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School

Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are approaching the end of this half term, I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to improving the educational experiences of our children. This has been a busy period with statutory assessments and staff have supported pupils incredibly well by offering high quality teaching and additional out of school hours. Our pupils have embraced the challenges, remaining positive and resilient throughout.

### **Learning Experiences**

Throughout the half term our children have engaged in many exciting curriculum experiences. Reception pupils have been inspired by 'The Book With No Pictures,' this led them to make their own blueberry pizzas! After reading, 'St George and the Dragon,' Year 1 pupils stepped into 'Knight School' - they looked at what it means to be a knight, the Knights code of conduct (Knight School rules) and the armour. While exploring armour children designed and created their own shields, including creating their own heraldry. Year 3 have been learning all about rivers, they have explored the different features of rivers and have compared and contrasted rivers from across the world. They have also written letters to Severn Trent regarding the issue of pollution and how we as people can help reduce pollution. Year 4 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'How to Train a Dragon.' They began the unit with a movie hook and rapidly progressed to characterisation where they explored each character in detail and even described their own dragons.

### **Visits, Visitors & Celebrations**

The half term started off with Vaisahki celebrations where pupils explored the culture of Sikhism. Pupils looked at artefacts, traditions, tasted traditional foods and listened to folklore music from Punjab. This was followed by our Eid celebrations where pupils virtually visited a Mosque from around the world and recapped the importance of the 5 pillars of Islam. Thank you to all parents who supported their children with the Coronation projects, it was lovely to see so many of our children with models, drawing and poems – the competition was fierce! Our Primary newsletter will showcase examples of these and give an insight into our celebrations.

Year 2 pupils have been learning about Nelson Mandela. They have been fortunate enough to talk to the CEO Dr Vuyani Gweki Boo, of The Nelson Mandela Museum in South Africa. Dr Boo was impressed with pupils' knowledge about Nelson Mandela and the questions that were asked. He expressed that he 'would cherish meeting our children forever.'

### **Keeping Children Safe**

As part of our Safeguarding Curriculum PC Nathan and PC Jessica talked to our Year 6 pupils about online safety and cyberbullying. The assembly helped raise awareness about the positive and negative influences of social media. Pupils learnt how social media can be used, why people use it and the impact of social media on people's lives. Pupils were left with the exciting challenge of not using social media for a week.

Mark Crofts from City of Birmingham School delivered a special assembly focussing on the importance of keeping safe. Through interactive discussions and thought-provoking examples, he empowered our pupils to make responsible choices with confidence and vigilance.

### **Attendance, Punctuality & End of Day Dismissal**

Pupil attendance is steadily improving but still not to the standard it needs to be. It is important that your child is in school every day - any missed time will significantly hinder progress and learning. Similarly, punctuality needs to

improve across the school, knowing that our roads are congested and parking is not always easy, it is advisable that you leave the house within enough time to overcome these barriers and arrive on time.

We are also finding at the end of the school day many of our pupils are being collected much later. This is now impacting on staff meetings and appointments, which is not acceptable. Our Primary gates close at 3:20 and any child who is not collected by this time will be logged into the late book which will be monitored. Please can you support our staff by arriving on time to collect your children.

Primary pupils are not allowed to collect younger siblings. Secondary siblings are only allowed to collect younger siblings in Primary if a 'Sibling Collection Form' has been completed and an ID badge is given out to the secondary pupil. These forms can be collected from main reception and should be returned to Ms. Pousson or Miss Ibrahim.

### **Transition & Planning for the New Academic Year**

As we are approaching the end of this year and looking ahead to next, transition activities will be taking place at the start of Summer 2. All pupils will have time with their new class teachers and engage in transition activities. Parents of our new Reception classes will be invited into school and Year 6 pupils moving into Year 7 will visit their new school.

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.

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

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 End of Summer 1

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

Monday 05/06: 5C Class Assembly World Environment Day 8:40-9:00

Wednesday 07/06: Year 5 & 6 Choir visiting Symphony Hall

Wednesday 07/06: Year 4 4A visiting Birmingham Canal

Thursday 08/06: Attendance Reward for winning EYFS/KS1 Class – Bounce Mania

Friday 09/06: Attendance Reward for winning KS2 Class – Bounce Mania

Monday 12/06: Wednesday 14/06: Year 4 Statutory Multiplication Timetable Check Assessments

Tuesday 13/06: Friday 16/06: Year 1 Statutory Phonics Check Assessments

Monday 19/06: Primary Assessment Week

Monday 19/06: 2C Class Assembly British Values 8:40-9:00

Monday 26/06: 1C Class Assembly Diversity 8:40-9:00

Monday 26/06: Community Street Active Event

Monday 03/07: Meet the 'New Teacher' Day

Tuesday 04/07: Year 5 Sports Day (am), Year 6 Sports Day (pm)

Wednesday 05/07: Year 3 Sports Day (am), Year 2 Sports Day (pm)

Wednesday 05/07: Year 6 Secondary Transition Day

Wednesday 05/07: Year 4 4B & 4C visiting Birmingham Canal

Thursday 06/07: Year 1 Sports Day (am), Reception Sports Day (pm)

Friday 07/07: Year 4 Sports Day (am)

Friday 07/07: Year 6 visit Drayton Manor

Monday 10/07: Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 11/07: Parents' Evening 3:20-6:00

Wednesday 19/07 & Thursday 20/07: Year 4 visit Eco Park

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July: End of Summer 2**

I wish you all a restful and safe break and look forward to having all the pupils back in school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh

Principal Waverley School – Primary