



SEVA SCHOOL

'Service, Excellence, Virtues, Aspiration'
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Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Message from the Executive Principal

As we move into the final few weeks of the academic year, we are busy organising a number of events that celebrate our achievements and also welcome our new families and children.

It was wonderful to meet with our new reception parents last week. The children were very excited and full of energy. They enjoyed their time in the EYFS area.

PTA organised a lovely afternoon for Father's day this Friday. We hope there is some nice 'Dad Time' planned this weekend. Children please make the time to say Thank You to your Dad's, Granddad's and Uncle's and for all that they do for you!

For our school to be successful the performance of our pupils is essential. We've had the first indication of the talent and potential in our current year 7 through the National Maths Challenge results. For Year 7 pupils to have achieved silver and bronze awards is exceptional...Well done to everybody! Year 7 have been working hard at school and home to prepare for the annual summative exams, which begin next week.

We are receiving some wonderful projects from our Primary children and I thank parents for their time in actively supporting their children in developing skills and knowledge.

Information regarding the remaining school events will come out in due course and we look forward to welcoming you all into school to enjoy the celebrations.

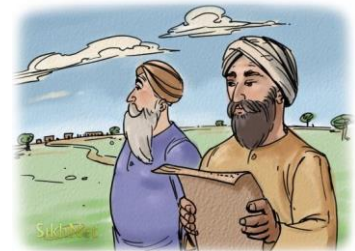
Information regarding the Summer Fayre will be advertised to parents and we welcome donations for the tombola and raffle. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Chabeel event. Drinks will be distributed in Coventry City Centre this Saturday.

Kind Regards
Mrs P Hammond

Seva Studies

The virtue for this half term is **responsibility**.

*I am responsible. I try my best in all that I do. I learn from my mistakes and I am willing to make amends.
sath sa(n)thokh dhaeiaa kamaavai eaeh karanee saar ||*



God Provides To All

One day a Sikh who was a family man came to see Guru Har Rai Ji, the seventh Guru. This man worked hard to take care of his family but when he came to see the Guru he was very troubled. He told the Guru that for many years he had wanted to leave everything and come stay in the Guru's service. He said, "I want only to serve you and earn salvation in the next world". Then he told the Guru how he had a son who would have taken over the family responsibilities but, sadly, the boy had died. "All my hopes are shattered, what can I do?!" he asked the Guru.

Guru Ji asked him how many people he had in his family. "O True King, I have two younger sons and a daughter, and their mother, my beloved wife. I am the fifth member of the family. As far as money, whatever I earn is needed to feed us all," replied the Sikh. Surprisingly, Guru Ji told him that if he wished to serve then he should do it. "But Guru Ji," the Sikh asked respectfully, "how will they survive without me? Maybe you can give me faith that they will be taken care of." But the Guru did not answer and instead told him to go on an errand. The instructions from Guru Ji were, "Take this letter to a Sikh of mine. Then make sure he has read the whole letter before you come back."

So the man went as quickly as he could. "Guru Ji will surely give me the answer and a lesson when I get back!" he thought. When he gave the Sikh the letter he blurted out excitedly, "I have a message from Guru Sahib for you. Please read it quickly. Once you finish the whole thing, I can go back to the Guru and get my lesson!" So the Sikh read the letter, and here is what it said: "Dear Beloved, capture the man who has brought you this letter and make sure he does not leave your sight for the next six months. Treat him kindly and with respect. After six months you may then free him."

The Sikh who received the letter was obedient and knew he would follow Guru's order. He asked the man to come to another room and then he locked the door. Then he said through the door, "O brother, I am truly sorry but I can't let you leave for six months. That is what the letter from the Guru said." The other man pleaded, "Please sir, I have four people to look after and they need me. They can eat only if I earn and provide food. Without me they will starve. Please, let me go." But the Sikh couldn't and wouldn't listen. He followed the order, and even managed to convince the family man to trust the Guru and follow it too. So the family man stayed there and spent his time meditating on the Guru's lotus feet.

Meanwhile the universe was in the process of taking care of the man's family. The first night he was gone they went without dinner. But the neighbours found out that the father was missing and decided to help out. To start with, each neighbour family brought one tray of flour each. Since there were fifty houses in the neighbourhood, fifty trays of flour were collected in the space of 2 hours! That gave the family enough to make chapattis for a really long time. Next, the people living in the entire area helped them find jobs. The two sons became assistants to skilled workers, and they started earning some money. And another lady from the neighbourhood gave their mother and little sister embroidery lessons. Once they learned that, they were able to do sewing jobs. With all this help and support from the community and their jobs the family didn't have any more problems buying their food.

Six whole months went by and the father was free to go. He immediately rushed home to see his family. He had been really worried, thinking that without food they might not even be alive. When he got home his heart almost burst out of his chest. They looked so great and healthy! The wife explained: "When you were gone the neighbours all pitched in to give us food. Then they trained which helped us get good jobs. With all of us earning now, we are very successful. We have more than we ever had before. There was never anything for you to worry about."

