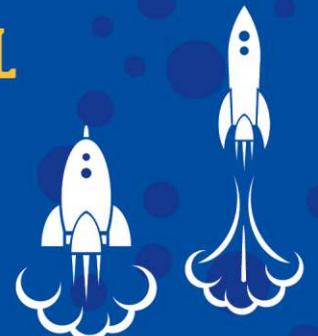
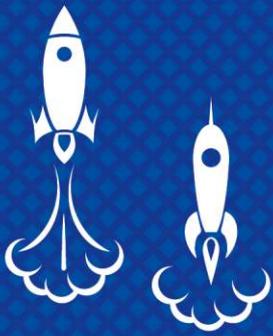


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Ramadhan Mubarak

We have come to the end of yet another academic year, and what a year it has been. I'd like to share with you some of our most memorable moments:

- Ofsted telling us we were good and outstanding for safeguarding
- YR graduation
- Seeing your smiling faces during class assemblies
- Year 6's very own rendition of 'Robin Hood'
- The many fundraising days we have had
- The seasonal assembly
- The residential trips that we have had; Buckden House, York, Sealife and London.

But most of all, the wonderful learning that has taken place. The new national curriculum brought with it high expectations and the need for children to be pushed more than ever before. The children rose to the occasion and delivered. Our team of hardworking staff have worked relentlessly to make the school aim of exceeding expectations a reality. The data for all the key areas within the school has risen and is better than before. The significant areas are; exit scores from reception, Y1 phonics test, Y2 SATs and finally the Y6 SATs.

On a final note I'd like to thank all parents for ensuring that their children arrive in school on time and for supporting the school's attendance policy.

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the 'End of Year' Headteachers Newsletter.

Children have settled into their new classes well and will be spending the next week or so doing end of year assessments.

School will close on Thursday 16th July instead of Friday 17th July.

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Reports

School reports will be sent out the week beginning 13th July. This year we have opted for a more personalised report and added photographs of your children and pictures of work they have produced. The new report format will no longer give levels but will say whether your child is working at AREX (age related expectations), below or above. Y2 and Y6 reports will still give a level.

Please do not be too alarmed if your child's report reads working_below expectations, this is because the new national curriculum has set the bar far higher than the last national curriculum and where your children may have been at age related expectation before they might now be below. We are hoping with the intense focus on English and maths that we have planned for the autumn term, our children should have caught up with the new national expectation by no later than Easter next year; with the majority of children achieving AREX by December. Please note Warwick Road School is ahead of many other schools in changing over to the new curriculum and reporting to parents using the new bands.

We will be holding another Parent's Meeting in the new academic year – please do find the time to attend so we can explain fully.

School Dinners

It has been decided in consultation with the SLT and the Parent Forum to no longer offer the blue band menu. We believe the children should have a varied balanced diet. Too many children were opting for the blue band menu everyday. The red and green bands have been tweaked and now offer options that the children are familiar with; like- tikka boti, seekh kebabs etc.

Please note that the price for school dinners from September will be £2.00 per day. KS1 and Reception will continue to receive their entitlement to universal free school meals.

Leave of Absence

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of applications for leave of absence. I'd like to remind parents that under the LA guidance leave of absence can no longer be given unless there are extenuating circumstances; the nature of which will be considered by the headteacher. Leave of absence can be given for those families wishing to perform Hajj; applications for leave of absence to perform Umrah will be denied as this can be performed at any time during the year. Mrs Chhibda is the school Attendance Officer and all queries must be directly made to her in the first instance.

Building Work

The third phase of building work has begun; the existing 3 Y3/Y4 classes and the shared area are receiving a makeover. In September those areas will house all Y3 and Y4. The shared area will become the final classroom and will be called Vega. We will then have 2 Y3 classes and 2 Y4 classes with 23 children per class; smaller class sizes will ensure higher teacher pupil ratio, that coupled with the effective marking and feedback the children receive will ensure rapid progress is made.

In addition the top corridors will be redecorated leaving the area outside the hall to be renovated during November ½ term.

Attendance

The attendance reward for the summer term will be Magic Show, this will be held in the hall on Monday 13th July in the morning. The children will receive invites and may come in non-uniform for the occasion.

Children who have achieved 100% attendance for the year with fewer than 4 late marks will be given a trophy and £5.00 gift voucher. The class to receive the highest attendance reward goes to class Andromeda who will celebrate with a class party due to be held on Friday July 3rd during the afternoon.

Finally I'd like to wish everyone

Eid Mubarak

and

happy holidays!