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Newsletter



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Dear parents / carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

With the Covid-19 pandemic, we are living through a world crisis, the likes of which hasn't been seen in 100 years. The enormous scale of the crisis and the impact it is having are naturally causing a lot of fear, uncertainty and anxiety across the globe. Add social isolation, disrupted work and family routines, economic instability and it is understandable that our mental health is suffering. The covid-19 situation is particularly stressful because it's hard to predict how things will develop and our circumstances are changing rapidly. This can leave us feeling powerless, like we are no longer in control of our own lives. Lots of our friends, colleagues, relatives and family members are suffering indescribable circumstances. Although, these things might leave us feeling helpless, it is no doubt strengthening our Imaan and encouraging us to remember our creator Allah (SWT) even more.

We do send regular reminders about procedures to help keep everyone in our school family safe. We also share updated information as it is released. Please continue to share your feedback as we strive to find the balance between maintaining the highest standards in the provision of academic education in addition to supporting our pupil's all-round well-being and ensuring the environment is as safe as possible for everyone.

Abu Hussain
Head Teacher

Remote teaching

Due to Covid-19 outbreaks worldwide, the academic institutions have been enforced to entirely cancel face to face teaching including class room, library and other learning experiences as a mitigation step against the risk posed by the Coronavirus. From the beginning of the second lockdown Al-falah has continued with teaching remotely. MashaAllah, our children are fully settled with remote teaching and they are now enjoying sessions. We have been fully equipped (resources) with our contingency plan in terms of further isolation or lockdown. Almost all the children can now manage their own devices and follow the teacher's guidance. However, very few young students do find it a bit difficult to handle due to technical and internet issues so we definitely cannot compare with the benefit of normal face to face teaching but we must follow the Government guidelines and shouldn't deprive our students from learning.

After the half term, from 22nd February 2021, teachers will arrange further sets of work for children to complete **via Zoom**. Children will NOT be given any further printed work or CGP books after the holidays. They will be given activities on Zoom during the lesson to complete in their exercise books. Therefore, parents will not be required to come into school to collect any printed work until further notice.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week we have been through 'Mental Health Awareness week', a national campaign aiming to raise awareness of good mental health practice and inspire action to promote it. There's no doubt that the current coronavirus crisis is having a negative impact on the mental health of almost everyone in some way, even more so for young people already facing challenges. All the teachers highlighted Mental Health Awareness during online classes as well as a whole school assembly

carried out by the Head teacher. Parents can play a vital role by actively listening to your child, supporting them through difficulties, paying attention to their emotions and encouraging their interest. We must praise our child when they do well and wherever possible stick to commitments and routines.

Parents Workshops with Sir Alam

MashaAllah, Sir Alam volunteered to run two workshops for our parents about 'Positive parenting' and 'Mental health'. Alhamdulillah we have had excellent feedback from our parents about the workshops which have been very beneficial for all of us. May he be rewarded immensely in both worlds. Aameen!

As promised, the **40 hadith** which Sir Alam mentioned during the last workshop have been uploaded onto the Al-Falah website under the 'Curriculum' tab. Please have a look and download these beautiful hadith and share with your children on a daily basis.

International Mother Language day

This day is observed every year on the *21st of February* to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. It was created by UNESCO (the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organisation) in order to promote the dissemination of mother tongues and a fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. Please, encourage your child/ children to speak their mother tongue to acquire at least two or more languages to communicate others which benefit their cognitive development.

International safer day

The aim of **Safer Internet Day** is to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, law enforcement, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

You can get involved by visiting www.saferinternetday.org.uk

Half-term holiday

Spring half-term holiday will be commencing from

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

There will be no online lessons during the half term holidays

Al-Falah will re-start online teaching at the usual time from *Monday 22nd February 2021*



Children's Page



Internet Safety



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Challenge: Design a poster about how to stay safe on the internet

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Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

We would all like to say a huge thank you for the support that we have received from parents. Working together has become a real strength of our school family but in times like these, it really amazes us all. As you all know, re-opening to our full school family has certainly had its challenges and we have had to adapt so many of our school routines and procedures. A huge amount of work went into this at the preparation stage over the summer holidays and half term holidays.

Provision for 104 children to wash/sanitising their hands more frequently has certainly been a rationale challenge. However, with the help of all staff and children, we have squeezed and developed a complex timetable to improve this. We do send regular reminders about procedures to help to keep everyone in our school family safe.

We also share updated information as it is released. Please continue to support us as we strive to find the balance between maintaining the highest standards in their academic education and well-being of children.

The British Weather - we have certainly seen some changes in our weather in recent days. We are all feeling the chill! Please ensure that your child always comes to school with a cardigan or jumper. Please make sure that children bring a suitable coat to school - even if it is not raining on the morning. Rough weather frequently does not give us warning!

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Abu Hussain (Head teacher)

Think before travel abroad

This is an area of work that requires addressing, not only with health professionals, but more importantly with parents/carers to ensure travel and health advice is sought prior to travel. With the school holidays approaching fast and families preparing to travel abroad it is important that parents and staff are advised to seek travel health advice, either from their GP or another suitable travel health advice clinic. Best to travel within the UK to avoid isolation for 14 days once you travel outside the country. Remember to keep maintaining distance and follow the Government Guide line to keep you safe and others too.

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) will be available over the holidays to answer any questions you have about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education settings and children's social care. These

helplines will, however, close on the bank holidays, and have shortened opening hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

What to do if your child has symptoms

Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result.
Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home.

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do. For children aged 5 or over - use the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#).

Place available in year 2 and year 4

We have a very few year 2 and year-4 spaces available for immediate start. If you have a child or you know someone who has a child looking for a place in year 2 and year 4, please contact the school office on 0208 985 1059 or email to info@alfalahschool.org.uk.

Message from the school management body

Dear parents and carers

As we approach the end of 2020, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the governing body, to thank you all for your ongoing support of Al-Falah Primary School. I am pleased to report that the school has made excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum. Our pupils have made us all proud.

The governing body is appreciative of the hard work of the senior leadership team that is helping to shape the future of our young people. We are delighted that our pupils feel proud to be members of the Al-Falah Primary family. We will ensure that every pupil is given the opportunity to reach their potential.

I would also like to thank each and every member of the team, teaching and support staff, for their hard work, boundless energy and enthusiasm. I am honoured and humbled to be part of such a wonderful team.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new parent governor, sister **Maryan Yassin Cabdi**, who has joined the team since December 2020.

Moulana Shah Muhammad Anas (Chair of Trust)

End of-term holiday

School holiday: The last day of school is Friday 18th December 2020 and school will reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Please note that the school will be closed for a teacher training day on Monday 4th January 2021.

Awards section



The following children received Head Teacher's merit award for achieving 15 merits or more:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Hafid Adde, Fatima, Hawasagal Gabobe, Khalid Patel and Maryam Adam
2	Maryam Ali , Khadijah Shah, Zainab Hassan, Zakaria Mohamoud, Yahya Ukurow and Ruqayya Hussein
3	Ibraheem Tarore, Ibrahim Ahmed, Nusaiybah Halane and Zakariye Omar
4	Amira Ali, Safa Sayed and Abdulrahman Hussein
5	Zainab Ahmad (Bronze badge) , Aisha Alinur, Shahad Ali, Yusra Ali, Abdirahman Wadi Ali and Maryama Ali
6	Aliyah Hassan, Abdullah Ahmed Abdillahi, Munira Ahmed and Kawthar Limrani



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Hawasagal Gabobe	Khalid Patel
2	Yahya Ukurow	Maryam Ali
3	Aisha Hussein	Marwan Ahmed
4	Safa Sayed	Sufyan Ahmad
5	Shahad Dayah Ali	Maryama Abdullahi
6	Dawud Arefin	Aliyah Hassan

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina

In conjunction with our topic of 'toys' we read and enjoyed the book Knuffle Bunny by Jo Welliman in Literacy. We created our own story board and re-wrote the story.



In maths we enjoyed our full week of activities on 'money' and we set up our own fruit and vegetable tuck shop. Year one came and bought their goods and paid for them independently. Wow MashaAllah!

