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End of Spring term 1 2021 Head Teacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents, Assalamu Alaikum

I pray you are in the best health and Imaan.

This half term truly felt like a marathon to our children and staff. It has been a challenging and difficult period for everyone including our parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and staff who have worked like clockwork in supporting their children to be awake, fed, dressed and ready for their learning. We have learnt and recognised the challenges parents and staff have had in juggling their own work along with scaffolding their children's work, attending online learning from different schools at different levels of engagement at clashing times. We supported parents by offering tables, chairs, headphones and repaired older Chromebooks. We accommodated Key Worker's children along with children caught in domestic issues. We pray for forgiveness for all the loved ones, who our parents and staff have lost during this difficult time. All in all, it has been a lesson in human challenge, resilience and patience. **فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ**. So which favours of your Lord will you deny?

Whilst each person will look back at this time in their own way and take from it what they will, we need to look at it as nothing but Allah's mercy and kindness. We prayed to Allah for patience. He put us through a difficult time where patience was developed. **فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ**. So which favours of your Lord will you deny? We asked Him for more Risq. He put us through a financial squeeze, where we learnt to appreciate what he has already given us. **فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ**. So which favours of your Lord will you deny? We yearned for family love. He either locked us up with family members, always in each other's faces or put a distance so great between us that we couldn't meet up even though we lived a few roads away. **فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ**. So which favours of your Lord will you deny? All in all, Allah has shown us His mercy and kindness. Ya Allah we thank you for all you have given us!

We also discovered some children in chat groups and community gaming sites whilst sitting at their pcs during their lessons. Some parents were shocked at their children's online activity when I called to inform them. Please don't think your children are safe sitting at home behind locked doors. They are just as vulnerable if you don't monitor what they are doing online, even during their lesson time! They can be bullied, be a bully or be exposed to all the harm you think you are protecting them from by locking the door of your house. Please upskill yourself with the online world or email me if you need help in doing so.

Online learning will resume on Monday 22nd February Insha Allah, with a new streamlined timetable. Your children's class teachers will email the new timetable to you during the holidays. For Years 3 – 6 lessons will begin at 9am instead of 8am. This change has come from feedback from the parental, pupil and staff surveys we carried out a few weeks ago.

"Striving to achieve Excellence"



I sent out a survey last term regarding the RSE curriculum change. Since then, the Association of Muslim Schools has announced their own curriculum which we will start teaching in the summer term of this year, Insha Allah. I will be writing to you regarding that shortly.

We all pray that schools reopen at the safest time for our children and vulnerable family members.

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.

Reassuring you of my best attention at all times.

Kind regards

Asif Ali
Head Teacher