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Dear Parents/Carers,

Cultural Capital and Wider Experiences at Waverley School

This half term, our pupils have been fortunate to have experienced a vast range of educational visits and first hand experiences. Year 1 pupils visited the National Space Centre where they were able to learn more about space exploration, see real life rockets, astronaut suits and a model of the International Space Station! Year 5 pupils have been immersed in history and heritage at Tamworth Castle whilst Year 6 pupils have been mesmerised by one of the greatest of all romantic ballets – Swan Lake. Earlier this term, Year 2 took their learning outside to the Eco Park and explored different types of habitats, pupils were amazed by the variety of plant life and wonders of the natural world.

We are proud of the musical experiences our children have had this half term, pupils in Years 5 and 6 visited Resorts World Arena to take part in the national singing project Young Voices. The pupils who took part were members of the Waverley Choir and had been practising a variety of songs for the event. They were singing along with 6000 other children and some celebrities including Heather Small, the song "Proud". It was an exciting and overwhelming experience for the pupils and staff. The Kimichi Symphony Orchestra left us all in awe, thank you to those of you who attended, the musicians and conductor were very informative and we all learnt so much about the music being played and instruments.

Working with West Midlands Police

Our work with West Midlands Police continues, there have been assemblies on knife crime which have reiterated the risks and dangers of carrying weapons. The Police have also worked with some of our Year 5 pupils on a project to further raise self-esteem and confidence, pupils have engaged in a number of team building activities such as raft building and problem solving challenges. Later this term, some of our pupils will be trained as Junior PCSO's where they will work with Community Officers, to learn more about looking after the local environment and understanding the traffic warden role.

Community and Charity Events

At the end of last term, we hosted our very first Ladies Night – this proved to be a huge success. Feedback from the community demonstrated how appreciative they were to have a night of enjoyment, one where the whole community came together, celebrated and raised funds. We managed to raise an impressive £600 and all donations went to Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF). More recently, we had Number Day across Primary where a total of £253.69 was raised for National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). Look out for details on Ramadan Challenge and Red Nose Day in early Spring 2.

Ramadan

Many members of our community will shortly be following the religious observance of Ramadan. It is predicted to start around the latter part of March. Whilst we would discourage the younger pupils to fast, if your child is in Years 5 and 6 and you want him/her to fast please confirm this in writing to your child's teacher or by completing the section at the end of this letter. We are happy to provide supervision for pupils who are fasting, and keep them inside to rest for most of the lunch break, but only if we have confirmation that this is your wish.

During Ramadan it is important that all pupils maintain high levels of attendance and punctuality.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 21st March and Wednesday 22nd March. Details regarding this will have been sent out earlier this week.

Parent Partnership and Parent Voice

Thank you to those of you who have attended our class assemblies, special STAR assemblies and workshops, your support is much appreciated. Next half term, we will be sending out a parent survey to gain further insight into your views and feedback. As always, this will support us in further strengthening the home-school partnership.

World Book Day

As many of you will know we are continuing to have a huge focus on reading across the school. We have invested in purchasing a number of reading books, online programmes and phonics resources all to further support reading. Reading is a high priority across the curriculum and school day. To support us further, can we ask parents to regularly ask their child about the books that they are reading in school and aim to continue this at home. The recently communicated 'Recommended Reads' will guide parents with what children should be reading. We want all of our children to develop a passion for reading and a love of literature. Our celebrations on Thursday 2nd March will further support us with this – all pupils are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character, create a 'book in a box' and meet the author Billy Bob Buttons!

Attendance and Punctuality

It is very important that parents, carers and families do all they can to ensure that no day is missed in a child's education and that every child arrives on time to school. Improving pupil attendance, is a key school priority, I highly encourage all families to also make excellent attendance to school a priority. This also applies to punctuality, we need all of our pupils in school and learning by 8:40am. If your child is still walking through the gates at 8:40am or entering via main reception – they are late and will have missed out on 15 minutes of morning focus activities – a time where teachers use this as an opportunity to consolidate and apply learning.

Healthy Eating School

Thank you for your support in ensuring our children bring in fruit and healthy snacks for morning and lunch break. We will continue to promote this and therefore, pupils should not be bringing in crisps, sweets and chocolates into school – this includes having them on site at the end of a school day.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Friday 17th February 2023 End of Spring 1

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

Thursday 02/03/23: World Book Day

Thursday 02/03/23: EYFS & KS1 Attendance Trip Pizza Hut, Star City 12:00-3:00. Class tbc

Thursday 02/03/23: Year 2 out at Cadbury's World 9:00-3:00

Friday 03/03/23: KS2 Attendance Trip Pizza Hut, Star City 12:00-3:00. Class tbc

Monday 06/03/23: EYFS Ash End Farm Trip

Friday 17/03/23: Red Nose Day

Monday 20/03/23: 3B Class Assembly: World Water Day Water Safety 8:40-9:00

Tuesday 21/03/23: Parents' Evening 3:20-6:00

Wednesday 22/03/23: Parents' Evening 3:20-6:00

Monday 27/03/23: 1C Class Assembly: Easter 8:40-9:00

Tuesday 28/03/23: Year 5 & 6 STARS Assembly 8:40-9:30

Wednesday 29/03/23: Year 3 & 4 STARS Assembly 8:40-9:30

Thursday 30/03/23: Year 1 & 2 STARS Assembly 8:40-9:30

Friday 31/03/23: End of Spring 2

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

Finally, on behalf of the Waverly team, thank you for all the positive feedback, support and encouragement you have provided this half term. I wish you all a happy, safe and restful break.

Yours sincerely,

S. Dosanjh

Mrs Dosanjh

Principal Waverley School – Primary

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Ramadan/Fasting

Parental Consent for Year 5 and 6 Pupils only

I, (parent/guardian.....)authorise my child/ren to fast. I understand that if such a situation arises where my child feels unwell or dehydrated my child will need to drink water/break the fast. Please return the completed form to class teachers.

Full name of primary child	Year Group KS2	Class

Date:

Signature of parent: