

## Newsletter 11 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Families,

**Department for Education (Dfe) visit:** Yesterday was our visit from the Dfe and the Education Expert, Mr Bulman. It went very well indeed with him commenting on what a pleasure it was to visit our school and what a delight the children were - we couldn't agree more! My favourite moment was when I saw Wills from Year 1 chatting to Mr Bulman and afterwards Wills came and told me he'd told the man all about their lives - that did make me chuckle! Mr Bulman was very happy with the provision the children are getting. It will take a few weeks before we receive the report and as previously mentioned, I am unfortunately unable to share this with you as it's not allowed to be made a public document. As Mr Bulman was satisfied with where the school is at, he won't visit again but I will receive a phone call in the Summer Term for him to touch base as to how things are going in general and to follow up on a few actions that are on our School Development Plan. So our next external visit will be our first Ofsted inspection next academic year (2020-2021) and it is likely to be in the Summer Term but we won't know until we get the phone call the day before the visit. In the meantime, our Deputy Director of Education, Mr Bhoola, will be visiting regularly to ensure the quality of education remains at the high standard it currently is at. Thank you to all the parents that spoke to Mr Bulman and said such complimentary things about us and what we are doing. As I always say, you and the children are our best advocates so it means the most to us when you give this feedback. Thank you so much. I would also like to publically thank the staff for all their hard work in getting ready for the visit. There is a lot of pressure for them at times like this. Everyone worked incredibly hard ensuring the school looked its best and showed the great provision the children. We are very fortunate to have such talented and dedicated staff.

**Open Events:** Our Open Events have been really successful and yesterday evening's was particularly busy so thank you to all those that have been spreading the word about our fantastic school! Our last open event is on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1:30-2:30pm**. If you are a current parent, you do not need to come to the Open Event as it's really just to show new parents the faculties and our ethos. However, if you do have any queries about an application for a younger sibling, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

**Learning this week:** Reception Class had a wonderful launch into their new Talk for Writing text, 'Goodnight Moon' when they had a Pyjama Party on Monday, followed by porridge making and tasting on Tuesday. The children had a great time. In Class One, the children are thoroughly enjoying their new text which is Beegu and have been writing how to be a good friend as in the book no one is Beegu's friend. I can't wait to see how they innovate next week!

**New Eco Leaders:** This year, we thought we would tie in the election of our new Eco Leaders with the General Election so the children start to gain an understanding of this process and Democracy which is one of the British Values that children learn about. Next week, Mr Parker will be sending home information about how the children can put themselves forward to be an Eco Leader. The election will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**Harrier Award:** This week, Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen Duaa to receive the Harrier Award for showing respect whilst sitting on the carpet and waiting for her turn to speak - well done Duaa! In Class One, the teaching staff have chosen Rahmatulla because he always shows respect to all children and adults with his fantastic behaviour, manners and listening! Well done Rahmatulla!

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Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

With very best wishes,  
Mrs Hopkins



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