

NEWSLETTER

**Key dates:**

06/01/22 Spring term begins for all pupils

06/01/22 Deadline for club sign-up

10/01/22 Clubs begin

10/01/22 Additional Friday lessons begin (invite only)

07-13/02/22 Children's Mental Health Week

08/02/22 Safer Internet Day

04/03/22 World Book Day

W/B14/03/22 British Science Week

25/03/22 Last day for clubs and additional Friday lessons

29/03/22 End of term Reports to parents

14-18/02/22 Half term

01/04/22 End of Spring term

19/04/22 Summer term begins

Dear Parents and Carers,

Asalaamalaykum,

As you will no doubt be aware, the uncertainty of COVID still remains - with daily news headlines warning us that the number of infections are on the rise. Our updated risk assessment is always published on the front page of the school website to indicate how we are working within government guidance. To help us minimise the risk of infection, please continue to support us in adhering to government guidance which states:

- Wash your hands regularly - and encourage your children and other family members to do the same.
- Wear a face covering in indoor public places, on public transport and in crowded places.
- Get tested and self-isolate if required.
- Get vaccinated.
- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors.
- Follow the government's guidance if you or your family have recently travelled to England from another country.
- Refrain from congregating at the school gates or on the playground.
- Adhere to the school's 1 way system when you drop off / collect your children to / from school.
- Keep your child at home if they are showing COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive.

We wish you a safe and restful break and look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school on Thursday 6th January 2022.

Kind regards,

Mr . H. Asghar
Principal



Anti-bullying (friendship)**Charter:**

As part of our efforts to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our pupils, we took part in the annual anti-bullying week, during week beginning 15th November. The theme for this year was 'one kind word' and was linked to our hadith of the week:

'The best of you in the sight of Allah is the one who is best in his behaviour.'

All classes spent the week learning about ways to show kindness and their ideas have been combined together to form our very own friendship charter which, once printed, will be displayed across school.

EU Coding Week:

Earlier in the term we marked EU Coding Week by hosting a range of exciting activities to promote a love of computer-programming amongst all of our pupils. The activities ranged from simple coding (to program robots) in EYFS / KS1 to more complex algorithms in KS2. Having ignited a passion for coding within school we will be building on this through the introduction of a revamped computing curriculum in the Spring term.



School success starts
with attendance

Nasheed Concert 2021:

By now, we hope you have had the pleasure of listening to our virtual Nasheed concert - which was uploaded to our school website on 15th December, as promised. If not, please do take a few minutes to listen. The concert can be accessed via the front page of our website. Simply scroll down and press the play button in the middle of the screen.



A big thank you to our staff and pupils for making the concert possible, and to Miss. A. Patel for pulling it altogether. Enjoy!

End of term reports and parents' evening:

A big thank you to parents and carers who attended our virtual parents' evenings to discuss their children's end of term reports. Engagement was EXCELLENT and we hope you found the discussion with your child's teacher useful. For those parents and carers that were unable to take part, please do liaise with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and learning as the home-school relationship is vital to ensure your child is able to make the most of their learning.

Spring term extra-curricular clubs:

An email has been sent to all parents and carers about our schedule of extra-curricular clubs for the Spring term. We have a varied selection of clubs so please do take the opportunity to sign up your child via Arbor. The deadline to sign up is Thursday 6th January. Following this, we will confirm the availability of places on Friday 7th January so that clubs can commence from Monday 10th January. The clubs will run until Friday 25th March 2022.

Additional Friday lessons:

As part of our ongoing commitment towards ensuring pupils catch up and keep up, we will once again be holding additional lessons on Fridays from 10th January - 25th March 2022. The places will be allocated by invite only and the deadline for parents and carers to return the reply slips is Thursday 6th January 2022. The additional lessons will run until Friday 25th March 2022 and the school will cover the full cost of these classes, including resources.

Year 6 residential trip to Whitehough:

Parents and carers of pupils in year 6 were sent a letter and invited to a virtual meeting during which Mrs Lulat shared information about the residential trip which is scheduled to take place from Monday 27th June - Wednesday 29th June 2022. Mrs Lulat was joined by Sara Parsons - who is the centre manager and they attempted to answer as many questions as they could during the meeting. For those parents that weren't able to attend, a recording of the meeting has been uploaded to the year 6 class page on our school website. Should you have any questions about the residential, please let Mrs. Lulat know via a Dojo message and she will be happy to help. The deadline to pay the deposit is Friday 7th January 2022.

Parent Trustee Elections:

In order to fill a vacancy on our Board of Trustees, we have sent out a letter to invite nominations for an additional parent trustee. The deadline for parents and carers to submit their nominations is Friday 7th January 2022. Once the nominations have been received, an information pack containing the details of all candidates will be sent out, following which parents and carers will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate. Please refer to the email for further information.

Parent View survey:

Thank you to parents and carers who have completed the Parent View survey before the deadline of 22nd December 2022. As always, your feedback is extremely valuable to us as it helps us understand what you feel we are doing well and where we might need to improve. We will review all responses in order to establish what steps we can take to address any improvement areas and share these with you during the Spring term.

Attendance awards:

A big congratulations to pupils who have maintained excellent attendance throughout this term. Certificates, badges and pencils will be awarded for pupils who have been able to maintain attendance of 96% and above. Separate certificates etc have been awarded to pupils maintaining attendance of 100% above. Note: Absence due to COVID-19 isolation is excluded from the above so that pupils are not penalised. This initiative will be repeated at the end of the Spring / Summer terms to provide all pupils with an opportunity to demonstrate strong punctuality and attendance so that they can be rewarded accordingly.