Well done to all the children for cutting out their stunning snowflakes, as part of Art. They were all eager to produce multiple snowflakes!

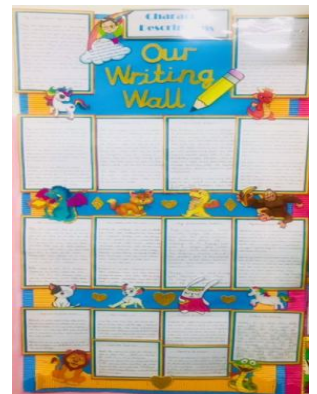
A big JazakAllah to all the parents who kindly let their children bring in their precious toys for History and Art. We have been studying how different toys were during the Victorian period and materials were used to make them like: wood, rope and china.

Thank you to all the parents for assisting their children in completing their homework on time, reading with them on a daily basis and bringing in a healthy snack every day.

Have a great break Year One! See you soon.

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have worked extremely hard on their instructional writing skills this term through our theme of 'construction'. They have utilised their creative ability to make flowers, origami cats, and enjoyed the cross curricular links with design technology by beginning to sew bags!



It's been a great term with much improvement in their skills across the whole curriculum. All children have shown improvement in their

handwriting, phonics and spellings. Year 2 worked tremendously well during their isolation period at home by showing excellent participation in our online zoom sessions.

Thank you to all parents for continuing to ensure children are completing their homework, spellings and practicing their reading. Make sure you continue to practice your 3, 4 and 6 times tables!

Well done Year 2, have a lovely holiday and make sure you wrap up warm! 😊

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Parents are requested to ensure children are continuously memorising timetables, spellings and practicing handwriting at home. Year 3 have worked very hard to improve the presentation of their work this term. They tried to tackle unfamiliar topics within the new curriculum, mainly maths, literacy and science. They managed to learn their times tables up to 8. They enjoyed learning about healthy eating and balanced diets alongside the circulatory system of humans and animals. In PSHE we explored the differences between vandalism and theft and children really showed an interest in learning to empathise with victims as well as understanding the consequences of such crimes. Year 3 have worked exceptionally well at home throughout the isolation period. A huge thanks to parents for your continuous support.



Enjoy the break everyone and get lots of rest!

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

We have come to the end of another fantastic productive term in which the children have continued to work their hardest. This term, we have enjoyed learning about the different parts of the world and creating our own silhouettes inspired by the ones painted during the Second World War.

Next term, we are looking forward to learning all about the Romans and creating our very own roman art gallery in the classroom. We will also be focusing on the importance of looking after our mental health and the significance of positive thinking.



Have a warm and restful holiday Year 4 and I hope to see you all back in the New Year.

Special Mentions

Well done to Abdul Rahman Hussain, Amira Ahmed and Safa Nur on getting their pen licenses.

Year 5 - Sir Alam

The longest term of the year has come to an end and everyone in year 5 worked very hard across all subjects.

In October, year 5 children entered the Young Writers poetry competition, and I am extremely proud to say that every child's work from this year's class has been chosen to be published in the book which will be released by March 2020. It's a moment to make any parent proud, having a story their child wrote selected for publication.

Children also enjoyed tasting different types of biscuits and designing their own biscuits as part of our D & T project as well as learning about safety, food hygiene and how biscuits are made.

Have a great holiday everyone, you deserve it!

Year 6 - Ms Nabila

This half term, Year 6 have shown some great progress in maths and Literacy. As you are all aware, SATs are getting closer and as of January we will be carrying out some extra revision sessions. To help at home, please continue to ensure children are reading at home daily and are practising spellings and times tables weekly. Year 6 have also worked hard in Design and technology this term and have produced some great work designing and making slippers.



Have a fantastic holiday!

I appreciate all the continued support from parents and carers.

Islamic Studies

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

As the autumn term and 2020 draws to an end, we can reflect on all that has been achieved by our children. Mashaa-Allah I have seen improvements in their learning and in their confidence. I hope that next term we can build even more on this.

This year has been eventful in so many unexpected ways. Despite the lockdown and all uncertainty, I feel our school community has grown stronger as a by product of the pandemic and sincerely pray to Allah for his protection from all harms and danger.

Allah states in the Holy Quran: *"No misfortune can happen, either on earth or in you except that it is written in a book before We bring it into existence. Indeed that is easy for Allah."* (Surah Hadid, 22)

Mashaa-Allah and well done to the following students:

Year 1

Khalid for completing revision of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ juz of the Quran he has memorised. Hawasagal for nearly finishing the Qaidah. Is'haaq, Hafid, Maryam, Zahra and Fatima for making excellent progress in Qaidah this term.



Year 2

Ibraheem kolia for completing the Qaidah. Maryam Ali, Irfan and Nuha Sayed for making very good progress.

Year 3

Safiyah Alam and Aisha Hussein for making excellent progress in the Quran. Mustafa Mohamed for completing the Qaidah.

Year 4

Sufyan Ahmad for making excellent progress in the Quran and Duas.

Year 5

Shahad for memorising Surah Ar-Rahman, Al-Mulk and half of juz Amm.

Year 6

Aliyah for completing all year 6 duas.

Fantastic

Hifz class

Abdirahman Farah, Ilyas, Maryama Hussein and Maryam Ali for memorising 5 juz of the Quran. Ayham for memorising 6 juz of the Quran and finally Muaad Hassan for memorising **22 juz** of the Quran.

Once again a huge well done and mashaa-Allah for all your hard work and effort, we hope this continues throughout the year Inshaa-Allah.

Finally I'd like to say thank you to our staff for going above and beyond to provide a quality education during this unprecedented time and most importantly, a huge thanks to all our children at Al Falah, their smiles, enthusiasm for learning and staying positive in this uncertain time is truly heart-warming.

I pray that you are able to have a well-deserved break and come back in January energized and ready for an exciting spring term inshaa-Allah.

Muhammad Kalam Kussain (Head of Islamic Curriculum)

Upcoming Events		
Events	Date	Year group
End of term holiday	Mond 20 Dec - Mon 4 Jan 2021	All
Inset day	Mon 4 Jan 2021	Staff
Vegan workshop	Mon 11 Jan 2021	Year 3
School council elections	Tues 23 - Fri 26 Feb 2021	All
World Book Day	Tues 4 March 2021	All
British Science Week	Mon 8 - Fri 12 March 2021	All
World Water Day	Mon 22 March 2021	All
Spring food fair at Al-Falah	Fri 26 March 2021	All
Last day of school for spring term	Thurs 1 Apr 2021	All

Newsletter



October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

Thank you for your understanding over the past few weeks, and adapting to the new systems and procedures we have had to put in place. The changes we have made are to try to ensure the safety of our community. We now expect all parents (and staff) to wear face coverings whilst on the school site at the start and end of the day. Our children have settled back in really well and seem to be very happy to be back in school, learning with their friends again. We have had a number of children who have been unwell with coughs, colds and sneezes recently. Despite the difficulties, our parents have been cooperative with the school drop off and pick up on-time every day. Around school it has been a pleasure to see so many beaming faces as the children renew friendships and enjoy learning with their new teachers.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Abu Hussain (Head teacher)

Deputy Head Teacher

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to our Year 5 class teacher, Sir **Syedul Alam**, who has been promoted with a new responsibility as a Deputy Head teacher of Al-Falah primary school. I trust that we will continue to work for the improvement of our school even further.

Remember! Never drop your children at a bus stop or away from the school. For your children's safety they should be accompanied by parents or responsible adult into the school. If you think your child/children can go by themselves, please provide the school with a 'written permission' to allow them to do so. The school will not take any responsibility in the event of an incident outside of the school.

Symptoms of coronavirus in children - NHS

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result - only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do. For children aged 5 or over - use the [NHS 111 online corona virus service](#).

Zigzag lines: Parking outside the school gate

Parents are fully aware that they are not allowed to drop their children or park their cars outside the school gates and at the bus stop. Unfortunately, some parents are knowingly parking their cars on the zigzag lines and thus causing problems by create traffic and putting children's safety at risk. **Parents must not park or drop children off outside the school gate and the bus stop.** Parking around the local roads is free until 8:30 am. Therefore, parents are reminded to park their cars in those areas and walk to school.

