



## SEVA SCHOOL

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

Primary Standard Issue 7

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

*Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh*

### Message from the Executive Principal

We are well in to the Summer term and all children are preparing for their assessments. It is wonderful to walk around the school and experience purposeful fully engaged learners all through Primary and Secondary. We thank our KS1 parents for supporting the learning at home using the revision materials provided.

I look forward to meeting parents of year 7's next Thursday at the revision evening, this is an essential part of learning as developing good revision techniques early on in their secondary school life will ensure our pupils are well prepared for starting their GCSE qualifications in year 9.

It was lovely to work alongside a group of committed parents from the PTA at the Vaisakhi sports day Mela hosted at The War Memorial Park. The combined efforts in a short period of time raised over £250 for the pupils. I'd like to thank all parents and local business which made donations towards this fundraising activity.

The school is moving forward at pace on the remodelling of the school internally and externally. Architect drawings for the development of the external social and play areas are displayed in reception.

We are planning enrichment activities for all our pupils in September and to ensure best quality provision is available, we are seeking to work with a number of businesses to support sponsorship of some activities. If you are a local business or know of a local business that can support us in our enrichment we would welcome an expression of interest to myself in writing by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

As we are establishing staffing and systems we will be in a position from September to welcome opportunities for volunteering roles in school. These will be support our enrichment program (a daily program for all our pupils from 3.15pm – 4.15pm) and roles to support some aspects of learning within the school day. Please could you put an expression of interest to myself in writing by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, this should include the areas you would like to support, any experience that is appropriate to this role and your availability. Please note that all volunteers will require a DBS check carried out by the school.

Patricia Hammond

Executive Principal

### Safeguarding

**Car Park** – can all users of the school car park please take note of and adhere to the disabled parking bays, speed limit signs and 'No Entry' signs. Please park respectfully and patiently.

**Collection of Children** – the school gate will be locked at 4.25pm and any children not collected will be brought inside so if you are delayed, please report to Main Reception and your child will be brought to you.

School Office Hours 8.15am to 4.30pm. School telephone number: 02477 987619

**Photographs** – please return the opt-out slip to school by Friday 27th May 2016 if YOU DO NOT wish your child to be included in school photographs. Could I also remind all parents who attend our Celebration assemblies on Friday mornings that all photographs and videos taken are for personal use only and must not appear on any social media sites.

**Travel Plan** – It is essential that any changes to travel plan arrangements are confirmed with the school with as much notice as possible, with a deadline of 2pm each day.

We have been notified by the owner of Sapphire travel that a minority but significant number of parents are parking at: collection and drop off points on double yellow lines; in front of drives; and bus stops. Also in order for our travel plan to run efficiently it is essential that parents drop off and collect children in a timely manner. Failure to comply with all of the above could jeopardise your child's space on our travel plan.

### **Seva Studies**

The focus for the next few weeks is Forgiveness linked to courage.

Thought of the week

*"Forgiveness is not an occasional act it is a permanent attitude."* Martin Luther King

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[Aapae saevaa laaeian aapae bakhas karaee ||](#)

*He Himself enjoins us to serve Him, and He Himself blesses us with forgiveness.*

*Sabhanaa kaa maa pio aap hai aapae saar karaee ||*

*He Himself is the father and mother of all; He Himself cares for us.*

### **Homework**

I would like to remind you that the weekend is an ideal opportunity to do some additional reading and maths work with your child. All children should be reading at least five times. Reception and Year 1 should be reading for 10 -15 minutes each time, Year 2 for 15 -20 minutes and Year 3 and 4 for 20 – 30 minutes. The teachers and I value all the additional work you do with your children at home. All homework handed out by the class teachers must be completed to a high standard. We would like all children to ensure that they present it to the highest possible standard. We would like to thank you for all the support you give your children. It does make a huge difference.

### **Attendance**

Well done to Mrs Lukong, Miss Nijjar and Miss Pickstock's classes who have all met the target for attendance of 98% last week.

Please could our Reception parents please work with us to improve the attendance in both classes. It is essential your child is in school unless they are not well. We look forward to significant improvements by the next Seva Standards. Research shows that pupils who have excellent attendance achieve significantly better than their peers at both primary and secondary.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Reception MP	90.1%
Reception SS	89.5%
Year 1FR	97%
Year 1KN	98%
Year 2KN/ML	100%
Year 2LH/JW	93.5%
Year 3SP	99.5%
Year 3TY	96.5%
Year 4	95.5%

### **Uniform**

Our school uniform is incredibly smart and receives very positive comments from visitors.

During the hot weather we are advising our children to remove their sweater and blazers in class and on the playground to enable them to keep cool and to prevent overheating.

It is very important that all pupils have the correct clothing for PE and have their kit in school on the correct day.

Thank you to everyone who already ensures their child has the correct clothes for all lessons.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 will have their external SATs tests the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. These tests contribute to the teacher assessment on which your child's end of Key Stage 1 result is predominantly based. All our children will be working exceedingly throughout the second half of the summer term to ensure the best possible outcomes. Our pupils will be carrying out the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test. This will be used to enable us to meet the very specific literacy needs of your child.

### **Dates for your diaries - Summer Term 2016**

Term dates for the academic year 2016/2017 were included in the last standard and are also available on our website.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 1 SATs
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Summer Half term Holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Beginning of the second half of summer term
Week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent out
Week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Proposed Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term

### **Finally.....**

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jane Morgan  
Interim Primary Leader

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