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Head Teacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 1 End

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum

I pray that you and your loved ones are well.

We are already at the end of the first half term. Subhan Allah, time does fly! The pupils and staff have all settled in well and are very busy in their teaching and learning, Alhumdulillah. We also just passed through our half term assessment week and Seerah week.

PSHE Consultation

We ran the PSHE consultation in September. Only 14 parents responded. There were a few parents who had indicated that they would like other topics to be included in the sensitive list (eg. How vaccinations can help control the spread of diseases), however everyone agreed that the topics identified as sensitive were regarded as sensitive by themselves. They supported the school in teaching these topics in the Summer Term of Year 6.

The next phase in the consultation will be to share with parents how the sensitive topics will be taught.

Routines

Alhumdulillah, our morning and end of the day routines are running smoothly and we will continue with them unless the weather is severely adverse.

Parent Governor Elections

Early this week we had elections for two parent governors. The ballot box was opened and ballots counted by the School Council members in the presence of the outgoing Parent Governor Sr Amana. We received 51 ballot papers back and the result of the election is as follows:

Br Ahmer Tajir 16 votes
Br Elmi Agab 41 votes
Sr Sanam Saleem 42 votes

Anomaly: We had 3 ballot papers with only one candidate selected instead of two.

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Congratulations to the two elected parents! I look forward to working with them, Insha Allah.

School / Packed Lunches

Due to the current COVID situation, we will continue with packed lunches and reassess at the end of the Autumn Term 2.

COVID

I would like to thank all parents for their vigilance in informing the school whenever their child was unwell, seeking advice to send them in or not. And for parents who came at such short notices to collect their child when he/she fell ill during school time. Most of the instances were common cold-related, Alhumdulillah. Never-the-less, this is not a pandemic that will go away and is with us long term and we must remain on full alert for any signs and symptoms.

To remind everyone of the measures that we have taken and they will continue to be implemented for the safety of our pupils, staff and community.

Cleaning of the toilets takes place twice a day. Once at night and then during lunch time.

Toilets, flushes, door handles, taps, soap dispensers, and light switches are sanitised each time.

Toilet cubicles have been allocated to each bubble so children from separate bubbles don't the same cubicle.

Hand sanitisers are fitted inside and outside of each classroom.

Dining tables are sanitised between the different bubbles using them.

Dhuhr salah is offered at different times for each bubble.

Despite two classes being in each bubble, we keep each class separate from the other during break and salah times.

Classroom doors, corridor doors and all windows are left open all day for ventilation.

The corridors are sanitised each evening.

The COVID risk assessment is reviewed each time the advice from DfE changes and is updated regularly.

I pray that Allah keeps each and every one of us in His eternal protection. Amin.

If there is anything you would like to discuss about the items above or anything else, please don't hesitate in contacting me on head@suffahprimaryschool.co.uk.

Kind regards

Asif Ali
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