School uniform

Al-Falah Primary School introduced a new school uniform from January 2020 and all children must come to school wearing the correct uniform as outlined below.

Boys

Royal/light blue jumper

Thobe/jubba of any colour, preferably white

Plain black shoes (no trainers) & **black socks**

Plain white hat

Girls

Royal/light blue jumper or cardigan

Black abaya

Plain black shoes (no trainers) & **black socks**

Plain white scarf

The jumpers and cardigans are available from Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Matalan, Amazon and other clothing stores.

Attendance and punctuality

All children in **Y1, Y3 and Y5** are required to attend at 8am - 8.15am and **Y2, Y4 and Y6** at 8:15 - 8.30am. The school will not accept any latecomer and the gate will be closed at 8:30am. Arrivals after that time must report to the reception **with their parents**. Learning starts straightway in the class and even few minutes late makes a big difference.

Persistent latecomers may be excluded from school.

World water day

World Water Day, held on 22 March every year since 1993, focuses on the importance of freshwater. World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. We encourage our children not to misuse a single drop of water as it is a great mercy from our creator Allah SWT.

Healthy eating

Al-Falah is always trying to promote healthy eating in school and this is part of our Islamic values and a great sunnah. Therefore please provide children with healthy lunches and snacks. The following items will be completely banned after the half term holiday. (If your child has a medical condition, please inform the class teacher)

Food not allowed:

Sweets	Bread sticks and hummus
Crisps (except oven baked)	Radish
Fizzy drinks	Tangerine
All types of chocolates	Banana pieces
Sugary biscuits	Grapes
Cakes & sugary doughnuts	Cheese cubes or sticks

Avocado

Healthy snack ideas:

Yoghurts	Rice crackers
Apples chips (apple cut into thin slices)	Plain crackers
Carrot sticks	Pitted dates
Cucumber sticks	Dried apricots, prunes, figs, raisins
Baby tomatoes, olives and cheese	Kiwi
Celery sticks	Pineapple chunks
Baby pepper sticks	Mango chunks
	Smoothies

End of-term holiday

School holiday: The last day of school is Friday 23rd October 2020 and school will reopen on Tuesday 3rd November. Please note that the school will be closed for a teacher training day on Monday 2nd November 2020.

School councillors

Last week was school councillor's election week at Al-Falah. Children voted for their school councillor who will represent them at meetings with the head teacher and look into ways of improving the school.

<u>Year</u>	<u>School Councillors</u>
1	Khalid Patel & Amara Abdulqadir
2	Muhammed Limrani & Zainab Hassan
3	Safiyah Alam & Marwan Ahmed
4	Amy Richardson & Younis Yusuf
5	Zainab Ahmad & Abdulhakim Isarai
6	Abdallah Mohamed & Munira Ahmed



section



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<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Fatima Muhammed and Mohamed Abdideeq
2	Nuha Sayed, Ibraheem Kolia and Muhammed Limrani
3	Aisha Hussain, Safiyyah Alam, Marwan Ahmed and Abdishakur Hassan
4	Younis Yusuf, Mohamed Mohamud, Sufyan Ahmad and Amira Ahmed
5	Zainab Ahmed, Khadijah Hassan, Maryama Hussain, Abdulhakim Isarai, Ayhem Belbali, Afnaan Ahmed, Maryama Abdullahi, Uthmaan Ahmed, Ismail Shah and Muhammad Kisitu
6	Aliyah Hasan, Abdullah Ahmed, Munira Ahmed and Kawthar Limarani



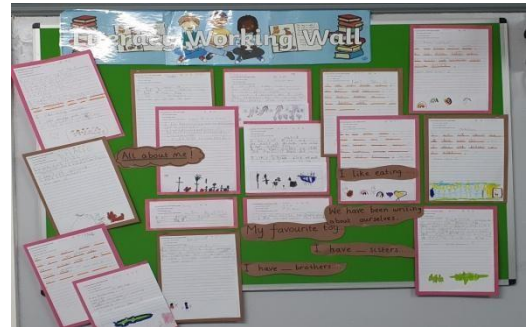
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<u>Year</u>	<u>National & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Hafid Adde	Fatima Muhammed
2	Khadija Shah	Ibraheem Kolia
3	Safiyyah Alam	Zakariye Omar
4	Younis Yusuf	Amira Ali
5	Zainab Ahmed	Abdulhakim Isarai
6	Zuhayb Nur	Kawthar Limrani

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina

Year One have had a great start to Al-Falah and all children have settled in well. Children have been focusing on letter and number formation as well as constructing sentences. Children have also immersed themselves into reading a variety of books from different genres. Reading remains a critical part of the children's learning. Please can all parents encourage their child to read for 15-20 mins on a daily basis.



In Literacy, we have enjoyed reading 'adapted stories', this includes: *The Gingerbread Man*, *Little Red Hen* & *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

In DT, children focused on healthy eating. Children looked at a variety of fruits they can use to make a fruit salad. Children understand what equipment and techniques should be used to prepare fruit salad. Furthermore, year 1 learnt about fruit and vegetables which grow under the soil and those which grow above the soil.

During October we have been celebrating Black History Month. We have been learning about fairness and how to treat everyone equally. We learnt about the caring nurse, *Mary Seacole*.

Thank you to all the parents for the support and for assisting their children in completing their homework on time and bringing in a healthy snack every day. Have a great holiday Year One!

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have made a fantastic start to the year by producing lots of work including some imaginative story writing with the use of similes, synonyms and adjectives. They have shown an excellent improvement in their reading, writing and mathematics skills over this term which is evident in their independent work during assessment week.

We have enjoyed carrying out physical exercise experiments and the effects on the body within our Science lessons as well as discovering the key events during the great fire of London. All children have worked extremely hard to fill in learning gaps from last year. Please remember to continue practicing your 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables during the holiday. Thank you to all the parents for doing a wonderful job especially with the reading logs, spellings and homework. Keep up the great work Year 2!

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Year 3 has shown excellent improvement in handwriting and the overall presentation of their work, over the last six weeks. They have managed to memorise their timetables up to 6. Thank you to parents for your continuous support.

Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen to their child read as well as to write a short comment in their child's reading diary, every few days. Most of the children in year 3 have shown an improvement in their spellings over the past six weeks but regular practice is advised to keep up with this.

In Science, year 3 became familiar with the different functions of a flowering plant. Our reading sessions have been successful in engaging the children as well as aiding them to relax after break time. Children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the adventures of Charlie from Roald Dahls' Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We have made a cross curricular link by designing chocolate factories in D & T that will be assembled next term. Overall, it has been a busy term and children have settled in well.



Please ensure children return their homework every Tuesday and keep their interactive diary inside their bag at all times. Enjoy the holiday year 3! :)

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

A big thank you to all year 4 parents for working so hard at home with the children, the hard work and encouragement from home is clearly visible in the children's attitude towards learning and progress. Children have worked exceedingly hard this term playing both catch up from last year and attempting the year 4 level work. Well done kids!

A few quick reminders for parents:

- please ensure children complete and return all homework on Tuesday
- please make sure your child does at least 5 minutes of reading everyday and it is recorded in their reading record books (these will be checked randomly)
- all weekly spellings are learnt
- children wear sports footwear on Wednesday for PE

Year 5 - Sir Alam

Alhamdulillah we've had a great start in year 5 and all the children have been working hard this term across all subject areas. Particularly, in literacy, children have been studying significant authors and have written their own version of survival story in the style of Michael Morpurgo. The stories have been put up on display on the wall so children can be proud of their work.

I would like to thank all parents for ensuring your child comes to school on-time as we start lessons at 8.15am, any children coming late will lose vital lesson time. Please keep up this effort.

Year 6 - Ms Nabila

The whole class have done exceptionally well settling in and working hard in all areas. A big well done and an excellent start to the year!

This year may be quite challenging at times for the children due to their SATs but I really hope, at the same time, everyone will have an exciting and rewarding experience insha'Allah.

Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen and encourage their child to read daily. Most of the children in year 6 have shown an improvement in their spellings over the past six weeks but regular practice is advised to keep up with this.

In literacy, we have focused on poetry. We learnt how to accurately summarise and interpret information when thinking about comprehension based questions. Have a lovely holiday year 6!

Islamic Studies - Muhammad Kalam Hussain

Dear parents, a very warm welcome back to you all. As always, it was wonderful to see our children return to school. There are lessons to be learned from the experience we all had and as always, we will rely on your support to ensure that we establish a settled school as quickly as possible. Alhamdulillah our children have settled in well and started to enjoy learning the Quran and Islamic studies. Maashaa-Allah we have also seen the children having returned with great enthusiasm and excitement after a difficult lockdown and we hope this continues through the year. Inshaa-Allah!

We have begun this term focusing on 'mental health and cleanliness' in classrooms and through our 'Hadith a Week Program'. We kindly request all the parents to help us reinforce children's understanding of 'Good hygiene' and make sure that not only they understand what it means but also practice it. Our beloved prophet (s) has said: "**Cleanliness is half of imaan (faith)**". (Muslim)

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبَرَصِ، وَالْجُنُونِ،
وَالْجُذَامِ، وَمِنْ سَيِّئِ الْأَسْقَامِ

*Allah, I seek refuge in Thee from leprosy, madness,
elephantiasis, and evil diseases.'*

(Sunan Abi Dawud)

Please remember to wear face covering and collect your child promptly at the end of the school.

With this I would like to thank all the parents on behalf of Al Falah primary school for choosing our school and trusting us with your children's education. May Allah reward you all for your support, stay safe and enjoy the half term holiday.

Upcoming Events

Events	Date	Time	Year group
Half term Holiday	26 Oct - 2 Nov	Whole week	All
Inset day	2 nd Nov	All day	Staff
Remembrance Day	11 th Nov	All day	All
Anti-Bullying week	16 th - 20 th Nov	Whole week	All
World kindness day	13 th Nov	All day	All
Road safety week	16 th - 22 nd Nov	Whole week	All
Universal Children's day	20 th Nov	All day	All
International volunteer day	5 th Dec	All day	All
Arabic Language day	18 th Dec	All day	All

Newsletter

July 2020



Dear parent/carers

Assalamu alaikum Wa rahmatullah

The academic year of 2019- 20 comes to an end on Thursday 16th July 2020. Unfortunately, the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has been unsettling and difficult for us all. The decision was made from 18th March that Al-Falah was to close temporarily as a preventative measure and as an act of social responsibility to help reduce the spread of the virus, facilitating the delay through our wider community, particularly among those whom are most vulnerable.

Following government guidelines, we recently decided to reopen the school to students of Year 1 and Year 6 children. Although, many parents have respectively chosen to keep their children home, the school is continuing to monitor the situation and take appropriate precaution to adapt to these difficult times. The school is working very hard to ensure the site is kept clean and provide children with frequent opportunities to regularly wash their hands.

Alhamdulillah, all our teachers are doing their best to support children via Zoom lessons. However, **Zoom lessons** will be coming to an **end on Wednesday 15th July**. Al-Falah will re-open from **Wednesday 2nd September 2020** for every year group. *If there are any Government changes, we will inform you immediately via emails, text and the school website.* Thank you for your understanding and please bear with us as we deal with this unprecedented time.

On behalf of all the teachers and management body of Al-Falah, we would like to thank you for your on-going support and encouragement of our school events and activities and most importantly the individual support you provide your children at home with the upkeep of their schoolwork. This support is important to ensure all our pupils to feel secure in their learning and vital in developing a strong partnership between home and school.

We are sad to see the pupils of Year 6 leave Al-Falah for secondary school. We are so very proud of you all for your hard work and dedication you have put in throughout your journey in Al-Falah, keep it up, we wish you all the success in your future studies and lives.

Yours sincerely

Abu Hussain

Head teacher

Summer holiday

The school will be closed from **Monday 20th July 2020** and will re-open on **Wednesday 2nd September 2020**. We pray that Allah (SWT) blesses everyone with a happy Eid ul Adha.

Graduation day for Year 6

We are holding a Year 6 graduation day on **Thursday 16th July**. Parents are invited to bring their Year 6 children at 11am. We will have a small gathering for them, so they have the opportunity to say goodbye to their class-mates who they have worked alongside over the years in Al-Falah.

Goodbye to Mrs Ahmed

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to sister Sayarun Ahmed, who has been with us from September 2019, teaching our Year 6 children. We will miss her tremendously. Although she has not been with us for very long, her contribution to Al-Falah has been great and we wish her all the best in future.

Returning school books

Children and parents are requested to return all **school library books, Collins Maths books, Islamic studies ICO books** and any other school books when they come to collect their child's reports or on their first day of return to school.

End of year report collection

All student reports will be available to collect from the school office from **Thursday 9th July** until **Thursday 16th July 2020** between **9.30am - 1.30pm**. Please bring any school text books (Collins Maths books and Islamic Studies ICO books) and any library books when you come to collect the report.

New academic school calendar

Attached below

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2020 - 2021

Autumn Term 2020	
Teacher training day	Tuesday 1 st September 2020
Autumn 1 st term	Wednesday 2 nd September to Friday 23 rd October 2020
Autumn half term holidays	Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October 2020
Teacher training day	Monday 2 nd November 2020
Autumn 2 nd term	Tuesday 3 rd November to Friday 18 th December 2020
Winter holidays	Monday 21 st December 2020 to Monday 4 th January 2021
Spring Term 2021	
Teacher training day	Monday 4 th January 2021
Spring 1 st term	Tuesday 5 th January to Friday 12 th February 2021
Spring half term holidays	Monday 15 th to Monday 22 nd February 2021
Teacher training day	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Spring 2 nd term	Tuesday 23 rd February to Thursday 1 st April 2021
Spring holidays	Friday 2 nd April to Friday 16 th April 2021
Summer Term 2021	
Summer 1 st term	Monday 19 th April to Friday 28 th May 2021 (During Ramadan school starts at 9am & finishes at 2.30pm)
Bank holiday in May	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Eid holidays	Wednesday 12 th to Friday 14 th May
Summer half term holidays	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2021
Summer 2 nd term	Monday 7 th June to Friday 23 rd July 2021
Summer holidays	Monday 26 th July to Monday 6 th September 2021
Teacher training day	Monday 6 th September 2021
1st day of academic year 2021-2022 for pupils	Tuesday 7 th September 2021

Key: Black: Term dates

Red: Holidays

This information is correct at the time of printing but is subject to change. You will be notified of any changes to relevant arrangements.



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Newsletter

February 2020

Dear parents / carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

As always, the term ahead has many opportunities both for pupils and parents to continue on their 'learning journeys'. We thank you for your continuous support and look forward to continuing to develop a positive relationship during 2020, which will enable all pupils to achieve their full potential.

Reading - The Department of Education continues to focus on the National Curriculum, especially the quality of teaching and learning particularly of reading and writing in primary schools. As a school, we are extending how we teach synthetic phonics via our reading and writing literacy programme, our policies for teaching reading at school and the dissemination of information on how you can support your child's reading at home.



On **Friday, 6th March at 11am**, a parents meeting about reading will be held to reflect the introduction of the National Phonics assessments for year 1 and in preparation for the year 2 end of KS1 assessments. As a general rule, we ask that all children read their school reading books at home at least three times a week, to an adult, and that this is recorded in their reading record/diary. Of course, children can read other books and reading material and also record this in their diaries.



Reading is particularly important. Firstly, I'm sure all parents would love their children to read fluently and develop a love of reading, which will remain with them throughout their lives. Secondly, this is part of your child's weekly homework. Indeed, at KS1 it is the largest part. Thirdly, children are taught to read at primary school and those falling behind or not developing fluency before the end of year 6 are unlikely to receive the same level of instruction at

secondary school, so will be at a distinct disadvantage. Finally, an international study in 2011 showed that pupils who read regularly with their parents could be as much as one year ahead of their peers by the age of fifteen.

