



# Khalsa VA Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

4th December 2023

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## **Week commencing 11th December – individual parents' meetings**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding individual meetings for parents. This is an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and find out about their progress. This week, your child's class teacher will send you details of your appointment time. Meetings will take place on Google Meet, so please make sure that you know your child's Google username and password.

## **Nishkam SWAT Rucksack appeal 2023**

This year, we are again supporting Nishkam SWAT with their 'Rucksack appeal,' which aims to collect and distribute much needed items to vulnerable and homeless members of society. In assembly last week, our pupils heard from the Nishkam SWAT team about the important work that they do and how we can help.

Attached to this email is a list of items which we would like families to donate. If you can help, please bring your donations in either before or after school this week or next week. **Please do not bring anything that is not on the list – we will not be able to accept it.**

## **Parents' information meeting – Special Educational Needs – Wednesday 6th December at 8.45am**

This week, our parents' information meeting will be run by our SENDCOs, Ms. Kaur and Ms. Halai. If your child has SEND, or you are concerned about their development or progress, please come to this meeting to find out more about how school and families can work together.

## **Reception information meetings – Phonics, Reading and Mathematics – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 8.45am**

If your child is in Reception, please come to our curriculum meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 8.45am. The teachers will explain how we teach Phonics, Reading and Mathematics, and explain how best parents can support their child at home.

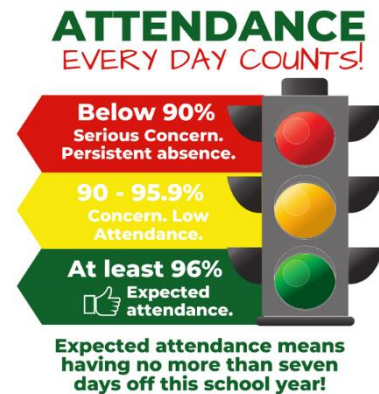
## **Martyrdom of the Char Sahibzaade – week commencing 18th December**

We will be marking the martyrdom of the Char Sahibzaade with Simran in the Darbar Sahib during assemblies and parents are invited to join us. We will let you know the full details in next week's newsletter.

## **Attendance update**

We are very happy that our attendance levels are rising and that most families are ensuring that children come to school on time, every day. We would like to remind parents that children should only be off school if they are too sick to attend. If your child is going to be absent, please phone the school office and let us know the reason for this.

Please note that term-time holidays are not allowed and will always be recorded as an unauthorised absence.



## **British Values Assembly Theme: Democracy**

Last week, pupils focused on the theme of democracy. They learned what democracy is, as well as what it means to live in a democratic society. Parents can help by discussing this at home or watching this short video: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z76gr2p#z3m88hv>



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**Certificates for the Golden Rule of 'Caring and Sharing' for the week ending 1st December were awarded to the following children:**

**Year 6:**

Guru Gobind Singh Ji – Jasmeen J. Gabba

Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji – Agam K. Aulakh

**Year 5:**

Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji – Babnoor S. Khalsa

Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji – Hargun Singh

**Year 4:**

Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji – Ajeet S. Mann

Guru Arjan Dev Ji – Tejvir Singh

**Year 3:**

Guru Ram Das Ji – Anandveer S. Roushan

Guru Amar Das Ji – Arush S. Ahuja

**Year 2:**

Guru Nanak Dev Ji – Jasman Singh

Guru Angad Dev Ji – Tanishka K. Malhotra

**Year 1:**

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji – Hazel Gabba

Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Ji – Angad S. Chopra

**Reception:**

Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji – Ishmeet Kaur

Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji – Tanveer S. Malhotra

The 'Golden Rule' for the week beginning 4th December is **'Working Hard.'**

**Best Attendance for week beginning 27th November:**

**MINIMUM TARGET ATTENDANCE: 96%**

Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji class	90%
Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji class	93%
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji class	98%
Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Ji class	86%
Guru Nanak Dev Ji class	92%
Guru Angad Dev Ji class	92%
Guru Amar Das Ji class	91%
Guru Ram Das Ji class	83%
Guru Har Gobind Sahib Ji class	90%
Guru Arjan Dev Ji class	96%
Guru Har Krishan Sahib Ji class	92%
Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji class	95%
Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji class	95%
Guru Gobind Singh Ji class	93%

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**Key dates for your diary**

<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 8.45am</b>	Parent Information Meeting – SEND
<b>Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Parents' Meetings – individual pupils
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas jumpers and Christmas lunch
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 Faith Assembly – Year 5 parents are invited to join us
<b>Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Martyrdom of the Char Sahibzaade events in school
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Last day of term
<b>School holidays</b>	Friday 22nd December to Friday 5th January
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	INSET day – school closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	First day of school for pupils
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	Gurpurab – Guru Gobind Singh's birth

**Thought of the week**

**Your strength is how calmly, quietly, peacefully, you face life.**

**Only through service and sacrifice, can you become great (Jon Gordon)**