Now he understood the Guru's play. This was his lesson in faith. He knew his family were fine without him. God would take care of them and he was free to serve the Guru. He went to the Guru and gave himself in gratitude and service. He felt such happiness and bliss serving him. He allowed himself to serve his heaven instead of just his earthly responsibility, and doing this his earthly life was covered. Instead of staying a slave to a lifestyle of work, he realized that when he served the Guru God still provided. And his family not only survived, they thrived!

Attendance

The attendance below is from Tuesday 7th – Thursday 16th June. Remember for our attendance to be judged as good all children have to have over 96%. To have outstanding attendance we have to achieve 98%+. I would like to say a huge thank you to all children and parents who are working with us to achieve our goal.

No holidays are permitted during term time and any parents who choose to take their children out of school for any form of holiday may be fined. Seva School provide you with an additional week in October (17th - 30th October 2016) to enable you to take overseas holidays.

Well done to both Year 3 classes who have made a good start to the final term. It would be great if all our classes that have amber attendance could achieve a green the next Primary Standard. I would also like to see a significant improvement in our Reception classes' attendance by next time. It would be great to see them both well above 95%.

As from next week parents of any persistent absentees will be invited into school to discuss their child's attendance. It is essential that children are in school every day unless they are ill. Good attendance leads to good progress and success.

Class	Attendance
Reception AK/JY	93.3%
Reception SS	94.2%
Year 1FR	97.3%
Year 1ML	97.1%
Year 2KN	97.1%
Year 2LH/JW	91.4%
Year 3SP	98.7%
Year 3TY	98.4%
Year 4	97.1%

Homework

Well done to all the children who have completed the homework projects so far. There has been a lot of hard work by many children and some parents! Please make sure that all children have time, to be able to carry out all homework given and are able to complete it in a quiet place. We expect all children to complete all homework to a high standard. We are really focusing on handwriting this term, so would like to see that all homework reflects the work taking place in school.

Celebration Assembly

On Tuesday 5th July you will be invited into school once more to see all the great things your child has been doing this year. In addition to this we will also be handing out certificates for the pupils who have demonstrated really good effort and achievement in different areas of the curriculum. There will be three different assemblies, EYFS and Year 1, Year 2 and Years 3 and 4. A letter will go out next week informing you of the different times for each of the assemblies. You will get a letter on Friday 1st July informing you if your child will be receiving a certificate.

Assemblies

This half term our main religious assembly theme is taking responsibility. We are also focusing on the importance of developing 'Good Habits' and the importance of team work. In July we will be using some of our assemblies to prepare the children for their new classes in September and the changes this will entail.

Transition Day

On Tuesday 12th July pupils will spend a morning with their new class teachers. They will spend the morning carrying out a variety of activities to enable them and their class teachers to get to know each other. They will also be carrying out an activity that can be used for a display, which will be in place when the children enter their new classes in September.

Open Days

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd June for our Open Days. There will be a primary presentation at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22nd and a secondary one on Thursday 23rd June. We look forward to welcoming you in to seeing the school in action.

Summer Fayre and Sports Day

The PTA are organising the Summer Fayre on Saturday 2nd July and the Sport's Day on Friday 15th July. They will provide you with further information on both these events next week. We would like to say an enormous thank you to the PTA for all their help and support this term. Their hard work and dedication is making a huge difference to our children's lives.

Year 7 Exams

Next week primary will be moving around the building very quietly and will have all their PE lessons outside weather permitting, due to the fact that the hall will be out of use because Year 7 have their exams. We wish everyone in Year 7 well.

Race for Life 5K Muddy Run.

Some of the staff at Seva School will be taking part in the Race for Life muddy run on Saturday 25th June at Stoneleigh Park. 'Seva Warriors' want to raise as much money as they can for Cancer Research UK. They are on a mission to raise £1000 and are raring to go!

For some of them, this is a new experience and the thought of trawling through a 5km muddy obstacle course is quite daunting. They hope the children at Seva School will be inspired by their courage and determination. They have a group fundraising page if anyone wishes to sponsor them:

www.justgiving.com/nirbanmattu

Dates for your diaries - Summer Term 2016

School term dates for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 are available on our website.

Dates	Activity
Saturday 18 th June (PTA Event)	Chabeel – Donations of soft drinks and water in to school after half term
Wednesday 22 nd June	Primary open day (9.30am – 3pm) and evening (6.30pm – 7.30pm) for prospective parents 2017
Thursday 23 rd June	Secondary open day (9.30am – 3pm) and evening (6.30pm – 7.30pm) for prospective parents 2017
Saturday 2 nd July (PTA Event)	Summer Fayre – 11am to 3pm
Tuesday 5 th July	Primary end of year celebration assemblies and certificates – Information to follow
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 7 Transition day and evening
Tuesday 12 th July	Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 Progress Evening
Tuesday 12 th July	New Year 5 Transition morning – information to follow
Thursday 14 th July	Year 2 Progress Evening
Thursday 14 th July	Year 7 Celebration Evening – 6pm onwards
Friday 15 th July (PTA Event)	Primary Sports Event – afternoon
Monday 18 th July	Primary Celebration Assembly – Times TBC
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of term

Finally.....

I hope you all have an enjoyable and dry weekend.

Yours sincerely
Jane Morgan
Interim Primary Leader

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