Ofsted - A big thank you to all our children, parents & staff for their support during our latest Ofsted. We look forward to sharing their findings with you when the report has been released!

Emergency Contacts - Just a reminder to let the school know immediately if any parents or carers have changed their address, mobile, home or emergency contact numbers.

Lateness & Absence - Student who comes late (after 8:15) persistently is unacceptable. Those who arrive late will be marked as LATE on the register and parents will be asked for explanation of lateness in writing. When a student is absent, parents must phone and let the school know why their child was absent and once they return to school, they must bring a letter from their parents explaining the reason or provide evidence. The school is taking **lateness** and **absences** very seriously and will take severe action.

Half-term holiday

Spring half-term holiday will be commencing from

Monday 17th February to Tuesday 25th February 2020

The school will be closed for teachers' training on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February 2020

Al Falah will re-open for students on **Wednesday 26th February 2020**

Admission for academic year 2020-2021

We are taking in new applications for children for the new academic year 2020-2021. If you or know of any parents who may be interested in Al-Falah, please inform them to pick up an application pack from the office as spaces are limited.

News from classes

Children have been worked brilliantly throughout the school and many have improved upon writing imaginative stories including the use of adjectives, inverted commas and similes.

Most classes have been trying to use more sophisticated and ambitious vocabulary by learning a new wow word each week to be implemented in their writing. Their hard work and enthusiasm is clearly reflected in the progress they have all made this term.

Year 2 carried out handwriting competition to encourage children to write beautifully.

Q1 Well done to our Handwriting Heroine from year 2: Safiyyah Alam ☺

Year 4 visited the Hackney Museum on Tuesday 11th February. Children were commended on their excellent questioning skills and subject knowledge and they took part in a 'Suitcase Histories' workshop linked to World War 2. This also helped the children to develop a better understanding of different places in Hackney.



Awards section



Congratulations to the following students

The following children received head teacher's award:

Year 1	Irfan Zaman and Yahya Saint-Aubin
Year 2	Ibrahim Traore, Nusaybah Halane, Khalid Mohamed, Shah Jarhad, Safiyyah Alam and Bushra Hassan
Year 3	Safa Nur, Abdulrahman Hussein, Alesha Ermis and Hirsi Adde
Year 4	Afnaan Ahmed, Eesa Azeem, Maryama Abdullahi, Abdulhakim Isarai and Maryama Hussain
Year 5	Yahya Balia, Zarah Mamode, Maryama Abdisalam, Shah Muawiya, Aliyah Harare, Zakariya Dahir, Tasniim Osman, Abdullahi Yusuf, Faahim Abukar and Sumaya Omar
Year 6	Asiyah Isarai, Abdullahi Omar, Abdullah Asif and Houda Benatallah



The following children are awarded students of the month:

Year	National Curriculum	Islamic Curriculum
1	Ibraheem Kolia	Maryam Ali
2	Aymn Saqr	Safiyyah Alam
3	Ismaeel Kolia	Younis Yusuf
4	Zainab Ahmad	Khadija Hassan
5	Zarah Vally Mamode	Dawud Arefin
6	Fatimah Kolia	Adar Osman



Newsletter

December - 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum

As we come to the end of the longest term (autumn) at Al-Falah, I want to thank all of the pupils, parents and staff who have worked hard and helped make this term successful. I also wanted to **thank our**

parents for their contribution towards the schools **winter bake sale** which was held on Friday 13th December 2019. Our parents were extremely generous with their huge contribution; they baked the cakes, donated



them to the school and came to purchase what was on offer. It was a fun and exciting event for everyone especially the children. Alhamdulillah we raised **£402** from the bake sale.

Sister Noureen: We have to say good bye to sister Noureen who decided to take a break. We will miss her tremendously. She was one of the most senior teachers in Al-Falah, working for many years as the Year 1 class teacher. Her contribution for Al-Falah was incredible. As a science coordinator she has contributed in this area hugely and as a staff



governor she worked closely with the leadership of the school and always contributed her valuable expertise to develop school further. Her contribution to our school will be missed immensely. We wish her all the best in future. Ms Nabila (previously she was our year 6 teacher) is replacing Ms Noureen from January 2020.

Zigzag lines: Parking or stopping outside the school gate

Parents must **not park** or **drop children off** outside the school gate and the bus stop. Parking around the local roads and single yellow lines are free until 8:30 am. This is a safeguarding issue and must be taken seriously.

Parent's news: Alfalah is always a listening school. We always welcome to our parents to maintain liaison with the school. However, during the **lesson time** teachers wouldn't be able to meet the parents unless its pre arranged. Head teacher is always available from 8am to 8:15am at the gate. It would be appreciated if parents can make an appointment at the office to discuss any issues with any teacher or head teacher.

Kind Regards

Abu Hussain

(Head teacher)

School holiday: The last day of school is Friday 20th December 2019 and school will reopen on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Please note that the school will be closed for a teacher training day on Monday 6th January 2020.

School Attendance for November is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage %</u>
1	96.10%
2	98.40%
3	97.0%
4	96.30%
5	97.90%
6	98.00%
<u>Total</u>	<u>97.28%</u>



Book swap day

Attendance and punctuality

Please remember that children have to be at school at 8 a.m. for morning assembly every day. Their attendance and punctuality will be shown on their school report at the end of the year. It is crucial for children to come to school every day and on time. Parents are responsible for bringing them on time as this will help children maintain time management and discipline in their life, In sha Allah!

New school uniform from January 2020

All children are now required to wear a plain **Royal/light blue jumper or cardigan**, along with the usual uniform as outlined below from **7th January 2020**.

Boys

Royal/light blue jumper
Thobe/jubba of any colour, preferably white
Plain black shoes (no trainers)
Plain white hat

Girls

Royal/light blue jumper or cardigan
Black abaya
Plain black shoes (no trainers)
Plain white scarf

The jumpers and cardigans are available from Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Matalan, Amazon and other clothing stores.



Awards section



The following children received head teacher's merit award:

Y1: Ibraheem Kolia, Zaynab Hasan, Zakaria Ali, Irfan Zaman & Nuha Sayed

Y2: Aymn Saqr, Shah Jarhad, Elmi Adde, Aisha Hussein, Marwan Ahmed & Abdishakur Mohamed

Y3: Mutasimbillah & Zakariyya Hussain

Y4: Uthmaan Ahmed, Ayhem Belbali, Abdul Hakim Isarai & Yusra Ali

Y5: Dawud Arefin, Hamza Mohamed, Zakariye Dahir, Tasniim Osman, Aliyah Harare, Maryam Abdisalam & Sumaya Omar

Y6: Asiyah Isarai, Houda Benatallah & Abdullah Asif

Students of the month



<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum</u>	<u>Islamic Curriculum</u>
1	Yahya Saint Aubin	Irfan Zaman
2	Bushra Hassan	Abdishakur
3	Safiyah Bailey	Ismaeel Kolia
4	Maryama Abdullahi	Maryama Hussein
5	Abdullah Ahmed	Tasniim Osman
6	Asiyah Isarai	Rayaan Hajinur

Teachers' messages

Year 1- Ms Noreen

Alhamdulillah Year One had a great start to Al Falah and have done fantastic learning throughout this Autumn Term. I have seen children progressing in all areas of their learning. Jazakhallah to all the parents for their continuous support in reading, spellings and homework.

It has been a great pleasure for me to teach the year one class over the past few months and also getting to know all the parents. After the winter holidays there will be a new teacher taking over the class inshaAllah. I look forward to hearing about all the exciting new things children learn throughout the spring and summer term.

Please forgive me for any shortcomings and keep me in your humble prayers.



Year Two - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have worked extremely hard on their instructional writing skills this term through our theme of 'construction'. They have utilised their creative ability to make snowflakes, origami cats, and enjoyed the cross curricular links with design technology by learning how to sew bags!

It's been a great term with much improvement in their skills across the whole curriculum. All children have shown improvement in their handwriting. Thank you to all parents for continuing to ensure children are completing their homework, spellings and practicing their reading and times tables. Make sure you continue to practice your target times tables.



