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Dear Parents/Carers

Thought for the Week

'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you'
Isaiah 41:10

Easter Church Service

Our Easter Church Service took place yesterday at St Mary's Church. The choir and readers all performed beautifully. Thank you to all who attended and a special thanks to Mrs Hemmings, the wife of the Church Warden, for opening and closing the church. Also thank you to Penny Stephen, Parish Reader who is the wife of our new Rector, for taking part in our service.

Easter Egg Decoration Competition

Well done to all the children who contributed to a lovely display of beautifully decorated eggs. The completion was judged by Penny Stephen. Many parents and children have enjoyed viewing the decorated eggs on display. Well done to everyone who participated. The children who have won a prize are: -

Early Years Foundation Stage - Zaina - Nursery, Simran - RM

Key Stage 1 - Fabio - Year 1

Key Stage 2 - Omaymah- 4B, Miya & Joella - 6W (joint effort)

School Council - Easter Food Bank Collection

The school council would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated food for Central Food bank. You were very generous. We hope you all saw the lovely display in the hall! The food donated will be collected today.

Mobile Phones

I am writing to inform you that we will no longer be allowing children to bring mobile phones to school. There have been instances where children have failed to hand their mobile phones into the school office at the appropriate time and this has caused disruption to learning. In addition to this some parents have raised concerns that some children are using their phones to view inappropriate content which can compromise the safety of the children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 14 April 2015. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the assembly finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire assembly is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

Abid Nursery For making excellent progress throughout the spring term	Tavleen RW For following her design to make a musical instrument	Mahnoor RM For making super progress in her independent writing
Alisha Year 1 For making fantastic progress since September	Raven 1/2C For super Design Technology work	Zayyan 2L For working hard all term to improve his work
Bilal 3J For making a fantastic pneumatic dragon monster	Lequam 3/4S For excellent work in Design Technology	Tadeusz 4B For working independently to make an impressive moving monster
Umar 5B For excellent Design Technology	Zaynab 5/6SS For an excellent spring term and setting a superb example for her peers	Anisa 6W For always working as hard as she can

Smiley/Star Chart Winners

The following children have had the most smiley faces/stars for good work or behaviour over the last term. Each child received a gift voucher and certificate.

RW Tamoy	RM Isaac	Year 1 Harleen
1/2C Deniesha	2L Ali	3J Akash
3/4S Jia	4B Safa	5B Chance
5/6SS Zaynab	6W Ben	

Kind and Thoughtful Person

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly dog. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 14 April 2015. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.

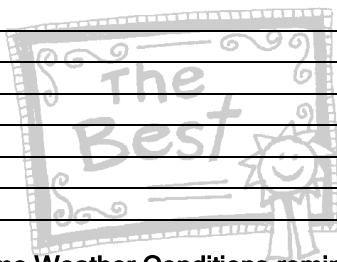


KS1	KS2
Taliyah For helping a reception child to carry her dinner at dinner time	Maddison For helping a child who was struggling with their Design Technology work



Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	5B
Spick and Span	2L
Movement Bird	4B
Gymnastic Monkey	Year 1
Attendance	3/4S
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear goes to 5/6SS Runners up 6W



School Closure in Extreme Weather Conditions reminder

In the event of inclement weather conditions, announcements will be made between 6:45am and 9:00am on the following radio stations: Heart FM, Radio WM and BRMB. Parents will also be advised by text message so it is important that we have your current telephone number.

Mobile Phones reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

Attendance and Punctuality

Please support us in continuing to improve our attendance and punctuality by encouraging your children to come to school and be on time every day.

Term Dates

Half Term Holidays	Children break up on Friday 27 March 2015 and return to school on Tuesday 14 April 2015
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Have a lovely Easter break.

Yours sincerely

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