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## MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents

We have been really pleased with our parental engagement recently, thank you. We have been seeing an increasing number of parents attending our parent workshops, and this week we held the Accelerated Reader workshop, introducing our new reading system for Key Stage 2. Thanks to everyone who came along, and to Mrs Cranson for running the session.

We also held our second Parent Forum of the term, with the focus on our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum. As with the first Parent Forum which we held a few weeks ago, this was another excellent opportunity for us to gather parent views on the Department for Education's guidance document, which will inform how we deliver the curriculum. Taking on board your views, we will now update our curriculum plans and share these with you all on our website and on Class Dojo. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

We also enjoyed welcoming many of you into school on Wednesday, for our first Parents' Evening of the year. If you came to join us, thank you so much for your time. These discussions, early in the year, really can make all the difference to your child's progress.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has supported our 'red' day today, to mark 'Show Racism the Red Card'. This is such an important day to raise awareness across our school community.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sadler

## TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

Over the last week, leaders have been working with the English Hub to evaluate the provision in Reception, and how well communication, language and literacy are developed. We have also been working with our RWI phonics advisor to evaluate phonics teaching, and to monitor the phonics progress of children in Reception and Year 1, and any older children who are still accessing phonics teaching.

**Worship this half term:**

This half term we will be focusing on

**Respect & Responsibility**

Children are welcome to write prayers for our prayer box in the hall

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Azaan (5), Haaris (11), Aurora (6), Ryan (10), Edward (8), John (6), Subhan (7), Zubair (8)

Miss Hort




**Reception** - Reading- Thursday 5th November

**Year 1** - Phonics- Thursday 19th November

**Year 6 -** SATs- Thursday 26th November

**Year 2** - Maths- Thursday 3rd December









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## Good Samaritan

The following children were awarded 'Good Samaritan' awards this week for their kindness to others. We are really proud of you all!

Nursery - Sunny
Reception - Minahil A (Rain)
Muhammad (Sun)
Year 1 - Yousaf (1H)
Year 2 - Zayaan (2W)
Year 3 - Emaan (3C)
Year 4 - Vanessza (4A)
Year 5 - Hera (5A)
Year 6 - Carolina (6J)



## Star of the Week

Well done to our stars of the week who have received awards. We are proud of your hard work. Keep it up!

Nursery - Omar,
Rainbows – Umar,
Sunshines – Ronnie,
1H – Haris, 1S – Tobias,
2C – Hamza, 2W- Mamoon,
3C – Amen, 3T - Darius,
4A – Raudah, 4W - Yusaf,
5A – Melissa, 5K – Kiara,
6C - Rajab, 6J – Zaynah,






Wafiyah
4A

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 19th October - 6J visit to the Library
Tuesday 20th October - School photos (Individual & Siblings)
Thursday 22nd October - Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Friday 23rd October - Last day for children before half term
**Monday 2nd November - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS**
Tuesday 3rd November - Children back to school
Thursday 5th November - Stay and Play for parents with babies & toddlers - 8.45am-10.30am at the church.



