

22/05/2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Assalaamu Alaikum

Al Falah's annual trip to the *Kidzania* will take place on **Thursday 25th May**; you need to be aware of the following:

All those coming on the trip **MUST** be at school by **8:00am**.

It's a non uniform day and the children and adults must wear **sensible clothes** (see the weather) and **trainers** (no shoes or sandals).

Packed lunches should be carried in rucksacks NOT carrier bags. Please note that each child must carry their own rucksack, teachers will not be carrying these for the children. So do not overfill them with unnecessary items.

We will leave Kidzania at **3pm**. Please be at school to collect your child at approximately **4:30 pm**.

School will be closed due to occasional day and bank holiday on **Friday 26th May** and **Monday 29th May**. So the children will return to school on **Tuesday 30th May 2017** at **9:00am**.

Ramadhaan timing: Please remember during Ramadhaan school will start at **9:00am** and finish at **2:30pm**.

Abu Hussain

Head teacher

Calendar for Summer-2017

Spring (April) Holidays Teacher training day	Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April Tuesday 18th April
Summer 1 st term begins	Wednesday 19 th April
No uniform day (donate £1 each for British Heart Foundation)	Friday 21 st April
May Day holiday	Monday 1st May and 29th May
Y6 SATs Week	Monday 8 th May to Thursday 11 th May
End of year school trip	Thursday 25 th May 2017
Teacher Training day	Monday 5th June
Ramadhaan begins	Friday 26 th May and will end Sat 24 th June (during Ramadhaan, class starts at 9:00am and finishes at 2:30 pm)
Ramadhaan and Eid Holiday	Monday 19th June to Wednesday 28th June
Summer 2 nd term continue	Thursday 29 th June to Friday 21 st July
Community day	Saturday 8 th July 2017
Sports day	Wednesday 12 th July 2017
Reports to parents	Thursday 13 th July 2016
Presentation day/end of year party	Thursday 20 th July 2017
Summer 2nd term ends	Friday 21 st July
Summer Holidays	Monday 24th July to Friday 1st September
INSET	Monday 4th September 2017
The first day of academic year 2017-18	Tuesday 5 th September 2017

Key: **Red: Holiday** **Black: Term dates**

- This information is correct at the time of printing/publishing but is subject to change. You will be notified of any changes to relevant arrangements. There will be no summer half term due to closer of last ten days of the Ramadhan.

Newsletter

March 2017

Dear Parents/carers, Assalamu alaikum

Spring has appeared with its natural beauty. Green leaves are growing and flowers are ready to bloom so that students in Al-Falah feel even inspired to achieve.

It's lovely to see the impact of spring both on our grounds and even in the extra 'spring' of our pupil's footsteps as they arrive in warmer and lighter conditions each morning. This time of the year provides us with significant opportunities for learning and you will see and hear of pupils embarking on a higher percentage of outdoor learning opportunities.

I would also like to thank everyone for encouraging and enabling your children to have high attendance at school. We analysed the attendance at the end of the spring half term and I'm pleased to say that our attendance from September to February was 96.03%. This is above National attendance levels and therefore ensures that pupils have the potential to make the maximum progress by being in school for key learning. Every day is a learning day and even 1 day of absence can make a difference to a pupil's progress. To encourage attendance we will be re-instating our weekly class awards for attendance and a new trophy being purchased for the class with the best attendance. We are also looking at rewarding those pupils who reach 100% attendance throughout the year with a fantastic additional reward activity at the end of the year. Watch this space for further news.

Abu Hussain

Head teacher

April holiday: The last day of school is Friday 31st March 2017 and school will reopen on Wednesday 19th April 2017.

Why parents choose Al-Falah

Al-Falah is officially a "good" (Ofsted 2014) school in all areas and we are continuously striving hard to achieve an Outstanding grade in the next OFSTED inshaAllah! Our children perform 100% above national average in English and Maths SATs, and have done so for the last five years. Al-Falah cater for children with a balanced National and Islamic curriculum including Quran memorising and have equal numbers of teachers, both in the National curriculum and Islamic curriculum. We charge less but provide more facilities than any other independent school in London.

