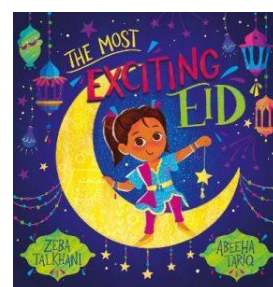


Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and were able to find some time to rest and relax. We have had a positive start to the term and spent time this week in assembly thinking about kindness. We were reminded that being kind is so important, helping other people and looking after others is one of the best things people can do. Not only does it make the person you help feel better it also makes you feel good. The children thought about what they could do to show kindness to others.

This week the children have also been learning about Ramadan and Eid-Al-Fitr.

This year, Ramadan has been taking place since 22nd March and is due to end on 21st April. Ramadan is a very important time for Muslims and is celebrated all over the world. During Ramadan, Muslims request forgiveness for sins in the past, pray for direction and try to cleanse themselves through self-control and great acts of faith. It is a time of fasting for the Islamic people as fasting is one of the Five Pillars or duties of Islam. Muslims celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for the strength that he gave them throughout Ramadan. Eid Al-Fitr officially begins when the first sight of the new moon is seen in the sky. The children have also enjoyed reading the story 'The most exciting Eid'. Eid Mubarak to everyone celebrating.



Our Year 1 and Year 2 staff have attended Pupil Progress Meetings this week. We have looked at the progress children have made individually and whether the children are on track to meet age related expectations. Children have benefited from regular reading at home and work on using and applying their phonic knowledge. Thank you for your support with this. We have noticed that low attendance has had an impact on children's progress and will be working with families to improve attendance. Pupil Progress Meetings for Pre-school and Reception will take place next week.

Reading Incentive

Thank you to those who have continued to read over Easter, we have seen lots of children return reaching 100. Therefore, the vending machine is looking a little empty, we have ordered replacement books, they are yet to arrive. If your child has reached 100, we thank you for your patience whilst we wait for them to arrive. We have explained this to the children and hope the books will arrive early next week.

Strike Action

Further strike action is due to take place on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We will be closed to some classes on both days. Please [see letter](#) for more information. Please note the reading session on the Tuesday 2nd May will be cancelled.

Coronation Celebrations

We will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III in a variety of ways.

- Children and staff can come dressed to school wearing red, white and blue items of clothing.
- There will be a coronation themed lunch provided by our catering team. Please see [Menu](#).
- We will be hosting a 'Crown competition' We would like children to create a crown and wear it on Friday 5th May. There will be a parade in the afternoon and a prize per year group for the most creative crown. Children can create a crown however they like and can use any materials they wish. Please make sure your child's crown is named.

Colour Dash

On Friday 28th April we will taking part in a Colour Dash to raise money for Leicester Children's holidays. Please [see letter](#) for more information

Looking ahead

This term is a very short term with so much going on. I have created a half termly planner to help keep track of what is going on. Please see [planner](#).

Take Care

Mrs Holmes