



# Khalsa VA Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Prakash Utsav

This is to remind you that we will be celebrating Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Prakash Utsav on the morning of Friday 19th January 2018. Details of the programme have been displayed on parents' boards and copies are available from the school office. Please join us in the celebration. The children are required to wear school uniform on the day.

If you would like to contribute towards the Gurburab, please give donations to the school office. We would appreciate if parents could help clear the main hall after the programme.

There will be a special lunch for children on the day. Please see the menu for this displayed next to normal the school lunch menu.

## Coffee Morning

Please let the office staff know by 19th January if you would like to attend the 'coffee morning' organised to take place on **26th January at 8.50am**. The 'coffee morning' will only go ahead if we have at least 10 parents / carers showing an interest in attending.

## Attendance

We all know that good attendance and punctuality are both essential for children to make good progress in their learning and to achieve well. Long or frequent absences disrupt learning and it is very difficult for children to catch up on what has been missed. Parents / carers have a duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly and on time. The attendance target for all children is 96%. The school will intervene if a pupil's level of attendance is lower than the level required for efficient full-time education.

Please do not take holidays during term time as these will not be authorised.

## Absences

If your child is absent from school, please call the school in the morning to let the office staff know. We are required to have written information to say why a child is absent from school.

You may email the school at [info@khalsa.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:info@khalsa.ealing.sch.uk) or send in a written note with your child.

If your child can not go out to play for a valid reason, please provide a written note for your child to give to their class teacher.

## School Lunches

If for a valid reason, your child is coming to school after 9.30am, it is important that you notify the school office whether your child will be having a school or packed lunch that day. If you do not let the school office know in time, you will be required to provide your child with packed lunch.

## Parking on school grounds

As parents will have noticed, parking on school grounds is difficult as we have a limited number of spaces. After consultation with Local Authority Health & Safety Officers, we have been advised that we can only offer parking on school grounds to parents and carers who have a valid blue disability badge. Therefore, if parents and carers do not have a blue disability badge, they will not be allowed access to school grounds to drop off and collect their children.

We hope you understand the situation and will cooperate with us for the safety of everyone.

## Twitter

All the latest school news and updates appear on our twitter page, including photos and videos of school activities. Please download the app, and follow us @khalsaschool1 or read the feed on our school website.

## DIARY DATES

<b>Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>Literacy week</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>Guru Gobind Singh Ji's birthday celebrations</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>Reception trip to Neasden Mandhir</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>Coffee morning at 8.50am</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>	<b>Year 2 trip to Richmond Synagogue</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>