Design & Technology bags



Well done Year 2, it's been a brilliant Autumn Term with excellent progress in your termly assessments.

Year 3 - Ms Abeda

Parents are requested to ensure children are continuously memorising timetables, spellings and practicing handwriting at home. Year 3 have worked very hard to improve the presentation of their work



this term. They tried to tackle unfamiliar topics within the new curriculum, mainly maths, literacy and science. The children managed to learn their times tables up to 8. They enjoyed learning about healthy eating and balanced diets alongside the circulatory system of humans and animals. In PSHE we explored the differences between vandalism and theft and children really showed an interest in learning to empathise with victims as well as understanding the consequences of such crimes. Year 3 had an informative and fun filled Vegan Workshop where they made their own food bugs using vegan foods.

Enjoy the break year 3

Year Four - Ms Tamina

This term Year 4 has been very busy partaking in a range of workshops and activities. Children wrote their own Horrid Henry stories in English looking particularly at fronted adverbials and noun phrases.

The children were commended on their excellent behaviour at the Waterworks Centre when they took part in the 'Great stink' workshop.

Year 4 has also produced fruit and vegetable bugs as part of a 'Vegan' workshop which was great fun!

As part of our work on habitats we visited Hackney Down's park in search of invertebrates.

Remember to read every day and write a short summary in your reading diary. Bring your homework.

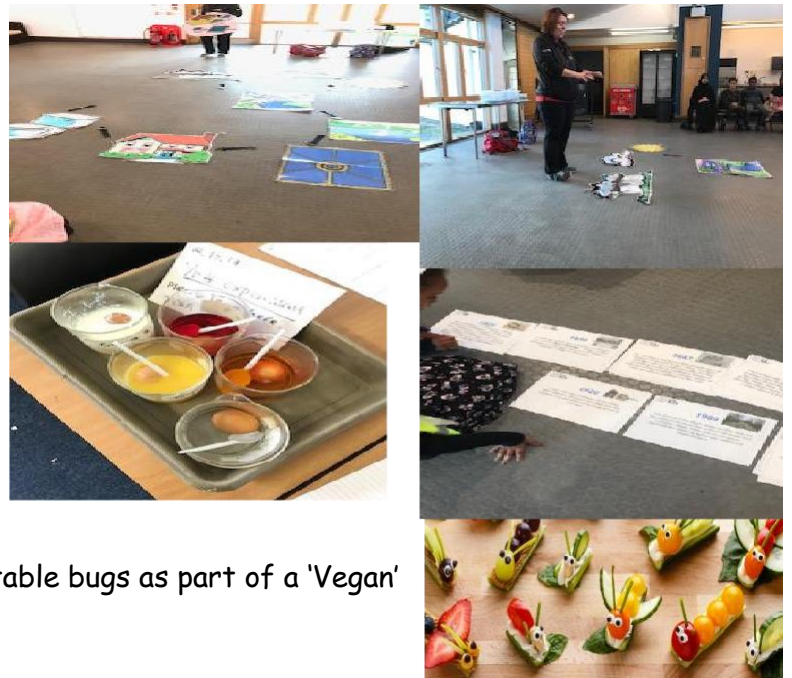
Year 5 - Sir Alam

The longest term of the year has come to an end and the year 5 class has continued to work hard in all subjects.

We had an interesting visit from the Vegan society as part of our science lessons. The workshop explained how to remain healthy and what kind of food Vegans eat.

Children also enjoyed tasting different types of biscuits as part of our D & T lessons and they designed their own biscuits for different audiences.

Have a great holiday everyone!



Year 6 - Ms Ahmed

The Autumn Term begun well and the children have settled in to the Year 6 routines now and are beginning to show their vibrant personalities. Year 6 are extremely lively and excitable as well as being very emotional and sensitive, but are now demonstrating a more focussed attitude towards their learning. We would like this to continue and develop further in the New Year. This shows great maturity.



Hackney Museum: Trip to the Museum was a huge success. Year 6 learnt very important skills, to help them become more independent as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.

Activities were brought to life with models and backdrops, and the children's interest was sustained thanks to the energy of speakers from a range of agencies. Amongst other things children learnt about waiting safely for buses and trains, recognising sugary drinks, dealing with peer pressure, using Oyster cards and what to do and who to contact in case of an emergency.

Art: Children have designed and made beautiful personalised door plaques. They designed step by step instructions with pictures; they then used various tools to mould and shape the clay. Using their designs as a guide they followed their own instructions and made some beautiful door plaques. Well-done year 6 - keep up this good work!

Islamic Curriculum Message

Year 4 - Sir Ali

Al-Hamdullillah Year 4 began this term extremely well; they completed Grade 4 Adiyaa (Du'aa) with all its meanings. The following children; Abdur Rahman Ali, Abdul Hakim Isarai, Khadija Hasan, Maryama Hussein and Yusra Ali have memorised all of Juz Amma along with most part of Juz 29. Zainab Ahmad memorised up to Surah Inshiqaaq. Ismail Shah and Muhammed Huzair have both memorised up to Surah Al-Layl.

Maashaa Allaah to everyone for their excellent effort.

Year 5 - Sir Shah Ahmed

Year five Islamic Studies ...Alhamdulillah this term have learnt a lot about all the pillars of faith. We have explored the belief in Allah, His angels, His books, messengers, last day and in Qadr and mashaallah students showed a lot of interest and really enjoyed the units



We covered in assembly the important beliefs regarding Isa AS and Christmas. the main core beliefs was mentioned in a PowerPoint presentation. From year 1 all the way to year 6, which is important at this time of the year.

A special well done to Dawud Arefin for doing hard work and achieving excellent in Quran and reading very fluently MashaAllah. He has also been a great help in and around the classroom.

I advise all the parents to carry on supporting your child at home with their Quran and Islamic studies during the holidays.

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

As we come to the close of an extremely long, yet very rewarding autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our children on the wonderful attitude they show towards school life of Al Falah.

Mashaa-Allah many parents have commented on the children's positive mind set, confidence and zeal for learning Quran. We hope this continues throughout the year Inshaa-Allah and would like to say a huge well done to both our children and staff for their effort that has provided many opportunities for learning.

With Islamic ta'leem here at Al Falah, we greatly emphasis on building good character using Prophet(s) as our role model, as his personality was complete in every regards and whose life can serve as a beacon of guidance for people of every walk of life. Muslims who follow him as a prophet of their religion as well as those who do not follow Islam hold him in high regard as an exemplar of best human characteristics.



The key factor that brings reverence and respect to Prophet Muhammad(s) in both the Islamic and non-Islamic circles is his character. He (s) stated: "Allah has sent me to perfect good manners and to do good deeds." (Narrated by Imam Bubkhari)

Once again as we face the dark cold days of winter, I would like to remind everyone that Prophet (pbuh) said: "**winter is the best season for Muslims. Its nights are long to pray in, and its days are short to fast in.**" (Reported by Al-Haythami in '*Majma' az-Zawa'id*' (3/203) *hasan*).

Safe and secure A friendly reminder to parents that at the end of the school day we need to ensure children do not run around after they have been handed over to the parents, unfortunately this is happening due to some parents talking to other parents or teachers. If you need to talk to any member of the staff please make sure it's quick and brief or arrange a meeting in advance. Children have been instructed that they **never leave school without informing their teachers**. Please help us reinforce this message.

Sadly with the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to our most talented year 1 teacher Ms Noreen who will be leaving us. I'm sure everyone will join me in thanking her for all her hard work over the last 7 years and wishing her well for the future.

I pray that you are able to have a well-deserved break and come back in January feeling reenergized and ready for what will certainly be a shorter but equally exciting spring term.

Muhammad Kalam Hussain

(Islamic Studies Co-ordinator)

Newsletter

Newsletter

October-2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alikum wa Rahmatullah

New academic year! New beginning! Let's hope and pray for our children and school to build a strong foundation of learning, creating a nice environment, a bright future for our children, and good preparation for both here in this world and the hereafter. We trust that this has been a good first few weeks for all pupils around school. It has been a pleasure to see so many beaming faces as the children renew friendships, make new friends and enjoy learning with their new teachers.

