



October 2019 Newsletter - Headteacher's Message

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year with much progress being made across the school.

Our Reception pupils have settled in ever so well into our school community and can confidently articulate their learning. Pupils in Key Stage 2 have taken part in trips to enrich their learning in the topics over this half term. Please can I remind families taking part in the prayers for Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 550th birth anniversary to help children to complete their prayer booklets, pupils will need to complete 550 prayers by 11th November 19.

Have a lovely half term break, we look forward to seeing you back in November!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Events
Monday 4 th November	Return back to school for Autumn 2
Wednesday 6 th November	Parent Workshop - Nishkam Values 9.00am-9.30am
Wednesday 6 th November	Reception 2020 Open Day, 9.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Friday 8 th November	School Photograph (individual/sibling)
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	2020 Reception Open Week, by appointment only
	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Special Meal for the Sikh celebration of the Gurburab of Guru Nanak Dev Ji
	Faith Enrichment Day: Guru Nanak Dev Ji, details to follow
Wednesday 13 th November	National Kindness Day
Wednesday 13 th November	Reading workshop for all parents 3.00pm-3.30pm
W/c 18 th November	Children in Need – Dress down day
Tuesday 19 th November	Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurburab assembly, details to follow
Tuesday 19 th November - Wednesday 20 th November	Parents Evening 3.40pm – 6.30pm
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Thursday 21 st November -Thursday 28 th November	The Book People, half price book fair at school
Friday 29 th November	Optimism (Y6) last lesson for Swimming

Attendance for the month of October (Target 97%)

Class	Truth 1 (Reception)	Truth 2 (Reception)	Service 1 (Year 1)	Service 2 (Year 1)	Humility 1 (Year 2)	Humility 2 (Year 2)
Attendance	91.3%	92.7%	97%	90.2%	97.3%	97.5%
Punctuality	99.2%	99.7%	99.6%	99.5%	99.3%	98.9%

Class	Compassion 1 (Year 3)	Compassion 2 (Year 3)	Forgiveness 1 (Year 4)	Forgiveness 2 (Year 4)	Contentment (Year 5)	Optimism (Year 6)
Attendance	93.5%	93%	94.3%	92.2%	96.1%	97.7%
Punctuality	99.5%	99.2%	99.6%	99.4%	99%	99.2%

This Month's Class Attendance Award

Week 1: Optimism 99.7%

Week 2: Humility 2 and Forgiveness 1 98.6%

Week 3: Humility 2 99%

EYFS (Reception)

As we approach half term, we are happy to say that we have completed Phase 2 phonics from 'Letters and Sounds'. The children have been working hard and have been exposed to the first 5 sets of phonemes-

s,a,t,p
i,n,m,d
g,o,c,k,
ck,e,u,r,
h,b,f,l,ll,ff,ss

We are sending out a homework pack for you do with your child over half term. Please do not feel you have to complete it all, but it would be most appreciated if you could ensure these phonics skills are kept fresh in your child's mind for the second half of the Autumn term. Thank you for your continued support, we wish you a very happy half term break!

We have had an enjoyable start to October and have already learned so much!

KS1 Update (Y1 & Y2)

In English we have been learning all about the story of Beegu and the emotions the character is feeling as she moves through the story. In Math's, we have developed our knowledge of addition and subtraction and have been learning our number bonds to 10.

In History, we have finished learning about the Great Fire of London. We visited the fire station in Wolverhampton and explored how the equipment used to fight fires today is different to the equipment they used in 1666. We also investigated how Art has helped us learn about what the fire was like and recreated some famous Great Fire of London pictures.

Thank you to all parents for supporting the children's learning through helping them complete their homework and spellings. Please ensure to regularly read with the children and comment in their reading diaries. Many thanks Year 1.

The children have really settled well into Year 2 in October. We have been following the story of Patten's Pumpkin. We have written a retell as well as some great instructions. The children also got the opportunity to carve a pumpkin themselves and they loved getting dirty!

In Maths we have moved on to learning all about addition. Children have been exposed to a range of methods and are really starting to find their feet as they move through their fluency questions. We've really enjoyed learning all about the Stuarts in History and writing all about The Gunpowder Plot. Next term we will be turning our attention to Geography and learning all about the continents in the world.

Please remember to read with your children everyday over the two week holidays!

KS2 Updates (Y3/4/5/6)

Key Stage 2 have had a very busy October.

Year 3 have visited Kingswood Activity centre to take part in a Stone Age day. They took part in a range of activities that included a campfire - baking bread, shelter building, problem activity and foraging for food.

Year 4 have been on a visit to the Wolverhampton Art Gallery for an Ancient Greece themed visit that they all thoroughly enjoyed despite the weather not being kind on their walk back to school.

Year 5 have visited the Museum of Cannock Chase to learn about World War 2. They took part in a mock air raid, roleplays about life for evacuees, visits to a 1940s living room complete with an announcement of war demonstration and a fantastic workshop about air raids led by our very own Air Raid Warden – Mark.

Year 6 have just undergone their mock SATs for Autumn 1. All students had shown a growth mindset and tried their best. We have reviewed and revisited our papers to correct our misconceptions to prepare for SATs next year.

Parental Survey Feedback

Thank you for all parents who contributed to the parental survey in the summer term which was overall extremely positive. In response to a couple of areas that were raised, which were around receiving appropriate level of homework and around information on your child's progress.

In response to the survey, homework is sent out weekly which also includes reading. In order to extend this, please continue to ask questions to your child when out and about. We will be sending some suggested prompts to help you.

Enriching children's experiences outside of school is extremely beneficial to them understanding the World. In regards to communicating, as you can see in our school calendar there are a number of workshops for you to attend. We have parents evening twice a year and a formal report at the end of the academic year. We also use letters and emails to communicate information where necessary.

We have an open door policy, and should you wish to see your child's class teacher then do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Your feedback is important to us in our endeavour for continuous improvement.

Faith Section

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the daily prayer slip and returned this to school. We have evaluated the results and are currently reviewing options to provide this service. We may initially start this on a one day a week basis as commitment to this will be essential to ensure we can run this class everyday. More details will follow in the next half term.

Thank you for those who have shown interest in the Sikh Stories Club, if you have returned your child's reply slip a space has been allocated for your child and no further action is needed. This club will start after the half term break, from Tuesday 5th November 2019 from 3.30 pm until 4.15 pm and every Tuesday thereafter. Please note the earlier finish time of 4.15pm, dismissal will be from the front of the school.

In preparation for Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Gurburab, we want the children to learn some Shabads, we would like to request that children who attend Punjabi School and Sikh Stories Club to begin to practice the following shabad at home:

Children who attend Punjabi Club can find their shabad online:
<https://youtu.be/Yi5OGZ06kqk>

Children who will be attending Sikh Stories Club can find the shabad online:
https://youtu.be/_zQqNbCL5iM

We greatly appreciate your support.

Admissions for Reception 2020

If your child is due to turn 4 years of age before the 31st August 2020 they will be due to start in Reception 2020. Wolverhampton online admissions will be open from Friday 8th November 2019 with the closing date being Wednesday 15th January 2020. The council will send you login details to the portal and we urge parents to make sure their application is made before the deadline.

If you will be applying for a faith place a Supplementary Information Form can be obtained from the office. This will need to be completed and returned to the school before the admissions deadline.

We will have a series of open events for parents to visit the school, dates will be circulated to parents on our Autumn Term 2 calendar. Please register your child's details with the school office.