Enrol now: We have some places in **Y1** and **Y2** available from September 2017. We will give the priority to the children who have siblings at Al-Falah. However, if you know anyone who is looking for a place, please ask them to download the enrolment form from (www.alfalahschool.org.uk), fill it in and return it to the school immediately as there are limited spaces.

Upgrading building: The school is planning to develop a new roof and proper dormer in the head teachers' office. As a result the Year 6 class room size will increase; there will be space for a new toilet for the ladies and more facilities for a bigger staff room. We have already employed

an Architect who has drawn the planning and has estimated £50,000 budget for the work. InshaAllah, with everyone's help we will be able to finish the work in the near future.

New karate Teacher: This year we have employed a new Karate teacher who will continue with the previous training the children were provided with.. The children are already settled with him and they are performing well. We aim to arrange a performance day for the parents at the end of the training session in summer.

Ramadan time

Ramadan will start on the 26th May (upon the sighting of the moon). The school will start at 9:00am and will finish at 2:30pm during the three weeks of Ramadan. After Eid, from Thursday 29th June the school will start at the usual time at 8 am.

P.E Kit: Please make sure your child wear appropriate PE kit

On a PE lesson pupils have to wear:

For boys: White T-Shirt with tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

For girls: Long black T- Shirt with tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Jewellery should not be worn during P.E. and children are required to remove items such as earrings, necklaces, watches and rings etc.

Students of the month March:

Y1: Maryama Hussein and Maryam Abdirahman

Y4: Haroon Mohamed and Meryam Bouhamma

Y5: Maaria Hussain and Sulaiman Bailey

Y2: Aisha Ali and Yahya Balia

Y6: Maryan Farah and Isra Mohamed

Y3: Abdull Mukit and Aisha Ayari

Students who received head teacher award:

Y1: Ayeham Belbali, Sumayyah Arefin and Amar Ayari

Y2: Aliya Harare, Maryam Abdisalam and Muaadh Hassan

Y3: Ayman Halane, Khadija Ali, Yaqub Adam, Abdirahim Mowlid and Abas Abdulkadir

Y4: Meryam Bouhamma, Haroon Mohamed and Fahemo Abukar

Y5: Fahad Abukar, Ahmed Ali, Abdul Raheem Atif, Feroza Sayad, Zahannah Mufti, Ali Yousuf and Abdirahman Hussein

Y6: Ahmed Asif and Samiya Jama

Teacher's messages - National Curriculum:

Year 1 - Ms Noreen

Year One have worked hard on non-fiction text this term. They explored a variety of non-fiction texts and selected a topic for their own information booklet. On March 2nd children celebrated World Book Day. This was a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and most importantly reading. Year One thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters.

This term most children have improved on their reading and writing. Can all parents please ensure children are learning their spellings. Homework and Spellings are given out every Thursday and should be completed for the following Tuesday. Thank you for your co-operation.

Have a restful break Year One!

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

This term Year Two have utilised their knowledge and understanding to channel their creativity across the curriculum. They have produced excellent work on their rockets, bags and their world book day covers. They have enjoyed learning how to use and make dictionaries of their own.

All children have progressed exceptionally well in this terms Assessments. A huge thank you to all parents for their continuous support. Please encourage your child to do lots of reading over the holidays. Keep up the hard work and enjoy the holidays!

Year 3- Ms Abedah

This term was a short one. The majority of the class managed to memorise their time tables up to 12. We had some excellent story writing in our early morning sessions. Children really used their imagination to come up with some fantastic descriptions, including similes, metaphors and conjunctions. Year 3 performed well in their end of term tests especially the maths and grammar paper. Parents are encouraged to have regular reading sessions with kids, as some children have been struggling with the reading test. Overall it was a short but productive term. Don't forget to complete your holiday homework guys and rest up! 😊

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

What an incredibly short term it has been, nevertheless, Year 4 have continued to work tirelessly. We have enjoyed a fantastic trip recently to the Tower of London exploring the history of the British monarchy; we in particular loved our walk around the House of Crown Jewels. A special mention to the following children who have worked exceedingly hard this term across all curricular subjects, Fahima Abuker, Meryam Bouhanna and Haroon Abdikarim, well done guys!