Attendance and punctuality

Please remember that children have to be at school at **8 a.m.** for morning assembly every day. Their attendance and punctuality will be shown on their school report at the end of the year. It is crucial for children to come to school regularly to achieve their full potential. Parents are responsible for this as this will help children maintain time management and discipline in their life.

Parents' day

It was great to see almost all parents attend our parents' day. Parents are the backbone of the children and the family. They are the source of endless, selfless love and support throughout the life of a child and also the guiding star for a better future. As such, an appreciation wish for the parents goes a long way to make them feel good and happier. All parents have achieved some clear ideas from their teachers about their child's progress and any area that needs to be focused on. A number of parents also met with the head teacher and shared their opinions and suggestions. We appreciate this and will try to implement as many things as possible.



Please make an appointment to see the head teacher about any issues; your suggestions will help us to run the school smoothly and proficiently.

M A Hussain

Head teacher

Zigzag lines: Parking outside the school gate

Parents are fully aware that they are not allowed to drop their children or park their cars outside the school gates and at to the bus stop. Unfortunately, some parents are knowingly parking their cars on the zigzag lines and thus causing problems by create traffic and putting children's safety at risk. **Parents must not park or drop children off outside the school gate and the bus stop.** Parking around the local roads and single yellow lines are free until 8:30 am. Therefore, parents are reminded to park their cars in those areas and walk to school.

Half-term holiday

Autumn half-term holiday will be commencing from

Monday 21st October to Monday 28th October 2019

The school will be closed for teachers' training on **Monday 28th October 2019**

Al Falah will **re-open** for students on **Tuesday 29th October 2019**

Healthy eating

Al-Falah is always trying to promote healthy eating in school and this is part of our Islamic values and a great sunnah. Therefore please provide children with healthy lunches and snacks. The following items will be completely banned after the half term holiday.

Food not allowed:

Sweets

Crisps

Fizzy drink

Chocolates

Biscuits

Cakes & sugary doughnuts

Baby pepper sticks

Bread sticks and hummus

Radish

Tangerine peeled

Banana pieces

Halved grapes

Cheese cubes or sticks

Avocado cut into cubes

Rice crackers

Plain crackers

Pitted dates

Dried apricots, prunes, figs, raisins

Kiwi

Pineapple chunks

Mango chunks

Smoothies

Healthy snack ideas:

Yoghurts

Apples chips (apple cored and cut into thin slices)

Carrot sticks

Cucumber sticks

Baby tomatoes, olives and cheese

Celery sticks

Message from London Fire Brigade:

Make an appointment today for a **FREE** home fire safety visit. London Fire Brigade staff can visit your home, offer personal safety advice and will also fit free smoke alarms where needed. Email: smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk, Text: 447860021319 or call LFB free on 0800 028 4428.

School councillors

Last week was school councillor's election week at Al-Falah. Children voted for their school councillor who will represent them at meetings with the head teacher and look into ways of improving the school.

Congratulations to the following students.

Year	<u>School Councillors</u>
1	Yahya Saint-Aubin & Zakaria Ali
2	Ibrahim Yusuf & Abdulaziz Isarai
3	Hirsi & Aleesha
4	Zakariya Hasaan & Zainab Ahmad
5	Zakariya Dahir & Faahim Abuker
6	Yaqub Adam & Saido Farah

AWARDS SECTION



The following children received head teacher's award:

Y2: Bushra Hassan and Safiyyah Alam
Y3: Aleesha Ermis
Y4: Zakaria Hassan and Uthman Abdullahi
Y5: Abdullah Ahmed, Muaadh Hassan, Shah Muawiya, Zarah Mamode and Zuhayb
Y6: Abas Abdulkadir



Year	National Curriculum	Islamic Curriculum
1	Ibraheem Kolia	Nuha Sayed
2	Safiyyah Alam	Abdul Aziz Isarai
3	Hamza Ahmed	Ismail kolia
4	Maryama Abdullahi	Maryama Abdur Rashid
5	Tasniim Osman	Sumaya Omar
6	Houda Benatallah	Asmaa Bouhanna

Messages from class teachers

Year 1- Ms Noureen

Year One have had a great start to Al Falah and all children have settled in well. All children have been focusing on letter and number formation as well as constructing sentences. Children have also immersed themselves into reading a variety of books from different genres. Reading remains a critical part of the children's learning. Please can all parents encourage their child to read for 15-20 minutes on a daily basis.



Over the past few weeks children have had a plethora of workshops as part of Maths, Science and History.

Explore learning taught the children a Maths session on Safari shapes. This was a fun and interactive session where children made links between shapes and the different Safari animals.



We also had a visit from Animal Aid. This session was based on kindness towards animals and was linked to our Science topic. Children discussed how they can take care of animals by not squashing them and by leaving them alone. Children made posters with a picture of their favourite animal.

In DT, children focused on healthy eating. Children looked at a variety of fruits they can use to make a fruit salad. Children also made their own fruit salad using grapes, bananas and strawberries.

Throughout October Year One have also been celebrating Black History Month. Children have been learning about fairness and how to treat everyone equally. Connecting Communities delivered a workshop focussing on Black Inventors. Children learnt about the famous inventor, Garrett Morgan. He invented traffic light signals. Children created their own traffic lights. This session was both fun and engaging.



Thank you to all the parents for the continuous support and for assisting their children in completing their homework on time.

Have a great Holiday Year One!

Year 2- Ms Nosheen

Year Two have made a fantastic start to the year by producing lots of work including some imaginative story writing with the use of similes and inverted commas. They have shown an excellent improvement in their reading, writing and mathematics skills over this term which is evident in their improvement during independent work as well as assessments.

They have enjoyed studying the different techniques of the artist called Monet during Art and delved into some survey and data handling work during Science. Over the last couple of weeks children worked collaboratively to learn more about Black History month and engaged in the celebration of the many sacrifices made in Black History. We were lucky enough to have visitors from Animal Aid, Explore Learning and London Fire Brigade to compliment our Science, Mathematics and History lessons this term.

Well done to **Abdul Aziz** and **Ibrahim Yusuf** for their great speeches during the School Council Class Elections and congratulations for winning the votes of your class.



Fire Safety Workshop

Keep up the good work and a huge thank you to all the parents for their continuous support. Please encourage your children to do lots of reading at home and continue practicing their Handwriting, Spellings and 3 x tables. Enjoy your holidays!

Year 3- Ms Abeda

Year 3 have managed to memorise their times tables up to 6. They must continue to practice regularly. Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen to their child read and write a short message in the reading diary every other day.

Children enjoyed relay racing during P.E. lessons this term and actively took part. Most of the class showed an improvement in their spellings over the past six weeks but regular practice is advised. **Aleesha** and **Hirsi** have been nominated as school councillors and we hope they are able to fulfil this role successfully.

In science year 3 became familiar with the different functions of a flowering plant. In history explored Ancient Egypt, mainly the River Nile. Our carpet reading sessions have been successful in engaging the children as well as aiding them to relax after break. Children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the adventures of Charlie from Roald Dahls' Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We've made a cross curricular link by designing chocolate factories in D & T that will be assembled next term. Overall, it has been a busy term and the class has settled in well.

Please ensure your child returns their homework every Tuesday and always carries their interactive and reading diaries with them.

Year 4: Mrs Thamina Haidar

This half term, Year 4 has focused on writing their own fables in English looking particularly at Aesop's Fables and features of fables. Children used fronted adverbials and conjunctions in their writing. They have also looked at inventions in the 21st century and Leonardo da Vinci's ideas leading them on to coming up with their own inventions for the future!

In Maths, Year 4 has worked very hard solving addition and subtraction calculations involving four digit numbers and place value to help them do quick calculations. The children used the frog method to count up for both addition and subtraction sums. They have demonstrated eagerness and dedication when working on telling the time using analogue and digital clocks and differentiating between **a.m.** (before midday) and **p.m.** (after midday).

