ride along the most intricate canal networks in the world.

It was lovely to see so many of you attend the recent Sports Day events – the weather was on our side! We were delighted to have Danielle Brown, a world-renowned athlete attend Waverley. Danielle is five times world champion, twice Paralympic champion and once common wealth games champion. She commented positively on the sporting enthusiasm and drive our pupils showed.

Parent Voice

Senior leaders and staff at the school are always striving towards providing excellence for all of our pupils. Parent voice and feedback is a crucial part of our school improvement and for this reason, a parent questionnaire was sent out at the start of this week. All completed questionnaires should be returned to school by Monday 18th July.

Primary Uniform

Many of you will be aware that the Government has published new statutory guidance on uniform. The main aim is that uniform is more affordable for parents. You will recall that last year, we simplified our primary uniform and removed all branding from items and ensured there was just one design for the tie and summer dress. To further reduce costs, we are proposing we take away all branded items from our current PE kit. At the moment, the expectation is that pupils wear a Waverley branded blue polo t-shirt and fleece. We would like this to be a **plain white t-shirt and black fleece**, which should be accessible from all retailers. If you have any view on this, please email enquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk before the end of Friday 15th July 2022.

Government guidance also highlights the need for schools to ensure that arrangements are in place to make second hand uniform available to parents. If your child has outgrown his/her uniform or finished the end of their primary years and you wish to donate this to school, please forward all items to the primary administrative team. Please aim to wash all items of clothing before they are handed in. Details of how to purchase second hand uniform will be shared with you in September.

End of Summer Term

The last day for pupils will be Tuesday 19th July, school will end at 12:15pm for all primary pupils. Pupils who normally receive a school dinner will be provided brunch. Pupils who normally have a packed lunch should bring in a mid-morning snack/light lunch.

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 Miss Zamir who will be moving onto a promotion. Miss Zamir has been with the Waverley family for over five years and during her time here has shown dedication and commitment to the school. We also say farewell to Mrs Zia who is embracing new adventures abroad, Mr Moreno who is moving back to Spain, Mrs Younus who is relocating closer to home and Mrs Safdar who has been a teaching assistant at Waverley for a number of years has decided to leave the education sector. On behalf of all the staff, we thank them for all their work and contribution towards Waverley School.

Although, not directly relating to Primary, sadly we also say *au revoir* to Mrs Lloyd, Principal of the Secondary Phase. On behalf of Primary, I would like to thank Mrs Lloyd for her hard work, passion and commitment to the school over the last 13 years. Mrs Lloyd will be missed by all and we wish her the very best for the future.

In September, we welcome Miss Smith, Miss Hanif and Miss Vryaparj to our team. Mrs Khatun and Mrs Whittingham will join us as learning mentors.

Arrangements for the New Academic Year

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September will be teacher-training days and therefore school will be closed to pupils. Doors will open to all pupils at 8:25am on Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Medicines in School

If over the summer break, your child/children have been given medication which is either prescribed or off the counter and required in school, please can you bring medication/s to school on Wednesday 7th 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 Redpath for a consent form to be signed in order for medication to be administered in school.

Key Dates for your Diary:

19/07/22: End of Summer 2 Primary Pupils will finish at 12:15pm

Monday 05/09/22 & Tuesday 06/09/22: Teacher Training Days School closed to pupils

Wednesday 07/09/22: Start of Autumn 1 School open to all pupils

Wednesday 07/09/22: Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting Primary Hall 3:15-3:45

Thursday 08/09/22: Year 3 Stone/Iron Age Culture Day

Friday 09/09/22: Year 4 Workshop & Greek Culture Day

Monday 12/09/22: Year 5 Viking Culture Day

Monday 12/09/22: Year 2 SATs Parent Meeting Primary Hall 3:15-3:45

Wednesday 14/09/22: Reception-Year 6 Photograph Day

Monday 19/09/22: Year 1 Phonics Screen Check Meeting Primary Hall 3:15-3:45

Tuesday 20/09/22: Year 4 out at Walsall Art Gallery

Wednesday 21/09/22: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting Primary Hall 3:15-3:45

Thursday 22/09/22: 5A Class Assembly International Day of Peace Primary Hall 08:40-09:00

Monday 26/09/22: Start of Black History Month

Monday 26/09/22: Year 6 visiting Buddhist Pagoda

Monday 26/09/22: PC Cooper in school –Drugs Awareness Assembly Years 5 & 6
Thursday 29/09/22: 2A Class Assembly Black History Month Primary Hall 08:40-09:00
Week commencing 03/10/22: Year 1 visiting Twycross Zoo
Week commencing 03/10/22: Resource Base pupils visiting Stratford Butterfly Farm
Monday 03/10/22: Reception New Intake (2023-2024) Open Day
Thursday 06/10/22: National Poetry Day
Tuesday 11/10/22: Classes 2A & 2B visiting St Pauls Cathedral
Thursday 13/10/22: Class 2C visiting St Pauls Cathedral
Tuesday 18/10/22: Year 6 visiting Ackers
Friday 21/10/22: Hinduism Day/Diwali Celebration Themed Lunch
Friday 21/10/22: End of Autumn 1

Looking Ahead....

Monday 31/10/22: Start of Autumn 2
Tuesday 01/11/22 & Wednesday 02/11/22: Parents' Evenings 3:15-6:00

Finally, enjoy 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,

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Principal
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