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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. We have achieved so much as a community – our parent workshops continue to be a success, the parent classes have been well attended as have the recent Parents' Evenings with 90% of you meeting with teachers. Can I also thank you for your generosity this term, we managed an impressive Harvest donation for Birmingham City Mission and your compassion was also reflected in the total raised for Children in Need, we raised a total of £700 across the school.

Our pupils have also excelled this term. I have been most impressed with our Year 6 Ghost stories where our pupils demonstrated the ability to create mood, suspense and horror- the stories would have you gripped in fear! Year 4 have been writing non-chronological reports on one of the most influential civilisations - Ancient Greece. Pupils have explored the ancient Greek religion, architecture and democracy. Our Year 5 pupils have been captivated by 'Survivor Escape from Pompeii' and as a result have written newspaper reports to convey the extreme volcanic eruption.

As always, we have been very fortunate to have arranged a number of educational visits. Year 6 visited the National Justice Museum where they performed a case trial in a Victorian courtroom, which they thoroughly enjoyed! The ultimate snow, leisure and ice experience was certainly a highlight for our Resource Base pupils where they faced the huge snow slide as well as dodged the snowballs. As part of Design Technology, our 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!

This half term, we have had a number of workshops taking place, we started the half term with the Great Fire of London workshop for Year 2. Pupils were taken into the past to the tragic events of 1666 and through drama empathised with characters and their actions. Safety Seymour allowed for an interactive session on carbon monoxide and the ways to keep safe from smoke. Year 2 took on the role of scientists with their Particles workshop – they were intrigued with the slime making! We have ended this term with the Year 3 Roman day, in which pupils built aqueducts, created mosaic designs and learnt to play some Roman games.

Our Primary Newsletter will give you further insight into what our children have been learning.

### **Christmas and Festive Activities**

The School Christmas Post box is up and running. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to friends at Waverley School, the free post service has begun. Remind your child to write the name and class on the envelope. We can only make deliveries to children and adults in school.



The annual school Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to receive a Christmas Dinner and they usually have a packed lunch, please send a payment of £2.05 to the school office by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

We will also be raising funds for Save the Children and Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF) and ask that all pupils make a donation of £1.00 and wear their Christmas jumper on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Our class Christmas parties will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children are allowed to wear their party clothes for school. We would also be grateful if your child could bring along some packaged party food (e.g. savouries, cakes, buns, biscuits). In order to keep all children safe from food allergies, please do not send in any homemade baked goods. Santa will be visiting each classroom with a class gift on this day.



Why not take part in our Christmas Library competition set by Ms. Lowes our school librarian: this year the theme is 'Christmas is Coming... The task is to create a Christmas card with a well-crafted verse inside. Closing date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**Key Dates for your Diary:**

Friday 16/12/22: **End of Autumn Term. School finishes for primary at 12:15 (secondary will finish at 12:30)**

**Tuesday 03/01/23: Start of Spring 1 Teacher Training Day – School Closed to pupils**

Wednesday 04/01/23: All pupils in school

Thursday 05/01/23: EYFS/KS1 Attendance Reward Trip to Snowdome – Class tbc

Friday 06/01/23: KS2 Attendance Reward Trip to Snowdome – Class tbc

Friday 13/01/23: Year 2 visiting Eco Park

Thursday 19/01/23: 3A Class Assembly Martin Luther King Day 8:40-9:00

Wednesday 23/01/23: Parents' Meeting EYFS & Year 1 Bring Back Bedtime Stories 3:15-3:45

Thursday 26/01/23: 4B Class Assembly Chinese New Year 8:40-9:00

Friday 03/02/23: NSPCC's Number Day and Maths Enterprise Day

Tuesday 14/02/23: Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 15/02/23: Buddhism Day themed lunch Nirvana

**Friday 17/02/23: End of Spring 1**

**Monday 27/02/23: Start of Spring 2. All pupils in school**

At this point the year, more than ever do we reflect on how fortunate we are and how we can support those around us who are in need. This is a time for humanity, care and consideration of our school and wider community- a small gesture, act of kindness and thoughtful words can go a long way.

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 2023.

Yours sincerely,

*S. Dosanjh*

Mrs Dosanjh  
Principal Waverley School – Primary