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Ramadan 2025

Today in assembly we marked the start of Ramadan and spoke about the importance of the celebration for our Muslim families and the wider Muslim community. The holy month commenced on Friday 28th February (today) and finishes with Eid-al-Fitr around Sunday 30th March. During the period of Ramadan, we will be encouraging our Muslim pupils to talk about the celebrations and special events, their religion and what Ramadan means to them. We will also be facilitating prayer club during a lunchtime with Mrs Smythe. All pupils are being encourage to take part in our Eid card design competition which runs until 21st March.

If Eid-al-Fitr falls on a school day and your child will not be attending school, please complete the form linked below to inform us in advance so this can be recorded as a planned absence. In line with the school policy and DfE guidance, 1 day will be authorised for religious observance.

Fasting

We know that fasting is not obligatory for children until they reach the age of puberty, but we also understand that families of some children who have not yet reached this stage, sometimes choose to fast each day, fast at the weekends or fast for only part of their day/week. As a school, we usually see a small proportion of children fasting in Year 5 and 6.

We kindly request that if your child is taking part in fasting during Ramadan that you inform school so that we can accommodate their needs during lunchtimes and PE Sessions (you can see your child's PE days on the school website). Please use the form linked below to inform us of the fasting days/requirements.

Please note that if your child has a medical condition, becomes lethargic, feels unwell or is struggling to concentrate, we will contact you before offering your child a drink or some food.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our parents and carers who will be observing the upcoming month of Ramadan a peaceful and prosperous month.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1hB8qTTk8k>

Many thanks,

Mrs Smythe
Cultural Diversity Lead

Mrs Duffin
Headteacher