

In the name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

Al Ameen Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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**Assalamu alaikum & welcome to our newsletter!**

Thank you for taking the time to read through our newsletter. Once again, this has been an exciting half-term and the children have been working hard.

We've had a lot happening throughout this half term, and there is a lot more planned for the next half-term.

As always, we'd like to thank parents for your continuous support and request that you continue to keep the school in your prayers.

Ustaadh Amin  
Head Teacher

## Dates for your diary

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Break up for half term (half day) > **Non-uniform Day**  
**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School reopens for children  
**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Year 6 girls visit BIGS school and boys visit Madinatul Uloom  
**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Mar** – World Book Day  
**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Year 2 trip to ThinkTank  
**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Science enrichment day  
**Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Year 4 trip to Wroxeter Roman City | Year 3 Bronze Age Workshop  
**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Year 1 trip to the Art Gallery in Birmingham  
**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Year 5 & 6 trip to the Science Fair at the NEC  
**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Year 4 and some year 5 trip to St Nicolas School  
**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Food & cake sale  
**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Autism Awareness Day  
**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day  
**Thu 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Early years Sports Day  
**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April** – AMS Teacher Training Day  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Break up for end of term (half day) > **Non-uniform Day**

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## Changes and procedures around gate opening times

Gates will open at 8:20 for all children including early years.

**Morning nursery time has changed. Nursery will start at 8:20 and finish at 11:20.**

From 8:30 to 8:40, the metal gates will stay open. Parents to drop their children at the wooden gates.

At 8:40, the metal gates will be closed. Any parents arriving after 8:40 are to ring the bell and wait. When a member of staff is available, they will come and open the gate. Parents will need to provide a reason for why they are late. **To avoid waiting and disappointment, we urge you to arrive on time.**

For safeguarding reasons, we ask parents not to enter the school buildings other than the reception areas. Parents may only enter if accompanied by a member of staff. If you are dropping your child off late or picking them up early, please go to the office and a member of staff from the office will take your child to their class or bring your child to you from the class.

Nursery and reception class parents are only allowed to enter the entrance area in the early years building.

## SRE and our plans

There has recently been much media coverage around SRE/RSE in schools. Our stance on this matter is as follows:

Currently the government is consulting on SRE/RSE in schools and the changes will not take place till September 2020. Until then, schools can only go by the guidance issued back in 2000. Some schools have already decided to adopt elements of the draft guidance however we have not taken this stance and have not made any changes to our curriculum. This is because there has been a great level of opposition to the proposed guidance so we will wait to see what the final draft is before making any changes to our curriculum.

We have looked through the draft guidance and will work with the Association of Muslim Schools who represent Muslim schools and will keep you informed. We encourage parents to respond to any consultations and express your views.

## Attendance and Punctuality

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child attends school regularly unless you're home-educating.

Missing school causes severe disruption to a child's education, and affects their performance and chances later in life. The law is tough if it's decided that you allowed your child to miss school regularly.

Term time holidays should be avoided unless there are extenuating circumstances. If there is a pressing need to take your child out of school during term time, permission must be sought from the head teacher beforehand.

Similarly, it is of extreme importance that children attend school on time. The children's learning at the beginning of the day is extremely important as often it sets the scene for the children for the whole day. Arriving late to school can be unsettling for children and cause disturbance for other children.

## KS1 and KS2 SATS

Children in years 2 and 6 will be taking their SATS tests in May. Their teachers are working hard to ensure they are well prepared for their tests. We aim to make the whole process as comfortable as possible for the children.

We urge parents to support us in helping their child prepare for their tests. If you would like any advice on how you can help, please arrange to speak to your child's teacher.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children have always participated with much enthusiasm with their help of parents.

This year, we are asking children to dress up as their favourite character or author. Additionally, children will get an opportunity to do a small act based on their character. We look forward to seeing the costumes and acts. We urge parents not to spend money on purchasing costumes but to use initiative with clothing children already have.

## New staff at the school

We would like to give a warm welcome to the following Ustadhah's who have joined our team:  
Year 3 classroom teacher – Ustadhah Nabeela  
Year 4 classroom teacher – Ustadhah Sofina

## Ofsted's new inspection framework

Ofsted is making changes to its inspection framework. Currently they are consulting on their proposals. We have already begun training for the changes and will inform you of developments.

## School Uniform

We have observed that some children are not attending school wearing the correct uniform. We have tried to make obtaining the uniform as simple and as cost effective as possible and we expect all pupils in key stage one and key stage two to come to school in the correct uniform. Furthermore, there is an expectation that children are dressed neatly and appropriately for school. Children not arriving to school in the correct uniform may be sent home and asked to return in the correct uniform.