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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are approaching the end of the Spring term I would like share how proud I am of the achievements of our pupils. There has been a real drive and intense focus on high quality outcomes- pupils have been excited about their learning and enthused about sharing their work and experiences. Our Resource Base pupils learnt how Ramadan/Eid is celebrated based on the sighting of the moon. They then had the opportunity to experience art through sight and sound to make their own art work inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. Reception pupils have been inspired by the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and have baked their own bread to make sandwiches. Year 2 have used the memorable trip to Cadbury's World to write formal letters to Mr Willy Wonka. Jules Verne, 'Around the World in 80 Days' has stimulated ideas and creativity amongst our Year 5 pupils who are now writing their own journey tales. Their writing has taken them all over the world and transported them to new places! Year 6 pupils were visited by PC Cooper and explored the issues of bullying and violence, the different ways in which bullying and violence can occur and how to recognise it.

Our Trust and Primary newsletters will give you further insight into these learning experiences.

### **Assessments, Progress and Statutory Assessments**

Last week, primary pupils were assessed in Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths. This information will be used to establish further support and interventions in summer 1. 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 1, 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 will continue with the Booster sessions and Saturday classes.

### **Grand Iftaar & Eid**

A Trust Wide Grand Iftaar will be taking place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 7.00pm – 9.30pm. This will take place in the main hall at Waverley School. The Grand Iftaar brings parents, children, the community and staff together to break the fast during Ramadan and will include Iftari Prayer, Nasheed entertainment and a meal. Tickets cost £7.00 each and all monies raised through this year's event will contribute towards the cost of the evening and support the Trust nominated charity, Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF). Our support is at the heart of our core values of Humanity, Equality, Aspiration and Respect.

Eid will fall around the 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> April and it is important to remember that if it falls in the week, 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 on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and pupils can come into school wearing their Eid attire.

### **Multi-Faith Prayer Room**

There is a multi-faith room available for all our pupils and staff. This is a quiet space for pupils of all faiths to use for any reflection time or prayers. Pupils will be able to use the multi-faith room during break and lunchtimes.

### **Reception Places for 2023-2024**

Reception Primary Offer Day falls on the 17<sup>th</sup> April, letters will be sent to families informing you that the offer would be automatically accepted unless families emailed School Admissions to confirm they were refusing the

offer. We will aim to communicate with families early on in the summer term to share our transition and induction process to Reception.

### **Staffing Updates**

Mrs Wali will be returning from her maternity leave and will be teaching class 5A on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Mrs Hamid will lead this class for the remaining part of the week. Many of you will know Mrs Basharat has recently had a baby girl and Miss Faheem (along with Miss Bibby) will be class teacher in 1A. I would like to congratulate Dr Bodhanker for being successful in securing the Director of learning post at Waverley, he will start this role in the summer term.

### **Comic Relief and Charity**

Thank you to all donations received for Red Nose Day, we managed to collect a Trust total of £1250! 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.

### **Coronation of King Charles 111**

Our Coronation celebrations will be taking place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. We will be exploring the meaning and significance of the Coronation of HM King Charles III as an important historical and national event. Pupils will find out what happens at a coronation ceremony and will explore key rituals and symbols, including the Coronation Regalia. We will be having a Coronation Big Lunch and will be asking our pupils to dress in royal attire from all nations.

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

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 End of Spring 2

#### **Monday 17/04/23: Start of Summer 1 All pupils in school**

Tuesday 18/04: Vaisakhi Lunch

Tuesday 18/04: Grand Iftaar Event 7:00-9:30

Thursday 20/04: EYFS/KS1 Class out at Star City Cinema trip 12:00-3:00 - (class tbc)

Friday 21/04: KS2 Class out at Star City Cinema trip 12:00-3:00 - (class tbc)

Friday 21/04: National Shakespeare Day

Monday 24/04: Eid Celebration Lunch (non-uniform day)

Monday 24/04: Eid-al-Fitr 4C Class Assembly 08:40 – 09:00

Monday 01/05: May Bank Holiday –School Closed

Friday 05/05: King Charles 111 Coronation celebrations (non-uniform day, royal attire)

Monday 08/05: Bank Holiday –School Closed

#### **Tuesday 09/05/23-12/05: Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments**

#### **Tuesday 09/05/23-Friday 26/05/23: Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 Assessments**

Thursday 11/05: Parents' Meeting EYFS & Year 1 Bring Back Bedtime Stories 3:15-3:45

Monday 22/05/23: Jewish Shavout 4B Class Assembly 08:40 – 09:00 Class 4A/4C to attend – Parents invited

Friday 26/05: Reception classes out at All Things Wild

#### **Friday 26/05/23: End of Summer 1**

#### **Monday 05/06/23: Start of Summer 2. All pupils in school**

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 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh

Principal Waverley School – Primary