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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful half term it has been for our Waverley family! Once again, our pupils have excelled with their commitment towards learning and expecting the very best from themselves and each other. Learning opportunities have been exciting and varied: Reception pupils have been inspired by the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and visited Hatton Adventure World where through first hand experience they discovered further facts about animals, their diet, and habitats. Year 2 pupils and parents created amazing 3D habitats, from lush rainforests to serene ocean floors, their masterpieces burst with colour and detail, showcasing a deep understanding of different ecosystems. Our Resource Base pupils explored every corner of the Think Tank Museum, their curiosity sparked by the myriad of exhibits and interactive displays

World Book Day was a huge success, Primary pupils embarked on a captivating journey into the enchanting world of books. The school buzzed with excitement as both staff and pupils donned costumes inspired by their favourite characters, bringing the magic of storytelling to life within our classrooms. The highlight of the day was a visit from the esteemed children's author and storyteller, Billy Bob Buttons. In special assemblies, he mesmerised the children with tales from his own writing journey and shared invaluable tips on crafting stories.

Science Day was marked by inviting Hands on Science into school who delivered a number of workshops. Pupils experimented with colours, problem solved using pulleys, made scented candles and designed and constructed rollercoasters.

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. Reminders 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 Thursday 21st March from 5pm – 8pm. 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.

Eid will fall around the 9th/10th April and it is important to remember that 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 Friday 12th April and pupils can come into school wearing their Eid attire.

Reception Places for 2024-2025

Reception Primary Offer Day falls on the 16th 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.

Comic Relief and Charity

Thank you to all donations received for Red Nose Day, we managed to collect a total of £323.50. 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.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 21st March– End of Spring Term normal 3:05pm finish

Friday 22nd March -Teacher Training Day School closed for pupils

Monday 8th April 2024: Start of Summer 1

Thursday 11th April 2024: EYFS/KS1 Attendance winners to Star City Cinema (class tbc)

Thursday 11th April 2024: Year 3 visiting Eco Park

Friday 12th April 2024: Eid Lunch No uniform day

Friday 12th April 2024: Bring a Dish Eid celebration for parents 1:30-3:00pm

Friday 12th April 2024: KS2 Attendance winners to visit Star City Cinema (class tbc)

Monday 15th April 2024: 4C Class Assembly Eid-Al -Fitr 8:40-9:00am

Monday 15th April 2024: Vaisakhi Themed Lunch

Wednesday 17th April 2024: Class 4A & 4B visiting Guru Nanak Gurdwara

Friday 19th April 2024: Class 4C visiting Guru Nanak Gurdwara

Monday 22nd April 2024: Class 3C & 4C start swimming sessions

Wednesday 24th April 2024: Year 3 visiting River Cole

Wednesday 1st May 2024: Resource Base pupils visiting Ash End Farm

Thursday 2nd May 2024: Resource Base pupils visiting Ash End Farm

Monday 6th May 2024: School closed for Early May Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May-Thursday 16th May 2024: Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments

Wednesday 22nd May 2024: Start of Year 6 swimming sessions

Thursday 23rd May 2024: Year 3 visiting Singers Hill Synagogue

Friday 24th May 2024: End of summer 1

Monday 3rd June 2024: Start of summer 2

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 8th April.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh

Principal

Waverley School – Primary