

Dear Parents/Carers

Another month has flown by but not without continued hard work by everyone and some lovely events.

One lovely event that is due any day is the arrival of Mrs Bennet-Acres' baby! She left to begin her maternity leave on Wednesday and we are looking forward to hearing the happy news very soon! We also welcomed Miss Kohli and Mrs Scarsbrook back from their maternity leave this week.

It was great to learn about the Islamic Festival of Eid this week – a very special event and celebration for our Muslim children, families and staff.

Some of our staff led a special assembly to share with us why this is such an important festival to them and how they celebrate it. Children wore their beautiful clothes to school and we all enjoyed learning about the festival and the similarities between Eid and some of the festivals others celebrate such as Christmas.

I am incredibly proud that we are a school with children, families and staff who join us from many different countries and cultures – we can all learn so much from each other and we do! We recognise and celebrate our similarities and differences and this diversity provides all of the children with rich and varied learning experiences. It also helps us to teach the children about respect, tolerance and curiosity and gives the children the confidence to be proud of their families, their backgrounds and their cultures.

Our school family is kind and caring, our school environment respectful and accepting. Because of this we are all helping the children to develop as young people who are and will be great global citizens, who understand their rights to live free from discrimination and who have a deep rooted sense of responsibility to ensure others do too!

Other celebrations and special events for the rest of this term are listed on the back of this newsletter so please make a note of those that apply to your child and you and we look forward to welcoming you all to them over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

A H-Chapman Head Teacher

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 7th
July
School will
be closed for
an INSET day**

**School will
close at
1.30pm on
the last day
of term –
Tuesday 25th
July**

**Further dates
for the rest of
term will
follow**



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