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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

11th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the half term draws to a close, we reflect on a superb period of learning and achievement at Waverley. From engaging classroom projects to exciting adventures and discoveries, our pupils have embraced a variety of opportunities that challenge, inspire, and delight.

Pupils in Year 1 have been immersed in the digital planetarium at the Think Tank, viewing the night sky as they have never seen before. Year 2 pupils have embarked on creative science projects exploring habitats, creating vibrant models of various habitats, such as forests and oceans. This was further enhanced by a trip to the Eco Park where pupils gained first hand learning experiences and embraced nature. Year 3 pupils stepped back in time to the fascinating world of Ancient Romans exploring artefacts ranging from mosaics and pottery to the tools and techniques implemented by the Romans. Year 6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the Birmingham Hippodrome to watch the spectacular production of Peter Pan. From the moment the curtain rose, they were captivated by the performances, laughed at the antics of the mischievous Lost Boys, marvelled at the flying scenes, and gasped during Captain Hook's dramatic encounters with the crocodile! Our Primary Newsletter and website will give further insight into the learning experiences and outcomes of pupils.

Community Projects and Partnerships

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been fortunate to engage in the Young Gentleman's project, an initiative designed to guide young boys toward becoming thoughtful, respectful, and confident individuals. Through engaging workshops and interactive activities, Standing Ovation is inspiring our young learners to be the best versions of themselves.

Precious Lives and West Midlands Police have delivered insightful and important sessions on the topic of knife crime and personal safety. Pupils learnt about the risks associated with carrying knives and the impact knife crime can have on individuals, families, and communities. Sessions also included practical advice on how pupils can stay safe in their daily lives, such as being aware of their surroundings and seeking help from trusted adults if they ever feel threatened or uncertain.

The work that we do with Aston Villa has continued; the sports coach comes into school on a weekly basis to work with pupils and staff. More recently, our Year 3 pupils attended a multi-sports festival hosted by Aston Villa in their new Inner City Academy building. Pupils showed determination, resilience and teamwork and represented Waverley well.

At the start of Spring 2, Warwickshire Cricket Foundation will come into school to lead cricket sessions. Coaches will work with the school to promote local cricket opportunities, with the aim of our pupils joining cricket sessions in the local area.

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.

World Book Day

As many of you will know we are continuing to have a huge focus on reading across the school. We have invested in purchasing a number of reading books, online programs, phonics resources and our book vending machine all to further support reading. This half term we have had the renowned children's author Serena Patel in school, children worked collaboratively with Serena to help plan for her next thrilling book, what an amazing chance to contribute to

a real-life author's creative process! This was followed by a virtual visit from Tony Bradman where he shared fascinating insights into his writing process, inspiring our pupils to think creatively and explore their own storytelling potential.

Reading is a high priority across the curriculum and school day. To support us further, can we ask parents to regularly ask their child about the books that they are reading in school and aim to continue this at home. We want all of our children to develop a passion for reading and a love of literature. Our celebrations on Thursday 7th March will further support us with this – the overall theme is Book an Adventure, and all year groups have a focus for dressing/costumes:

Resource Base: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Reception: Alice Corrie & Ipek Konak Fifi The Flamenco Flamingo

Year 1: Cressida Cowell, How to Train Your Dragon

Year 2: Nadia Shireen, Billy and the Pirates

Year 3: J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Year 4: Jenny McLachlan, Stink: Fairy vs Wizard

Year 5: C.S Lewis, Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

Year 6: J.R.R. Tolkien, Lord of The Rings (Book 1)

During this week, we will have the authors Billy Bob Buttons (Edward Trayer) and Clare Luther in school and there will be an opportunity for parents and pupils to purchase books and merchandise at the end of the school day.

Ramadan, Grand Iftaar and Eid

Many members of our community will shortly be following the religious observance of Ramadan. It is predicted to start around the beginning of March. Whilst we would discourage the younger pupils to fast, if your child is in Years 5 and 6 and you want him/her to fast please confirm this in writing to your child's teacher or by completing the section at the end of this letter. We are happy to provide supervision for pupils who are fasting and keep them inside to rest for most of the lunch break, but only if we have confirmation that this is your wish. During Ramadan it is important that all pupils maintain high levels of attendance and punctuality.

A Trust Wide Grand Iftaar will be taking place on Thursday 20th March from 5pm – 7:30pm. 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 Iftaari Prayer, Nasheed entertainment and a meal at a ticket price of £7:00.

Eid will fall around the end of March, 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 Tuesday 1st April and pupils can come into school wearing their Eid attire.

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 24th February.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh

Principal

Waverley School – Primary

Primary Key Dates for your Diary:

14/02/25: End of Spring 1

Monday 24/02/25: Start of Spring 2 All pupils in school

Tuesday 25/02/25: Year 2 visiting Cadbury World

Thursday 27/02/25: EYFS/KS1 Attendance Winners to attend Star City Pizza Hut (class tbc)

Friday 28/02/25: KS2 Attendance Winners to attend Star City Pizza Hut (class tbc)

Friday 28/02/25: Reception visiting Eco Park

Friday 28/02/25: Science Day Hands on Workshops

Monday 03/03/25: 4C Class Assembly: World Book Day 8:40-9:00

Tuesday 04/03/25: Reception and Year 1 Parents' workshop on supporting children with Phonics and Reading 3:20-3:45 Primary Hall

Wednesday 05/03/25: Reception visiting Hatton Country World

Thursday 06/03/25: World Book Day 'Book an Adventure'

Thursday 06/03/25: Author Billy Bob Buttons in for Key Stage 2

Friday 07/03/25: Author Clare Luther in for Reception and Key Stage 1

Friday 07/03/25: Year 1 visiting Eco Park

Tuesday 11/03/25: Reception and Year 1 Parents' workshop on supporting children with Writing 3:20-3:45 Primary Hall

Thursday 13/03/25: Year 5 visiting National Space Centre

Monday 17/03/25: Birmingham City Mission Assembly for Years 1, 2 & 3

Monday 17/03/25: Year 4 visiting Tudor World Stratford Upon Avon

Tuesday 18/03/25: Birmingham City Mission Assembly for Years 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 20/03/25: Trust Grand Iftaar Event 5:00-7:30

Friday 21/03/25: Red Nose Day

Monday 24/03/25: 5C Class Assembly: Shakespeare Week 8:40-9:00

Monday 31/03/25: 3A Class Assembly: Holi 8:40-9:00

Monday 31/03/25: Year 1 visiting a Mosque

Tuesday 01/04/25: Eid ul-Fitr Lunch

Monday 07/04/25: 4A Class Assembly: Easter 8:40-9:00

Thursday 10/04/25: Vaisakhi Lunch

Thursday 10/04/25: Year 3 visiting Eco Park

Thursday 10/04/25: End of Spring 2 for pupils

Friday 11/04/25: Teacher Training Day End of Spring Term

Monday 28/04/25: Start of Summer 1

Looking Ahead....

Tuesday 29/04/25 & Wednesday 30/04/25 Primary Parents' Evening

Monday 05/05/25: May Bank Holiday School Closed

Monday 12/05/25- Thursday 15/05/25: Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments



Ramadan/Fasting

Parental Consent for Year 5 and 6 Pupils only

I, (parent/guardian.....)authorise my child/ren to fast. I understand that if such a situation arises where my child feels unwell or dehydrated my child will need to drink water/break the fast. Please return the completed form to class teachers.

Full name of primary child	Year Group (5 & 6)	Class

Date:

Signature of parent: