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## Al-Furqan Primary School

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7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents,

*Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatoh*

Welcome back to the new academic year at Al-Furqan Primary. A special welcome to all children and staff new and old. I hope you have had a good summer and are ready for the year ahead.

Alhamdulillah, last year was a very successful year, our staff and children worked really hard. The outcome of the hard work was seen in successful results in phonics, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SATS (which will be published soon).

Last year was also a successful year for parents working in partnership with the school making sure our children get all the help and support to achieve in all aspects of school life. We would like you to continue with your support this year in working together for our children.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time
- 2) Not take any holidays during school term
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve English skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Work closely with the class teacher, who will be your first contact for any queries or concerns regarding your child. This will enable you and your child's teacher to work in partnership to ensure that your child achieves their very best.
- 7) Attend workshops which will be put on during the year to provide you with additional information to support your child further.

Important dates for your diary.

Date		Time
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Parent workshop How to keep your children safe from external influences.	9:00
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Parent workshop IQA - Reception , year 1 and year 2	3:45
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Parents coffee morning	9:00
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Parents workshop IQA - year 3 , year 4, year 5 and year 6	3:45
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Year 6 parents, Secondary places workshop	9:00
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Year 1 phonics workshop	9:00
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Year 2 SATS workshop	2:30
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Mathematics at Al-Furqan workshop Year 1 Year 2	9am 10am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Mathematics at Al-Furqan workshop Year 3 Year 4	9am 10am



Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Mathematics at Al-Furqan workshop Year 5 Year 6	9am 10am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Year 3L class assembly, Prophet Ibrahim	9:10am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Year 3M class assembly, Prophet Ibrahim Year 3K class assembly, Prophet Ibrahim	9:10am 9:45am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Parent consultation - National Curriculum	Book an appointment
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Parent consultation - IQA	Book an appointment
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Year 6 SATS workshop	9am
24 <sup>th</sup> October - 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Half term holidays	

#### Attendance and punctuality

Good attendance is essential to your child's academic success. We aim for an overall attendance rate of at least 96%, and attendance levels below that give us serious cause for concern. I would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your child only misses school where it is absolutely unavoidable. Routine medical appointments should be made outside school hours wherever possible.

Punctuality to school and to lessons is also important, school gates are open from 8:35am and locked at 8:55am we do expect all children to be in class before the gates are locked and not be late for their learning.

Last year we had a lot of requests for holidays during term time, holidays during term time will not be authorised, could you please make sure you book holidays outside term time.

#### Head of school surgery

Head of school surgery will continue every fortnight on Fridays between 9:15-10:15am, please book an appointment at the school office.

Dates for this half term:

16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

21st October 2016

#### Parent support drop-in sessions

Parent drop-in sessions will continue to be held on Mondays 9am -10am and 3:30pm-4:30pm. Ustada Susanna (safeguarding & inclusion) will be available at these times to see parents. Parents can drop in and discuss any issues relating to their child such as concerns about special educational needs, behaviour, well-being and development.

#### Family support drop-in

Our Family Support Worker - Roohi Durakovic will continue with Family Support drop-in sessions where parents can come and discuss any issues affecting them and/or their family. These drop-in sessions are held on Mondays from 9.00-10.00am.

#### Change on school calendar

Could you please amend your school calendar, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 will no longer be a teacher training day, children will be expected to come into school as a normal school day.

#### Hajj

Dhul Haj is here once again, the month where Haj (the fifth pillar of Islam) takes place during the first 10 days of this month. One of the most important aspects of Hajj is how it unifies, bringing together believers from all over the world in one place, and one dress, worshipping Allah emphasising that everyone is equal before Allah, regardless of power, wealth, class, gender, disability and ethnicity, etc.

For those of us who cannot make Haj this year, please take the opportunity to fast the day of Arafah. Abû Hafsah, may Allâh be pleased with him, reported that the Prophet, upon whom be peace, said: "Fasting on the day of 'Arafah absolves the sins for two years: the previous year and the coming year, and fasting on 'ashûra, (the tenth day of Muharram) atones for the sins of previous years." Muslim

#### Eid holidays

School will be closed three days for Eid Ul –Adha holidays, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families Eid Mubarak from all at Al-Furqan Primary School.

*Wassalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatoh*

**Sadyah Yafai**  
**Head of School**