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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first term, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for all your support and commitment to our school. I am incredibly proud of our community and the successes and achievements of everyone. The progress and achievements of our children should be something we all recognise and celebrate, Waverley pupils continue to be a credit to us, and it is through your support and the hard work of staff that they continue to excel.

Cultural Capital and Curriculum

Over the last few weeks our children have been immersed in a wealth of firsthand learning experiences. The Primary Newsletter will give you further insight into what our children have been learning but a flavour of these include: the Resource Base trip to the Royal Air Force Museum which was a soaring success! Pupils were absolutely amazed by the incredible aircrafts on display, getting up close to marvel at their size and design. The 4D cinema was an exhilarating experience, making them feel as if they were truly flying an aeroplane. Paired with the flight simulator, it brought the magic of flight to life.

Year 1 pupils have enjoyed a stimulating visit to the local ASDA supermarket, linking to the Science curriculum -sources of food and healthy eating habits. The outing introduced them to the journey food takes from farm to shelf, with an emphasis on fresh, healthy options like fruits and vegetables.

Our Year 5 pupils have embarked on an exciting trip to Warwick Castle, where they journeyed back in time to explore the history of the successful Normans, led by the ruthless William the Conqueror. More recently, our Year 6 pupils visited the National Justice Museum in Nottingham for a fascinating exploration of law and justice history. The day began with a Victorian CSI investigation, where pupils worked together to solve a historical crime. This hands-on activity offered a glimpse into the challenges of solving cases in the past. Next, the pupils took part in a mock trial in the museum's courtroom, taking on roles like judge, jury, and barristers. This immersive experience brought the courtroom to life and deepened their understanding of justice and fairness.

This term alone, we have had over twenty trips, workshops, or wider opportunities in school to enhance pupils learning experiences and create those lasting memories.

Safeguarding Curriculum

The Rock Kidz rock concert gave every child in Primary the chance to take part in an unforgettable concert-style assembly. The atmosphere was electric as pupils sang, cheered, jumped, and rocked out with boundless enthusiasm. The event focused on the powerful theme of anti-bullying, with the Rock Kidz crew delivering an essential message about kindness and standing up to bullying in an incredibly engaging and memorable way. Their message perfectly aligned with our school value of **Humanity**, making the experience even more impactful.

Visits from West Midlands Police, the Fire Service, workshops on carbon monoxide and anti-bullying all further reinforced aspects of safety and well-being. Each month an online safeguarding newsletter

is communicated to all parents; these cover important and relevant topics to raise awareness with topics such as social media, cyberbullying, play stations and setting up restrictions on devices.

Parent & Community Partnership

Thank you to those parents who have attended our coffee mornings – remember, there is one per half term and your engagement is important to us. This term, we have had representatives from Birmingham Children’s Trust tackling issues around approachable parenting and addressing the evolving needs of children. Birmingham Adult Education and Eagle Consultancy have worked with parents and shared information on training courses and accreditations available. In the last few weeks Amnesty International supported parents in learning more about benefits and grants available to support families. This week, you will have been informed of the Hardship Grant Community Fund, which is now open for enquiries and applications – if parents/carers need support with this please speak to our Primary Learning Mentors.

Thank you to those of you who have attended our class assemblies, special assemblies and workshops, your support is much appreciated. Next term, we will be sending out a parent survey to gain further insight into your views and feedback. As always, this will support us in further strengthening the home-school partnership.

Attendance and Punctuality

Punctuality across the school has greatly improved, thank you to all parents who are making a concerted effort to ensure pupils are arriving at the time of our gates opening and for learning to start. Attendance remains a significant priority for us and whilst it is understandable there may be genuine sickness leading to unforeseen absences, we need to work hard to ensure that pupils are not taking time off for family visits or holidays, medical appointments or any other reason. Further advice about when children should be kept off school and when they should not can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is essential that during these colder months our children are dressed appropriately for the weather with winter coats, gloves and scarves to keep warm at all times.

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.**

HEAR Values

The end of a year always brings about reflection and a time to think about those who are less fortunate or in need. Can we please take some time out to support and make a difference to those around us.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a safe and merry festive period and look forward to welcoming back all our families in January 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh
Principal
Waverley School – Primary

Primary Key Dates for your Diary:

20/12/24: End of Autumn Term 12:45 finish for all Primary pupils

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

Tuesday 07/01/25: All pupils in school

Wednesday 08/01/25: West Midlands Police visiting Year 5 & 6 – Local Issues

Thursday 09/01/25: EYFS & KS1 Attendance Reward Trip to Snow Dome class tbc

Friday 10/01/25: KS2 Attendance Reward Trip to Snow Dome class tbc

Tuesday 14/01/25: Author visit for Years 4, 5 and 6 Serena Patel

Tuesday 14/01/25: Primary Resource Base visiting Tamworth Castle

Thursday 16/01/25: Virtual Author visit for Year 5 Tony Bradman

Thursday 16/01/25: Year 3 Roman Workshop

Friday 17/01/25: Year 2 Visiting Eco Park

Monday 20/01/25: 1A Class Assembly HEAR Values 8:40-9:00

Tuesday 21/01/25: Precious Lives Assembly Year 6

Wednesday 22/01/25: Precious Lives Assembly Year 5

Thursday 23/01/25: Year 6 visiting Birmingham Hippodrome

Friday 24/01/25: Reception visiting Eco Park

Monday 27/01/25: 4B Class Assembly Chinese New Year 8:40-9:00

Friday 07/02/25: NSPCC's Number Day and Maths Enterprise Day

Friday 07/02/25: Year 1 visiting Think Tank

Monday 10/02/25: 5A Class Assembly Safer Internet Day 8:40-9:00

Tuesday 11/02/25: Safer Internet Day

Friday 14/02/25: Buddhism Themed Day and Lunch – Nirvana

Friday 14/02/25: End of Spring 1

Monday 24/02/25: Start of Spring 2