



# Khalsa VA Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Welcome back to school.

We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and enjoyed spending quality time with your children. The second half term is a busy one, and includes opportunities for you to meet with staff to discuss your child's progress and also to join us in a number of celebrations.

### Reception Admissions

Thank you to the parents who attended the 'Reception Open Morning'. If you were unable to attend, do make sure that you pick up essential documents from the school office and remember the **deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. To secure a reception place, you must make sure that your application is in on time.

### Office Hours

Please note the times below, when the school office is open to parents and carers. Our first priority has to be the children and this means that we must focus on health and safety as well as security at all times. Therefore please be patient and understanding.

- Morning: 8.30am to 9.00am
- Afternoon: 3.15pm to 3.45pm

### Bandi Chhor and Diwali

Due to rain being predicted at the end of the week, we will be lighting candles for Bandhi Chor Divas and Diwali today at 3.00pm. There will be a special lunch for pupils on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Do join us when we light candles at the end of the school day today.

### Southall Nagar Kirtan – 3<sup>rd</sup> November

The Southall Nagar Kirtan will start at Havelock Road at 11.30am and finish at Park Avenue Gurdwara. Staff and children from our school will take part in this important event. Please join us and ensure that our school is well represented. We will meet at Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara at 11.00am and walk at the front of the Nagar Kirtan.

### Gurpurab Homework

We emailed homework to all parents and hope that you were able to spend time with your child to produce a piece of work. Please ensure that the homework is handed in to class teachers.

### Gurpurab to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

We are fast approaching our school celebration to mark the 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's birth on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

- 1.30 pm Langar and Kirtan for parents & visitors
- 2.30 pm Children's performances and Kirtan by Kirtani Jatha
- 4.30 pm Firework display in the MUGA
- 5.00 pm Sodar Rehras Sahib
- 5.30 pm Kirtan

With the help of sewadars we will be serving langar throughout the afternoon and evening. The children will have a special picnic lunch in their classrooms. We would appreciate your sewa as well as monetary donations. Please put donations in the special 'donation box' near the school office. We would also appreciate donations of some items – please see lists on the glass doors at the front of the school. Thank you for your support and commitment to the children of Khalsa Primary.

### Toilet Access

Please note due to health and safety reason parents cannot be allowed access to school toilets.

### Parking

We have had several complaints from local residents as some parents are parking illegally in driveways, etc. Please ensure that you park sensibly and follow the laws about parking and only park in areas where you are allowed. The area is monitored closely by traffic wardens and the police which means that parents will be fined.

### School meals

Can we please remind parents to pay for their child's school meal, by contacting Harrisons' on 0208 280 0318. Payment details are also available on the following website - [www.ealingmeals.com](http://www.ealingmeals.com).

**Please note that Harrisons will not provide children with a meal, unless parents have paid in advance. If parents have incurred a debt, this will also mean that children will not be provided with a school meal**

### Packed Lunches

If your child has a packed lunch, please make sure that you give it to them in the morning. Bringing in a packed lunch during the school day is disruptive and not helpful.



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### Attendance

Parents are fully aware that good attendance and punctuality is very important for children's learning and achievement. Long or frequent absences disrupt learning and it is extremely difficult for children to catch up on what they have missed. Parents have a duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly and on time. If children arrive late for school, their learning and achievement is affected. Our expectation is that every child should have, at least, attendance of 97%. We will contact parents and carers if a pupil's level of attendance is lower than the level required for efficient full-time education. Please do not take holidays during school time as these will not be authorised.

**For the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October, children following the Golden Rule of 'Working Hard' were given a special mention in assembly and they also received a special sticker**

Guru Gobind Singh Ji – Priyapreet Gujral  
 Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji – Mahekpreet Nagpal  
 Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji – Arjun Dhaliwal  
 Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji – Avneet Sandhu  
 Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji – Roshni Kaur  
 Guru Arjan Dev Ji – Harman Khurana  
 Guru Ram Das Ji – Paramvir Bajaj  
 Guru Amar Das Ji – Harneet Dhesi  
 Guru Nanak Dev Ji – Jivraj Khaneja  
 Guru Angad Dev Ji – Jasmeet Kaur  
 Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji – Jasnoor Bhatia  
 Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Ji – Sargun Khaneja  
 Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji – Sukhdeep Singh  
 Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji – Harleen Kaur  
 The 'Golden Rule' for the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October is '**Caring & Sharing**'.

### The Space

Parents will remember that we created a new area last year, called 'The Space'. This area is used for providing a safe place for children to talk to trained staff, about their thoughts and feelings and concerns. Pupils can choose to speak to one of the trained staff. If appropriate, concerns discussed may be shared with the child's class teacher.

### Attendance for week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October

Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji class	82%
Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji class	88%
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji class	95%
Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Ji class	97%
Guru Nanak Dev Ji class	96%
Guru Angad Dev Ji class	92%
Guru Amar Das Ji class	97%
Guru Ram Das Ji class	94%
Guru Har Gobind Sahib Ji class	95%
Guru Arjan Dev Ji class	97%
Guru Har Krishan Sahib Ji class	98%
Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji class	98%
Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji class	96%
Guru Gobind Singh Ji class	98%

### Healthy Packed Lunch

This week **Harneet Dhesi Year 3** was awarded a certificate for regularly bringing in a very healthy packed lunch. We would like to thank her parents for helping her make healthy choices

### Thought of the week

**'Today is a good day to learn something new'**

Autumn Term dates	
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Science Week
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Scooter Training for Reception Children
28 <sup>th</sup> October (Monday)	Bandi Chhor & Diwali - Lighting of Candles (moved due to bad weather forecast)
3 <sup>rd</sup> November (Sunday)	Southall Nagar Kirtan
w/b 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
w/b 4 <sup>th</sup> November	History & Geography Week
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Reception to year 6)
15 <sup>th</sup> November (Friday)	Gurpurab to celebrate the 550 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and Sibling Photographs
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Height and Weight Check (Reception and Year 6)
w/b 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Parents' Meetings (individual children) Shaheedhi Purab – Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumpers' Day and Winter Fair