

'Service, Excellence, Virtues, Aspiration' Summer Term 2016

Primary Standard Issue 6

Friday 29th April

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to another Seva Standard. We've enjoyed a very exciting start to the summer term. It was wonderful to see so many friends and families of Seva join in our assemblies and the Nagar Kirtan. We received a note of thanks from the deputy leader of Coventry City Council; Cllr Abdul Khan. He expressed how impressive our school and more importantly our pupils are. This Sunday is the Coventry Vaisakhi Mela at the War Memorial park and we hope for good weather.

Last week we also welcomed Dr Michael Foale CBE to Seva School; a British-American astrophysicist and former NASA astronaut. He delivered an aspirational and I hope inspirational presentation to all our pupils using wonderful footage of missions in space, including the international space station and MIR. The key message to our pupils is that anything is possible and you can achieve the career of your dreams. The simple rules to achieve this is hard work and commitment at school, every lesson, every day.

Go for it Seva and reach for the stars!

Following on from this we are working with ISSET (<u>www.isset.org</u>) as we are considering the possibility of our secondary pupils next year for the 'Astronaut Leadership Experience'.

Enjoy the long bank holiday weekend and we will see pupils back at school on Tuesday.

Mrs. P Hammond Executive Principal

Celebration

It was so good to see so many parents at our Vaisakhi assemblies on Monday 18th April. What a wonderful day and your children certainly made Seva very proud. The projects your children completed during the spring holiday for Mrs Khalsa, are making the entrance to the Divan Hall a spectacular sight. Amritsar. They are also wonderful examples of parents and children completing homework in partnership. Thank you to all who supported your children with this piece of work.

Astronaut Visit

On Tuesday 19th April, Dr Michael Foale the former NASA astronaut, visited our school and it was an incredible and memorable experience. He was a real inspiration for our children, showing them that if you set clear goals, work hard and are resilient anything is possible.

Uniform

Please make sure your child is in full school uniform each and every day. It is essential that your child takes pride in the way that they look and ensures that their shirt is always tucked into their trousers! It is a statutory requirement that your child does PE for two hours every week. All children must make sure they have the correct clothing for the days that they have PE. Thank you to everyone who makes sure their children have the right clothing and equipment to carry out their learning effectively.

Attendance

What an improvement! Well done to Key Stage 1 and 2 for achieving over 98%

Class	Attendance
Reception MP	94.17%
Reception SS	97.2%
Year 1FR	98.4%
Year 1KN	99.2%
Year 2KN/ML	100%
Year 2LH/JW	98%
Year 3SP	98.4 %
Year 3TY	98.8%
Year 4	98.4%

Curriculum Topics

These are the topics our children are looking at this term. You will receive curriculum maps from your child's class teacher on Tuesday 3rd May.

Reception – Super Heroes

Year 1 – The Magic Toymaker

Year 2 – Amazing Africa

Year 3 – Capital cities

Year 4 – The Vikings

I will be setting the children projects to complete on these topics over the half term break

Themed Assemblies

Our theme this term is courage. My assemblies are focusing on people of courage. These are the people we are focusing on throughout May.

Tuesday 3rd May – Winston Churchill

Tuesday 10th May – Helen Keller

Tuesday 17th May - Mahatma Gandhi

Tuesday 24th May – Malala Yousafzai

If your child would like to carry out some research on one of these famous courageous people, they are most welcome to do so. I will choose some children to share their facts in assembly. We will also put some of the work on display in our dining hall.

Homework

All Primary pupil are expected to read at least five times a week. We expect Reception and Year 1 to read for ten minutes each time they read. Year 2 to read for at least fifteen minutes and Year 3 and 4 to read for at least twenty minutes. Reception, Year 1, 3 and 4 are expected to complete all the homework set by their class teacher to a high standard and return it by the date given. In addition to this they will be set spellings and given a times table to learn too. In addition to reading, we would like Year 2 to spend at least half an hour every day working through the CPG Key Stage 1 SAT revision aids and questions. There will be no additional homework given to them, until half term by class teachers.

Careers Week

Primary are holding a careers week beginning 20th June. If you would like to participate in the week or know of people who contribute please let us know.

Our Arts week mentioned in the previous Primary Standard will be during the autumn term.

Dates for your diaries - Summer Term 2016

Dates	Activity
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th May	Key Stage 1 SATs
27 th May – 3 rd June	Summer Half term Holiday
Monday 6 th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 7 th June	Beginning of the second half of summer term
20 th - 24 th June	Careers Week
6 th or 8 th July	Proposed Primary Sports Day
12 th July	Reports sent out
14 th July	Proposed Parent Consultations
18 th July	Celebration Assembly – Times to be given for
	each phase at a later stage
20 th July	End of term

Finally.....

I hope the weather improves a little over the Bank Holiday weekend and you and your family have an enjoyable time. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.30am.

Yours sincerely

Jane Morgan Interim Primary Leader

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