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Learning through diversity

Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect

8th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, thank you to our Waverley Family for the continued support and commitment throughout this half term. Our work with the school community has been hugely rewarding as we have seen so many of you engaging in and supporting school events. Our recent parents' Bring-a Dish Eid party was well attended, thank you for the hospitality and generosity shown by sharing such wonderful dishes. Feedback from the ADHD parent workshops has reflected how you have benefitted and gained useful strategies in supporting your children and behaviours at home – these will continue next term. Our Learning Mentors have worked tirelessly to support families with the Food Voucher Scheme – over 100 families have gained from this.

Thank you to those of you who completed the parent survey, overall results were positive and validated that the school is doing many things well such as the high expectations from staff, the range of curriculum subjects and opportunities on offer and that our children behave well. Some of you felt we could do more 'to support your child's wider personal development,' this is an area that has hugely improved over the last few years. However, we will continue to ensure this is communicated and celebrated through our half termly newsletters. The newsletters capture all the memorable and exciting events that are planned to ensure our curriculum extends beyond the academic and provides the cultural capital, life skills and character development for all children. We will explore other ways in how we share and celebrate this with parents and the wider community.

Curriculum and Personal Development

We are proud of the quality and breadth of opportunities we have provided our Primary pupils to further enhance their learning and personal development. This half term alone, we have marked Women's International Day by attending an event hosted by Aston Villa Foundation where our girls engaged in empowering activities, inspiring discussions and valuable learning opportunities.

World Book Day has definitely left a lasting mark on our school, fostering a deeper appreciation for the magic that unfolds within the pages of a good book. We were thrilled to welcome award-winning author Billy Bob Buttons, who captivated Key Stage 2 with engaging workshops. Clare Luther an author known for her beautifully written and thought-provoking children's books, particularly those that explore emotions, resilience, and important life lessons visited Year 1 and 2 pupils. She brought her stories to life through animated readings, discussions, and interactive activities that encouraged curiosity and imagination. More recently, there has been a virtual visit from author Farhana Islam, who read and spoke about her book, 'Ibraheem's Perfect Eid' - the author's vivid descriptions and relatable characters resonated with the children, inspiring them to think creatively about their own writing.

Science Day was a resounding success, it ignited curiosity and enthusiasm amongst pupils. The interactive workshops provided hands-on learning experiences covering a range of topics where pupils were prompted to ask questions, hypothesise, and experiment, thereby enhancing their analytical and scientific skills.

Our Primary Newsletter will give you further insight into the variety of educational visits that have taken place this half term – ranging from the National Space Centre and Safari Park to places closer to home, the Eco Park.

Assessments, Progress and Statutory Assessments

Last week, Primary pupils were assessed in Phonics, Reading, Writing and Math's. 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 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.

Community Partnership and Charity

Our partnership with Birmingham City Mission continues and assemblies have focused on the story of Jesus healing Bartimaeus, delivering a powerful message of humanity, equality, aspiration, and respect to all children and that everyone matters.

Red Nose Day at Waverley School was about fostering empathy, compassion, and the belief that even the smallest actions can make a big difference in the world. Thank you for your donations, we managed to raise a total of £365.52. In March we had our trust wide Grand Iftaar which was a superb celebration, bringing together our school and local community for this very special occasion. The Iftaar showcases our trust values of Humanity, Equality, Aspiration and Respect and it is always nice to see people of all backgrounds coming together as one family on this memorable evening. A total of £602.74 was raised for Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF).

Improving Punctuality and Attendance

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us in improving punctuality, the vast majority of our children are in school when the gates open at 8:25am. This means that they are not only in on time but can engage in morning focus activities and learning. Attendance figures are steadily improving but we still have a way to go in order to reach the school attendance target of 97%. Please can we continue to ensure all children are in school and days are not missed – this includes medical appointments and leave in term time. It is becoming evident that a small number of parents and carers are requesting to collect their children early from school for commitments or pre-arranged appointments. In situations like these can I ask that you make alternative arrangements for end of day collection rather than take the children early from school.

Safeguarding and Safety

We would all agree, Yardley Green Road is an incredibly busy and congested road and therefore safety is paramount. Please be considerate of others and avoid parking in driveways or putting others at risk. For those parents who have delegated responsibility for older Secondary pupils to drop off and collect Primary siblings please can it be reiterated that they need to take greater responsibility with this role – this includes being vigilant, supporting the younger child in crossing the road and waiting with the Primary child until the Primary gates are open. It is a concern that before the start of a school day, the number of Primary pupils who are left on their own outside the school gates without any adult or older siblings.

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 (WEAttendance@waverley.bham.sch.uk)**

As always, thank you for your continued support. I wish you an enjoyable and restful Easter break and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back safely on Monday 28th April 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dosanjh
Principal
Waverley School – Primary

Primary Key Dates for your Diary:

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

Friday 11/04/25: School closed for pupils -Teacher Training Day

Monday 28/04/25: Start of Summer 1 All pupils in school

Monday 28/04/25: Book Fair in School this week

Monday 28/04/25: Start of Year 4 Spanish Club

Tuesday 29/04/25: Primary Parents' Evening 3:20-6:00

Wednesday 30/04/25: Parent Workshop on ADHD 2:00-3:00

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Thursday 01/05/25: Class 3C & 4C commence swimming sessions

Friday 02/05/25: Year 4 visiting Guru Nanak Gurdwara – Class 4B

Monday 05/05/25: May Bank Holiday School Closed to all pupils

Tuesday 06/05/25: Start of Year 3 Chess Club

Wednesday 07/05/25: 1C Class Assembly Equality 2:30-3:00

Monday 12/05/25-Thursday 15/05/25: Year 6 KS2 Statutory Assessments

Monday 12/05/25: Year 4 visiting Guru Nanak Gurdwara – Class 4C

Wednesday 14/05/25: Year 4 visiting Guru Nanak Gurdwara – Class 4A

Friday 16/05/25: Year 1 visiting Small Heath Mosque

Wednesday 21/05/25: Parent Workshop on ADHD 2:00-3:00

Friday 23/05/25: Year 1 visiting Small Heath Mosque

Friday 23/05/25: End of Summer 1

Monday 02/06/25: Start of Summer 2

Looking Ahead....

Friday 27/06/25: Year 6 Evening Performance

Wednesday 02/07/25: Year 6 at Secondary Induction (Transition) Day

Tuesday 08/07/25: Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 09/07/25: Primary Parents' Evening 3:20-6:00

Monday 14/07/25 - Wednesday 16/07/25 Year 4, 5 & 6 Residential to PGL

Friday 18/07/25: End of Summer Term and Academic Year