



Khalsa VA Primary School

NEWSLETTER

18 March 2019

Sponsored Reading Challenge

This week children across the whole school will take part in a week of reading challenges to be completed both at home and at school. The challenge is to promote the importance of reading regularly for pleasure. We will also be raising valuable money for school funds. Please encourage your child to complete the home reading tasks every day and sign the task sheet that was sent home. Teachers will support children with the tasks to be completed in school.

Children should ask parents, other family members and friends to sponsor them for the challenge. Money and sponsor forms must be handed by **Monday 25th March**.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open all week from 8:20am to 8.35am. We offer healthy choices of breakfast, which are portion controlled. This overall aim is help children make the right choices and improve their eating habits. Please help your children to make a choice – to have breakfast at home or at school. Having a breakfast at home and at school is not good for their health.

To supplement the breakfast we would appreciate small donations of fruit, such as bananas. We also need napkins or kitchen rolls. If you are able to offer either of these, please let the office staff know. Thank you for your support.

On **Wednesday 20th March 2019**, we will serve porridge at the breakfast club. Please allow your child to bring in a teddy bear or soft toy to the breakfast club on the 20th.

World Down-Syndrome Day

We will be taking part in 'World Down-Syndrome Day' on **Thursday 21st March**. Down-Syndrome is a genetic condition that causes some level of learning disability and certain physical characteristics. Individuals with Down-Syndrome have two copies of each of their 23 chromosomes but they have a third copy of chromosome 21, a genetic condition also known as trisomy 21, hence the celebration on March 21st of each year. Each year the theme for the day is odd socks, these were chosen as a symbol for Down-Syndrome because chromosomes are shaped like socks.

Please encourage children to wear odd socks, colourful socks, mis-matched socks. Together we can raise awareness and wellbeing of people with Down-Syndrome. ***This year, the global theme is "Leave no one behind" - All people with Down-Syndrome must have opportunities to live fulfilling lives, included on a full and equal basis with others, in all aspects of society.***

Policies and procedures for dealing with concerns

For our school to be really successful and a happy place for everyone, it's important that we work together as a team and follow the correct policies and procedures. Therefore parents are reminded that they should make an appointment to see their child's class teacher, in the first instance, to raise any concerns. Parents can also make an appointment to see the headteacher and deputy headteacher to raise issues and concerns. Detailed policies are available on request from the school office and on the school website.

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Parents' meetings

This is to remind everyone, that year group parents' meetings will take place on **Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th March from 3.20pm onwards, in the main hall**. Signing up sheets will be available at the beginning and end of the school day. Please make sure that you sign up for a time slot with your child's class teacher. Meetings for nursery parents will also take place on **Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th March**, however they will start at 2.15pm and will be held in the meeting room on the ground floor.

Mothers' Day and Muffins for mums

On **Friday 29th March**, we would like to invite mums, grandmothers, or special mother figures of children in Nursery, Reception and years 1 and 2, to join us at 8.45am till 9.15am in their child's class to read with them. Please come in and start your day with delicious muffins and doughnuts and put a smile on your child's face. It will be a treat for them, and we have a treat for you!

Sukhmani sahib paath

It was uplifting to see so many parents and carers who joined us to read sukhmani sahib paath on last Friday. Please come and join us on every Friday at 8.45am to recite the paath in the darbar sahib.

Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan and Smagam

Parents will be pleased to know that the Executive Committee of Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara has organised a three day smagam which will take place from 5th to 7th April, on Norwood Field behind the school. Our school children will take part on **Friday 5th April** and we will also be joining the Nagar Kirtan on **Sunday 7th April**. Please make every effort to attend the smagam and the Nagar Kirtan. Please see posters on the parents' board for further details.

Vaisakhi Celebrations

Parents are reminded that we will be celebrating Vaisakhi on the morning of **Friday 26th April**. The celebration will include Nishan Sahib sewa. Please remember to add the date to your diary so that you can join us. Parents are reminded that they can offer sewa by speaking to the office staff. We will provide you will more details shortly.

Parking

Parents are reminded to park with care and consideration for our neighbours and the safety of everyone. It is essential that parents do not park across driveways and that cars are not stopped at the zebra crossing to drop off children. Cameras have been installed on the Norwood Green Road, which means that drivers will be fined for parking illegally.

Celebrating children's birthdays

Parents will be aware that we are offering their children the wonderful opportunity to celebrate their birthday during the school day, with their class. We will provide a birthday cake, which will be cut by the birthday child and shared by everyone in the class. We are asking parents to pay a fee of £40 towards the celebration. Please note that we need at least one week's notice. So book early to avoid disappointment.



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Extended Holiday Leave

A number of parents have requested leave during term time. Please remember to use school holidays to book your holidays as extended leave will not be granted. If a parent decides to take unauthorised leave, a penalty fine, minimum £60, will be issued by the Local Authority.

School lettings

During the school holidays and weekends, the school premises are available for booking weddings, engagements, sukhamani sahib paath and birthday parties. The school premises provide a great venue as the facilities are of a very high standard. Please visit our school website or see office staff for further information.

Thought of the week
"Learn from yesterday,
live for today, hope for tomorrow"
– Albert Einstein

Certificates for the Golden Rule of 'Remembering God'

Year 6:

Guru Gobind Singh Ji – Amrit Malhi
Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji – Ishveen Kapoor

Year 5:

Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji – Sunny Singh
Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji – Gursimar Panesar

Year 4:

Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji – Gurcharan Chana
Guru Arjan Dev Ji – Sukhvir Langani

Year 3:

Guru Ram Das Ji – Ashleen Kaur
Guru Amar Das Ji – Gursimrat Sallan

Year 2:

Guru Nanak Dev Ji – Navjyot Sehmi
Guru Angad Dev Ji – Sahibjot Chanuniya

Year 1:

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji – Arleen Kaur
Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Ji – Jivraj Khaneja

Reception:

Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji – Parmeet Gaba
Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji – Heer Anand

The 'Golden Rule' for this week is 'Working Hard'.

Website – www.khalsaschool.co.uk - Visit our school website for information.



Twitter - [@KhalsaSchool1](https://twitter.com/KhalsaSchool1) - Regular updates on our Twitter page

Healthy Packed Lunch

Tarandeep Singh in Year 6 was awarded for bringing in a healthy packed lunch. Thank you to his parents for helping him make healthy choices.

Best Attendance for week beginning 11th March 2019

Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji class	92%
Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji class	95%
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji class	95%
Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Ji class	96%
Guru Nanak Dev Ji class	100%
Guru Angad Dev Ji class	95%
Guru Amar Das Ji class	99%
Guru Ram Das Ji class	97%
Guru Har Gobind Sahib Ji class	97%
Guru Arjan Dev Ji class	100%
Guru Har Krishan Sahib Ji class	98%
Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji class	96%
Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji class	97%
Guru Gobind Singh Ji class	97%

Spring Term dates

20 th March	Breakfast Club – Porridge day – Bring a teddy
21 st March	World Down-Syndrome Day (odd sock day)
26 th & 28 th March	Parents' meetings - Individual pupils
29 th March @ 8.45am	Muffins for mums (EYFS and KS1)
5 th April	End of Spring Term
5 th to 7 th April	Southall Vaisakhi Smagam on Norwood Hall Fields
7 th April	Southall Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan
8 th to 22 nd April	Easter Holidays