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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

16 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of an academic year, one that has been hugely successful in so many ways. Our work with parents and the community has gone from strength to strength and this could not have been more evident in the recent Summer Fair. Thank you to all who attended and supported us in ensuring our children and families had fun! I am pleased to share that our work with Eagle Consultancy will continue next year as it has been immensely rewarding seeing so many of our parents achieving qualifications and for some gaining employment. Feedback from the coffee mornings show that our families have benefitted from the advice and guidance from professionals such as Early Help, Bed Poverty, Hardship Grant and Mental Health sessions. We will continue to further develop these opportunities and seek to gain support for pupils and families at the school.

Our pupils have also excelled, we are absolutely delighted with the recent academic assessment results – our best ever results! Results not only show an improvement from previous years but in almost all areas exceed national averages. This is a testament to the hard work from all pupils and staff along with the support from parents.

Educational visits, workshops, visitors in school and first-hand experiences have not only contributed to the success in academic performance but the personal development of each pupil. This term, pupils have visited Dudley Zoo, Birmingham Canals, Eco Park, Drayton Manor and many more places to enrich curriculum experiences and knowledge. Pupils have also triumphed with sporting events: Year 4 pupils participated in a 'Quad kids Athletics' competition and won gold! Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a football festival at Aston Villa training ground – with a victory of 5-0! Central Sports Partnership and Positive PE have also delivered a range of sports and gymnastic sessions across Primary.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils are at Kingswood Centre for a 3-day residential. This will be a fantastic opportunity for pupils to grow in confidence, develop character and become more resilient through problem solving activities and adventures. We look forward to hearing of their experiences.

We will end the year with our special STAR assemblies, Year 6 Graduation and Bollywood Ladies Night – we look forward to a fun-filled final week making many more life-long memories.

Our Primary newsletter will give you further insight into these learning experiences and outcomes.

### **Looking Ahead to 2024-2025**

#### **Uniform**

The uniform and appearance of our pupils supports the ethos of our school; providing the pupils with pride to be part of the school and enabling them to act as ambassadors for the school. The Primary Uniform Policy is attached to this letter to ensure that all pupils are in the correct uniform in September. School ties and our new book bags can be purchased from the school.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Improving pupil attendance remains as a school priority and it is important that parents, carers and families do all they can to ensure that no day is missed in a child's education. There are some year groups, particularly at KS1 where attendance is currently low – this needs to significantly improve for next year. Good attendance is rewarded with weekly trophies, half termly and termly certificates and class rewards. We will not authorise any holidays that you take during a school term. Please be aware that extended periods of absence have an adverse effect on your child's learning and progress and so your child may not make the progress they are capable of and deserve if they go on holiday during term time. This can also result in a penalty fine from Birmingham City Council.

This term, there has been a marked improvement with punctuality. Thank you to all parents and carers who are at the gates for 8:25 to ensure that no learning time is lost. A reminder that the work being carried out by Severn Trent will continue into September 2024 – this will disrupt journey times to and from school, so please give yourself enough time to ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

### **Homework**

Holiday projects and homework packs will be given out to all Primary pupils this week. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to support your child with their learning and engage in creative projects.

### **Final Day & Farewells**

The last day for pupils will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, school will end at 12:00pm for all primary pupils. Pupils who normally receive a school dinner will be provided brunch. Pupils who normally have a packed lunch should bring in a midmorning snack/light lunch.

This week, our Year 6 pupils will graduate in a special ceremony to mark the end of their Primary years at Waverley. I am so proud of the commitment, dedication and maturity shown by the pupils – they have all achieved so much! Our pupils as always are a credit to us and I wish them all the success for the future, whether it is here at Waverley or another setting.

Thank you to all staff who have worked incredibly hard this year, continually striving to ensure we provide our children the best provision and support. Thank you to all parents for your partnership and commitment to our Waverley family.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer and look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh  
Principal  
Waverley School – Primary

**Primary Key Dates for your Diary:**

**19/07/24: End of Summer 2 Primary end at 12:00**

**02/09/24: Start of Autumn Term**

02/09/24: Teacher Training Day School closed to all pupils

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**04/09/24: All pupils back in School** (Reception pupils in part time am/pm)

05/09/24: Y5 Viking Day workshop by Dr McGinty

05/09/24: KS2 Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting 3:15 – 3:45 Primary Hall

06/09/24: Y4 Ancient Greeks Day workshop by Dr McGinty

07/09/24: Y3 Stone/Iron Age Culture Day

09/09/24: Reception pupils in 8:25-1:15 for this week

09/09/24: KS1 Year 2 SATs Parents' Meeting 3:15 – 3:45 Primary Hall

11/09/24: Primary Photograph Day

16/09/24: Y1 Phonics Screening Check Parents' Meeting 3:15 – 3:45 Primary Hall

19/09/24: Y4 Multiplication Check Parents' Meeting 3:15 – 3:45 Primary Hall

24/09/24: International Day of European Languages

27/09/24: Y6 RE visit to Buddhist Pagoda

01/10/24: Black History Month

01/10/24: Parents' Meeting for EYFS and Year 1 Supporting Children with English 3:15-3:45

01/10/24: Resource Base to Cannon Hill Park/ Wildlife Conservation Centre

01/10/24: Y4 to Walsall Art Gallery

03/10/24: National Poetry Day

07/10/24: Harvest collection starts

08/10/24: Reading workshop for parents from EYFS & KS1 3:15 – 3:45 Primary Hall

14/10/24: EYFS Open Day (2025-2026)

15/10/24: EYFS Open Evening (2025-2026)

15/10/24: Y2 St Phillips Cathedral, Birmingham City Centre

**24/10/24: End of Autumn 1**

25/10/24: Teacher Training Day school closed to all pupils

***Looking Ahead to Autumn 2***

**04/11/24: Start of Autumn 2**

04/11/24: Diwali Lunch

05/11/24: Primary Parents' Evening 3:20-6:00

06/11/24: Primary Parents' Evening 3:20-6:00