Enjoy a well earned break Year 4 and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Year 5 - Sir Alam

On Wednesday 1st March, Year 5 students visited the City Hall. We learnt many facts about London and children asked a lot of interesting questions which were answered by our guide, Richard.

We also participated in the live meeting that was taking place in the City Hall by the London Assembly members and we were given a special welcome by the chair. We were also treated by Richard who allowed us to view the spectacular landscape of London from the top floor balcony. We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip.

We are very much looking forward to our next trip and treat to Pizza Express where we will have the opportunity to bake our own pizzas from scratch!

Year 6 - Ms Nabila

This term Year 6 continued to work very hard while revising for their SATs, during class time as well as through additional SATs booster sessions.

In literacy, they have been working on interpreting pieces of text and collating relevant information in order to answer comprehension based questions. For numeracy, the class has been working on conversions and decimals. Have a lovely holiday Year 6 and don't forget to revise!

PLEASE REFER TO SECOND LAST PAGE FOR SATs WEEK TIMETABLE

Teachers Messages - Islamic Curriculum

This term has been a very short one and time has flown by but the children have achieved many things, both in their Quranic studies and in Islamic studies maa-shaa-Allah. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Rasulullah (s) used to make this Dua at the beginning of the month of Rajab, "**Allaahumma baarik lanaa Fee Rajaba wa Sha'baan, wa ballighnaa Ramadaan**". O Allah Make the months of Rajab and Sha'baan a blessing for us and let us reach the holy month of Ramadaan safely. *(The above hadith has been mentioned on the authority of Anas bin Malik (r)).*

This term we have focused on the value of 'Courage' through our 'Hadith a week program'. We are working with the children in raising their awareness of the fact that in life, we all have times when we have to face challenges and be courageous. It would be lovely if you could share stories of courage with your child.

Year 1 - Sir Showkath

Alhamdulillah everyone worked really hard this term and I have seen great progress in all the subjects, I advise all the parents to carry on supporting your child at home with their qaidah during the holidays. Have a great holiday.

Year 2 - Sir Hussain

Mashaa-Allah Year Two have made good progress during this term by working hard and learning all their du'as. They have also made good progress in their Quranic studies. Well done year two! Keep up the good work and enjoy the holiday.

Year 3 - Qari Yusuf

This term year three continued to work very hard learning their Quran. Many of the students have mashaaAllah completed their targets and are able to read the Quran independently so well done! And the rest need to put in more effort to complete their targets. I would like to thank all the parents for your support and kindly request that you continue to work with your child during the holidays.

Year 4 - Sir Abdul-Awwal

MashaaAllah children have improved on their Quran reading this term although it was a short term. Please can all parents ensure that their child practice the weekly hadith and daily dua's at the appropriate occasion so that it becomes a part of their daily life. Thank you for your support and have a wonderful break year four!

Year 5 - Sir Sayeed

Alhamdulillah this term we have learnt a lot about the life of 'Sayidina Umar (r), the second Khaleefah. We have explored how Islam spread during his khilaafah and how he introduced many new ideas to the administrative system to improve the quality of all citizens. Don't forget to pray your salah and have a wonderful holiday!

Year 6 - Sir Kalam

Despite being a very short term, Year six were focusing on 'the life of Ali bin Abi Taalib (r) and his many contributions to this ummah as the fourth khaleefah'. We have been exploring some of the efforts that he made to restore unity among the Muslims. Year six has also enjoyed learning many of the wise sayings of Sayidina Ali (r), e.g. "Good manners is the essence of man, wisdom is his helper, and **etiquette** his legacy". Remember to pray all your daily salah on time and enjoy the holiday!

Hifz Class - Sir Shayed

Mashaa-Allah they have been working hard this term especially Abdul Raheem Atif (Yr5) who has memorised three juz of the Qur'an and Arwa (Yr5) who has completed revision of ten juz so far mashaaAllah, keep up with the good work and remember to revise a lot during the holidays. To all the parents of the hifz students, please make sure your child revises at home **each day during the holiday**.

Year 6 SATs Timetable May 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Monday 8 May 2017	English reading
Tuesday 9 May 2017	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 11 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

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