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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

24 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your unwavering support in ensuring the start to this academic year has been a smooth one. Thank you for reiterating key messages and expectations to your children. As a result of this, we have seen our children settle in and progress well with their learning. Our achievements for this half term have been captured in our Newsletter, which has been sent out this week and is also accessible from the school website.

### **Curriculum and Wider Experiences**

Our pupils have engaged in a wide range of exciting projects and experiences, fostering their creativity, knowledge and skills. Our Primary Resource Base pupils were immersed in adventure at the Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park where they encountered unique animals from across the world. Year 6 pupils have embraced their inner inventors while diving into the world of Alex Rider and reading 'Stormbreaker.' Their creativity shone as they planned and wrote non-chronological reports on gadgets of their own design. Year 4 pupils have been fortunate to visit Walsall Art Gallery where they explored the Carlos Bunga exhibition and discussed their own interpretations demonstrating the ability to critique, justify and interpret different meanings. Year 1 travelled to Twycross Zoo where they were immersed in the zoo's fascinating exhibits, exotic birds and animals.

At Waverley, we are proud of the opportunities that we provide our pupils to understand and embrace the diverse world that we live in. This half term, Year 6 pupils visited a Buddhist Pagoda where they were captivated by the serene atmosphere, intricate architecture, and the peaceful messages shared during their visit. Year 2 pupils were in awe after visiting Birmingham City Cathedral; they explored various religious symbols, artefacts and architecture.

### **Black History Month Celebrations**

This year's Black History Month theme, 'Reclaiming Narratives' permeated throughout the school. Pupils explored the lives and legacies of extraordinary figures who have shaped our world: Rosa Parks and how she fought for equality, Martin Luther King and the impact on civil rights and social justice and Olaudah Equiano one of the most influential abolitionist figures. Pupils showcased their learning through class assemblies, dance, music, art and writing across the curriculum.

### **Charities, Donations and Contributions**

Can I thank all parents for such generosity and care for our wider community; all Harvest donations will be collected at the end of this week by Birmingham City Mission who will distribute to charities around Birmingham. Thank you to all parents who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning and Bake Sale – it was lovely to see the community coming together to have fun and raise money for a good cause.

### **Parental and Community Engagement**

Many of you will be aware of just how much we have done this half term with our parents. We are proud of the level of engagement and commitment from our parents. The Coffee Mornings have been a success and it was good to hear your thoughts on how we can further work together. We now have parents signed up for the adult classes, which will start next half term. The workshops on statutory assessments earlier on this year were well attended, as were the sensory break and regulation workshops.

### **Parents' Evening & Book Fair**

Details regarding the forthcoming Parents' Evening have been communicated with all parents and by now all appointments should have been confirmed. During this week, we will have Scholastic Book Fair in, which will be accessible to all pupils and parents from 3:20pm to 5:50pm on the Tuesday and Wednesday in the Primary dining hall. Please come and have a look as we want all of our children reading and developing a love of books!

### **Primary Places**

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.**

### **Darker Nights and Colder Weather**

With darker nights fast approaching it is important that all pupils are reminded of safety. With Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali looming the importance of keeping safe is crucial – please remind your child of the risks associated with fireworks and how these should only be handled by adults. It is obvious that temperatures have dropped and it is the time of year where outdoor coats, gloves and weatherproof clothing is needed. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the cold and wet weather.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I wish you an enjoyable and restful half term and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back safely on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh  
Principal  
Waverley School – Primary

**Primary Key Dates for your Diary:**

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

**Monday 04/11/24: Start of Autumn 2 All pupils in school**

Monday 04/11/24: Book Fair in school this week

Monday 04/11/24: 5B Class Assembly Anti Bullying 8:40-9:00

Monday 04/11/24: Year 1 Class 1A visiting ASDA

Monday 04/11/24: West Midlands Fire Service Workshop Year 4

Monday 04/11/24: Diwali Lunch

Tuesday 05/11/24: Year 1 Class 1B visiting ASDA

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

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

Thursday 07/11/24: Year 1 Class 1C visiting ASDA

Monday 11/11/24: Remembrance Day

Monday 11/11/24: 3B Class Assembly Remembrance Day 8:40-9:00

Monday 11/11/24: Reception & Year 6 Growth Screening

Monday 11/11/24: Year 6 STICK Workshop – Mental Health

Tuesday 12/11/24: ESOL Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12/11/24: Ward End Fire Service visiting Year 2

Tuesday 12/11/24: The Great Fire of London Workshop Year 2

Thursday 14/11/24: West Midlands Police Years 3 & 4 Assembly Anti Bullying

Friday 15/11/24: Children in Need

Monday 18/11/24: Safety Seymour Carbon Monoxide Workshops Year 2

Wednesday 20/11/24: Rock Kidz Anti Bullying Concert (Dress as a Rock Star Day)

Friday 22/11/24: PCSO visiting Reception: Police Car Show and Tell

Monday 25/11/24: 3C Class Assembly British Values 8:40-9:00

Monday 25/11/24: Year 6 STICK Mental Health/Bullying Workshop

Wednesday 27/11/24: Approaching Parenting Coffee Morning

Thursday 28/11/24: What on Earth is That Workshop Year 2

Monday 09/12/24: Year 6 visiting National Justice Museum

Monday 16/12/24: 1B Class Assembly Christmas 8:40-9:00

Tuesday 17/12/24: Reception Nativity 2:15-2:45

Thursday 19/12/24: Pantomime: Aladdin (Reception-Year 6)

Thursday 19/12/24: Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

Friday 20/12/24: End of Autumn 2

**Monday 06/01/25: Start of Spring 1- Teacher Training Day School closed to pupils**

**Tuesday 07/01/25: All pupils in School**