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Eid Mubarak (Happy Eid!)



This weekend our Moslem families, and all Moslems all over the world, will be celebrating Eid.

This past week all children have been learning about this aspect of Islam as part of our commitment both to Religious Education (that includes learning about all the major faiths) but also to Community Cohesion (see our OfSTED report). In terms of the latter we started by considering some facts:

- If the whole world were 20 people, 4 would be Muslim (and 6 Christian).
- If the whole of the UK was 20 people 1 would be a Muslim
- If the whole of Bristol were 20 people, 1½ would be Muslim
- Every week in the UK 930,000 Muslims go to a place of worship, this is about the same number of Christians who go to church.

In one of our assemblies children (and adults) were invited to think about the following and if they wanted to, how these compare with Christian Teaching (a theme picked up in class discussions).

The Koran teaches Muslims what to do to be a good person:

- Look after the poor and needy.
- Spend some time everyday in prayer.
- Spend some time every year fasting.
- Try to make a visit to a special 'Holy' place.

Year 3/4 home learning this week is to share with parents/carers what has been learnt this week about Islam.

Dates for your Diary

- Sept 20** Eid
- Sept 21** Earth Connect @ Church (Yr 6)
- Sept 22** Earth Connect @ Church (Yr6)
- Sept 22** Yr 3 & 4 Circus Day
- Sept 24** Pupil Photos (am)
- Sept 29** 3.30-5.30 meet your child's teacher
- Sept 30** Yr 3&4 magic Science Show
- Oct 1** 3.30-5.30 meet your child's teacher
- Oct 5** Yr 6 to Lifeskills
- Oct 6** Harvest Festival 11.00
- Oct 16** Diwali
- Oct 21** Yrs 3&4 Circus performance
- Mid term break: week starting Oct 26**
- Dec 4** Yr 6 Christmas Fair
- Dec 16** Carol Concert 7.00 pm
- Dec 18** Last day of term 2
- Jan 4** Monday First day of Term 3

INSET DAYS 2009-2010

Nov 2 April 1 June 25



....so..please... **no crisps or chocolate for children's playtime snacks!**

This was agreed after extensive consultation with (and pressure from!) parents a couple of years ago.

Healthy Snacks (fruit, toast etc) are sold daily from the kitchen at playtime, Still only 15p

Indoor Shoes

After the classrooms were rebuilt, we were determined to both keep the classrooms in really good condition and to use the new carpet spaces for sitting on. No one likes sitting on carpet which has had mud (and other things!) brought in from outside. Two years on, the carpets are still in fantastic condition because children and parents have **actively supported** the no outdoor shoes policy. **Please! Please! Please! ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes to change into.** (Also, if there is a fire (or practice) there isn't time for children to find shoes!)

Parents' Evening appointment times

A booking chart will be put up outside each classroom on Monday afternoon (for appointments the following week). Please sign up if you would like an appointment (or if you can't get into school) ask your child to sign up. Ms Bunce and Ms Pickering will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday but not Thursday.

PTO

 * Individual Pupil's photos *
 * **Sept 24 (Morning)** *
 * Siblings (including Infant) groups from 9.00am. Individual photos are also used for the 'all pupils' poster in the lobby which children love to be on, so try not to be absent! *

Get the most out of Parents Evenings !

This is a really important opportunity for you to have a conversation with your child's class (everything except numeracy!) teacher.

You might want to ask.....

- How have they settled in?
- Do they seem happy and focused in class?
- Are there any issues with friends or playtimes?
- What recent 'assessment' levels/results does the school have and what might these indicate about progress and specific areas to work on?
- How can I/we support our child's learning this year?

The teacher might ask.....

- Are they reporting that they are happy in school?
- Any issues in or out of school that might be affecting their learning?
- Any questions about weekly Home-learning tasks?
- Do you know what your child's 'learning strengths' and 'weaknesses' are and what the key steps for improvement might be; especially in reading and writing?
- Do they have any special abilities (in or out of school) we may not be aware of?

The appointments will be at **5 minute** intervals. As some classes are 30+ we will have to **stick strictly to the allotted times!**

The sheets for you to sign up for a time will be outside the (internal) door to each classroom from Monday at 3.20 pm.

If you are not able to come in please either ask your child to sign up at the time you want or you could fill in the slip below and return it to the class teacher and they will sign up for the nearest available time to the one you request.

Tuesday, 29th September from 3.30 - 6.30 pm.

or

Wednesday, 30th September from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm. (only classes 3/4LP and 5MB)

or

Thursday, 1st October from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm. (NOT classes 3/4LP and 5MB)

I would like an appointment **as near as possible to**.....

on _____ (DAY)

Child's Name _____ Class _____ Name of teacher _____