Year 4 has also produced excellent work in their foundation subjects; these include making a model Anderson shelter and understanding the importance of staying safe during an Air Raid.



We set up an experiment to understand how teeth are affected by different liquids we consume. We have learnt about oral hygiene and the importance of rinsing, brushing, using miswak and not snacking will make our teeth stronger.

Remember to read every day and write a short summary in your reading diary. Bring your homework folder to school every day it should include: Interactive Diary, Reading Diary and Reading Book.

A big well done and an excellent start to the year!

Year 5 – Sir Alam

Alhamdulillah we've had a great start in year 5 and all the children have been working hard this term across all subject areas.

On Wednesday 2nd October 2019, year 5 children participated in a fire safety workshop. This session was very informative and we learnt that fire kills, destroys homes and spreads quickly. We learnt that smoke can be as dangerous as fire, how smoke alarms work, and how to make sure they are working properly. We talked about how to make fire escape plans from homes, what to do if there is a fire, and how to call 999.

I would like to thank all year 5 parents for participating in the workshop that was held last week. I hope the session was beneficial and we can work together to assist our children to excel further.

Syedul Alam

Year 6-Ms Sayarun Ahmed

Welcome back after the summer holidays. We hope you have had a relaxing break. I have been very impressed with how well the children have settled in and are familiarising themselves with the routines and expectations of their new class.

This half term, Year 6 has focused on Fairytales, fantasy and beyond. They looked at different text types, found out about features of different fiction genres. To engage the audience in their writing, they learnt how to use sentence structures and word choices to have a desired effect and wrote their own version.

In reading, they continue to develop their comprehension skills, with a particular focus on inference and deduction and the author's use of language. They have also learnt how to accurately summarise and interpret information when thinking about reading and comprehension based questions.

In Numeracy, Year 6 will cover the following topics **across** the half term.

- Place Value and decimals
- Mental and calculations method
- 2D and 3D shapes – regular polygons and quadrilaterals

Years 6 have also produced excellent work in their foundation subjects; these include learning about living things and their habitats and designing and making tie-dye T- shirts.

A big well done, an excellent start to the year!



Message from Islamic Curriculum

Dear parents, a very warm welcome back to you all, especially our new children who have settled in so well and started to enjoy learning the Quran and Islamic studies. Maashaa-Allah we have also seen all the other children having returned with great enthusiasm and excitement and we hope this continues throughout the year. Inshaa-Allah!

We have begun this term focusing on 'Good character' in assemblies and through our 'Hadith a week program'. We kindly request all the parents to help us reinforce children's understanding of 'Good character' and make sure that not only they understand what good manners and characters are but also practice it. Our beloved prophet (s) has said: **"The best among you are those who have best manners and characters"**. (Sahih Al-Bukhari)

This term we also had a practical week of study in our Islamic study lessons and went on to visit our local masjid where the children were taught in detail on how to do 'Wudhu', 'Tayammum' and pray 'Salah'. Maashaa-Allah children have enjoyed it a lot and we intend to do this more in the future. With this I would like to thank all the parents on behalf of Al Falah primary school for choosing our school and trusting us with your children's education. May Allah reward you all for your support and enjoy the half term holiday.

Muhammad Kalam Hussain

(Head of Islamic Curriculum)

Upcoming Events

Events	Date	Time	Location	Year group
Half term Holiday	21 Oct - 28 Oct 2019	Whole week	Al Falah school	All
Inset day	28 Oct 2019	All day	Al Falah school	Staff
Remembrance Day	11 Nov 2019	All day	Al Falah school	All
Anti-Bullying week	11 - 15 Nov 2019	Whole week	Al Falah school	All
World kindness day	13 Nov 2019	All day	Al Falah school	All
Book swap day	15 Nov-19	10am - 12:00pm	Al Falah school	All
Road safety week	19 - 25 Nov 19	Whole week	Al Falah school	All
Universal Children's' day	20 Nov 2019	All day	Al Falah school	All
Hackney Museum trip	11 Dec 2019	10am - 12:30pm	Hackney Museum	Year 6
International volunteer day	6 Dec 2019	10:30am-12pm	Al Falah school	All
Bake sale	13 Dec 2019	10:30am-12pm	Al Falah school	All
Arabic Language day	18 Dec 2019	All day	Al Falah school	All
V&A Childhood Museum	TBC	9am-1pm	Al Falah school	Year-3



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Newsletter

FEBRUARY

Dear parents / carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

With the Covid-19 pandemic, we are living through a world crisis, the likes of which hasn't been seen in 100 years. The enormous scale of the crisis and the impact it is having are naturally causing a lot of fear, uncertainty and anxiety across the globe. Add social isolation, disrupted work and family routines, economic instability and it is understandable that our mental health is suffering. The covid-19 situation is particularly stressful because it's hard to predict how things will develop and our circumstances are changing rapidly. This can leave us feeling powerless, like we are no longer in control of our own lives. Lots of our friends, colleagues, relatives and family members are suffering indescribable circumstances. Although, these things might leave us feeling helpless, it is no doubt strengthening our Imaan and encouraging us to remember our creator Allah (SWT) even more.

We do send regular reminders about procedures to help keep everyone in our school family safe. We also share updated information as it is released. Please continue to share your feedback as we strive to find the balance between maintaining the highest standards in the provision of academic education in addition to supporting our pupil's all-round well-being and ensuring the environment is as safe as possible for everyone.

Abu Hussain
Head Teacher

Remote teaching

Due to Covid-19 outbreaks worldwide, the academic institutions have been enforced to entirely cancel face to face teaching including class room, library and other learning experiences as a mitigation step against the risk posed by the Coronavirus. From the beginning of the second lockdown Al-falah has continued with teaching remotely. MashaAllah, our children are fully settled with remote teaching and they are now enjoying sessions. We have been fully equipped (resources) with our contingency plan in terms of further isolation or lockdown. Almost all the children can now manage their own devices and follow the teacher's guidance. However, very few young students do find it a bit difficult to handle due to technical and internet issues so we definitely cannot compare with the benefit of normal face to face teaching but we must follow the Government guidelines and shouldn't deprive our students from learning.

After the half term, from 22nd February 2021, teachers will arrange further sets of work for children to complete **via Zoom**. Children will NOT be given any further printed work or CGP books after the holidays. They will be given activities on Zoom during the lesson to complete in their exercise books. Therefore, parents will not be required to come into school to collect any printed work until further notice.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week we have been through 'Mental Health Awareness week', a national campaign aiming to raise awareness of good mental health practice and inspire action to promote it. There's no doubt that the current coronavirus crisis is having a negative impact on the mental health of almost everyone in some way, even more so for young people already facing challenges. All the teachers highlighted Mental Health Awareness during online classes as well as a whole school assembly

carried out by the Head teacher. Parents can play a vital role by actively listening to your child, supporting them through difficulties, paying attention to their emotions and encouraging their interest. We must praise our child when they do well and wherever possible stick to commitments and routines.

Parents Workshops with Sir Alam

MashaAllah, Sir Alam volunteered to run two workshops for our parents about 'Positive parenting' and 'Mental health'. Alhamdulillah we have had excellent feedback from our parents about the workshops which have been very beneficial for all of us. May he be rewarded immensely in both worlds. Aameen!

As promised, the **40 hadith** which Sir Alam mentioned during the last workshop have been uploaded onto the Al-Falah website under the 'Curriculum' tab. Please have a look and download these beautiful hadith and share with your children on a daily basis.

International Mother Language day

This day is observed every year on the *21st of February* to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. It was created by UNESCO (the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organisation) in order to promote the dissemination of mother tongues and a fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. Please, encourage your child/ children to speak their mother tongue to acquire at least two or more languages to communicate others which benefit their cognitive development.

International safer day

The aim of **Safer Internet Day** is to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, law enforcement, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

You can get involved by visiting www.saferinternetday.org.uk

Half-term holiday

Spring half-term holiday will be commencing from

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

There will be no online lessons during the half term holidays

Al-Falah will re-start online teaching at the usual time from *Monday 22nd February 2021*



Children's Page



Internet Safety



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Challenge: Design a poster about how to stay safe on the internet