



Warley Road Academy

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APRIL NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the Summer term, which I hope will be fun filled, packed with lots of amazing learning experiences. As the vaccination programme continues to make our daily routines easier and feel more normal, I remain as hopeful as ever that our vision for a broad and balanced curriculum can be achieved.

We know that through the efforts of everyone following Covid advice, that infection rates continue to fall and remain low in our area. This is fantastic news. Can we ask therefore that everyone continues to support our efforts by wearing face masks, maintaining a safe distance and keeping the flow of adults at drop off and pick up times as quick as possible.

Please take the time to read the newsletter as there is lots of important information. We are launching a new Saturday morning initiative called 'Switch on Saturday' (leaflet attached to this newsletter), which includes swimming with Mr Noden. We know this will be popular so please read the leaflet and respond quickly as numbers will be limited. As always, I am available at the start and end of each school day, similarly Mrs Tindal & Mr Meehan are also available to answer questions and queries.

Ramadan Mubarak



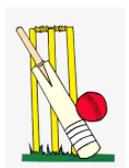
During this period of Ramadan, we respect that many families will be fasting.

Children have been shown however, to have decreased cognitive function even with short fasts. We respectfully ask that children in any other year group excluding Year 6 are not asked to fast particularly given the range of physical activities that will be opening up this term. It is clearly parental choice as to whether your child should fast during this period, being aware of the impact on learning will I hope support parents in making their decision.

To further support families whilst also recognising the importance of this major festival within the Muslim calendar, we will be closed on Thursday 13th May and re-open on Friday 14th May when all children will be encouraged to wear their special Eid clothes. Activities throughout the day will look at the significance of the festival and Eid parties are planned for the afternoon.



Wider Opportunities and 'ichallenge'



Mr Clayton has now started in his new role and trips to Doe Park start in the week beginning 26th April, information about the centre can be found on the following website- <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/sport-and-activities/outdoor-adventure/doe-park-water-activities-centre/>

'Saturday Switch on' starts on 1st May and after school provision is now being supported by The Cricket Asylum based in Sowerby Bridge and Halifax Rugby League foundation.

Mr Clayton will regularly send out information about the activities he organises and co-ordinates and will answer questions and queries either at the start of the day or phoning school and asking for extension 6019.

Parent Governors

I'd like to welcome Mrs Aisha Ahmed & Mrs Saiqa Najib who are now the new Parental governors their pen portraits are included on the back of this newsletter. Parent governors have an important role in ensuring that the views of parents are reflected at meetings. We hope that Mrs Aisha Ahmed & Mrs Saiqa Najib will become regular visitors into school and as such have a deeper understanding of teaching & learning and why decisions are made, an example of which might be, the introduction of a new reading scheme.

Your new parent governors will be observing at the next Full governing body meeting on the 7th of May and should be fully in post by the end of the academic year.

School Council

I'm delighted to be able to announce that a small group of Year 6 pupils have come together to organise and get started 'The Warley Road' school council.

Elections take place in the week beginning 3rd May. Information about our new councillors and their role will follow and their contribution in making sure improvements and initiatives are focussed on the right things will, I'm sure be invaluable.



New Library

ITS NEARLY READY!!!

During lockdown we kept busy by creating a new library for all pupils at Warley Road. This space is nearly ready, and we are just completing the finishing touches. Once completed, children will be able to regularly change books and the vision is for parents and children to make use of the provision after school once Covid 19 risk assessments allow.



Attendance



On Tuesday 21st April our attendance rate was 94.3%, whilst improving, families who still persist in taking extended leave to Pakistan accounts for a figure which remains BELOW the national average of 96%. We will actively pursue a policy, which removes children from roll following an absence of more than 20 days. Any unauthorised leave will also result in a fine being issue by the local authority.

Thank You!



Finally, can I thank everyone again for their support and patience during this challenging time.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two terms at Warley Road and as I meet more parents and develop relationships with children in all year groups, I know that together we have the potential to create amazing opportunities for our children to flourish and achieve their full potential.

Lesley Heathcote

Parent Governor Pen Portraits

Mrs Aisha Ahmed

I have a passion and drive for the best education and wellbeing for our children of the future. It is important that every student enjoys their time at school to embrace the education whilst maximizing individual potential.

I take pride and have a vested interest in Warley Road Academy as not only are my children students here, I work at the academy with children in year 1, as a teaching volunteer. My children are full time students and with no other work commitments; I plan to devote and commit my time to the school as a governor and teaching volunteer.

I understand the full spectrum of a child's school life both from a parent and child perspective. From tears of joy when a child succeeds to tears of worry during challenging times.

My vision is for every child to enjoy and take the most out of their educational time at the academy, to learn and prosper, to embrace the curriculum that will set the foundation for their future and to adapt the right behaviours and attitude that will give them the confidence to progress into High school. I plan to work closely with the school and parents to achieve my vision as a governor.

Mrs Saiqa Najib

My name is Saiqa Najib. I am mum to Aisha, former pupil of Warley road, and Aminah Year 6, Umaymah Year 4, Abdullah Year 1, Ismaeel Reception all of which attend Warley Road Academy. Lastly, I have Umar who will be attending Warley road in the future.

Following a career break to raise a family I am now looking to use the transferable skills that I have gained in the home to an educational sector. I have a wealth of experience working in various sectors both public and private. Also I have recently undertaken courses to improve my skills and to demonstrate commitment to personal and professional development.

Being a full time parent to my children has helped me be flexible and multi-functional. I have provided high levels of care and support to my children whilst using good planning and organisational skills for educational and recreational activities.

I have 12 years experience working for the NHS as an Health Care Practitioner, where I was liaising with many different health professionals. I worked well in a team to deliver service to clients in particular families with young children and babies. Prior to this role I worked as a Family Link Worker and so have extensive knowledge of issues facing the local community.

I would like to be considered for Parent Governor for Warley Road Academy as I would like children to have the best opportunities so they can discover their full potential . I would very much like to be involved in decision making for the school to give our children a brighter future. I strongly believe in the ethos and vision of Warley Road Academy, and firmly believe in a well balanced education. I pride myself in taking an honest and hard working approach in all facets of life.

Yearly Calendar Academic Year 2020/2021

December 2020							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
50	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
51	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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January 2021							
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February 2021							
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March 2021							
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April 2021							
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May 2021							
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June 2021							
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26	28	29	30				

July 2021							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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Key

School Holidays

Staff Training Day (children not in school)