



THIS TERM

In the first five weeks of the new school year the children across all years have learnt lots of new exciting topics. There are also some trips linked to these topics that are coming up later in the term.

TRIPS AND VISITS

Year 6 have been to the HOME for a Children's bookshow then some of the Y6 children had a follow up writing workshop.

Year 3 have had a visiting storyteller in classes for the day, which was a great experience for the children.

As part of Black History Month, we were lucky enough to have the Mighty Zulu theatre company visit us. Coming all the way from South Africa, the performers showcased their amazing traditional dance and songs to the whole school before leading activities with Year 4. Over the course of the day, Year 4 took part in dance, song and art workshops impressing the Zulus with their creative talents! The whole school is inspired and ready to celebrate the roots, traditions and culture of minority communities throughout the rest of October.

Healthy Packed Lunches

Can we just remind all parents that the following are items that we would like to see in a packed lunch to ensure a healthy balanced diet.

- a portion of fruit and/or vegetables every day
- lean meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein every day
- a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes
- dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt every day
- water, still or sparkling, fruit juice, milk, yoghurt or milk drinks

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The levels and variety of learning experiences continues to improve in all year groups. Last week the Oasis monitoring and standards team conducted a very positive review highlighting areas that have improved since the summer and activities they feel will really benefit our children's learning this term. The team looked in depth at the teaching of reading, geography and outdoor learning in the Early Years.

A lot of parents ask how they can support at home too so we arranging a series of workshops for parents.

- Year 2 have parent maths workshops in the mornings this week
- Year 1 are arranging phonics workshops for parents for next week
- On Thursday there is a Y6 SATs meeting for parents

Full details of parent sessions and classes are on the back of this letter.

Attendance

Our attendance last year was 96.28%, which is in line with the national average.

We have set ourselves a minimum target of 97% this year and we are we feel we are well on the way to this with a high of 98.57% on the 9th October and current average of 97.26%

Diary Dates

18 th October	School closed - Teacher Day
21 st /22 nd /23 rd	Year 2 visiting Khizra Mosque
25 th October	Break Up for half term
4 th November	School returns
w/b 18 th November	Parents Evenings

Parent Sessions & Classes

Autumn Term 2019

Day	Session / Class	Date / Time	Place
Monday	Talk English Session for parents	9.00-11.00 am	Community Room
Tuesday	Time 4 U Coffee Morning. & Parent Toddler session.	9.00am -10.30 am	Dining Room
Wednesday	Family Maths course for Parents.	Every Wednesday starting on 02/10/19 9.00am -11am.	Community Room
Thursday	Parent/Child Phonics sessions.	Every Thursday at 2.30 pm – 3.10 pm	Family Room
Friday	Understanding Children's Behaviour. Parent Course	9.00 am-11.00am starting on 08/11/19	Community Room

For further information on any of the sessions or if you would like to register your name for a course please contact
The Family Support workers Mrs Sattar or Mrs Parvez