

Wednesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our termly faith updates. We hope you enjoy reading what we have achieved and what more we have planned for the rest of this term.

We started 2022 celebrating Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Gurburab (birthday celebration) and during Seva Studies lessons pupils were introduced to some of the 52 hukams (orders) that Guru Ji gave to Sikhs. Last half term, pupils thought about our Seva virtue of Honesty and this half term our new Seva virtue is Tolerance. Teachers will be looking to nominate a pupil from their class or form who has best demonstrated this virtue. The Sevak of the half term from each class or form will receive a certificate, which will be awarded in the last week of term.

Faith Enrichment After-School Clubs

We are very pleased to inform you that our After-School tabla and harmonium classes are running very well. We are very proud of the large numbers of pupils who have taken up this opportunity to learn how to play an instrument and learn kirtan from our two experienced teachers, Mrs J. Kaur and Mr D. Singh. We are looking forward to listening to a kirtan (hymns sung to music) by our pupils during our whole school faith celebrations in the future.

Student Faith Leaders

Our Faith Leaders are very excited to be taking part in a short film that we are producing to showcase faith events that take place at our school. They are currently planning film shots and producing scripts ready to present on this film. We hope to present our film in the near future and share the unique spiritual journey our pupils experience during their school day.

Monday 14th March

Last term, Education Secretaries from local Gurdwaras had the opportunity to meet with our Student Faith Leaders. They were full of praise for our students and we were very grateful for the positive views they offered us about discussions on how local Gurdwaras can support activities in school and the local community. We have invited the Education Secretaries again to visit us at Seva School to meet with our Faith working party including Trustees and staff. We know this will be another great opportunity to build even stronger links and share ideas. We look forward to their visit.

Thursday 17th March

We have arranged for a Gatka Team (Sikh martial arts) to visit our school to perform Gatka and run workshops for our primary pupils. This activity will inspire our pupils to learn more about the festival of Hola Mohalla, which is a festival celebrated in Anandpur Sahib, Punjab. During this event skilled Sikhs come together to compete in martial arts to display their horsemanship and weapon handling skills. We hope pupils enjoy learning about this much revered discipline. During the summer term, we are hoping to arrange a visit to Derby Gurdwara & Museum for our students in secondary.

Thursday 7th April

On this day, all pupils at Seva School will take part in a range of activities to learn about the historical event of the first amrit ceremony that took place at Anandpur Sahib in 1699. Pupils will explore the identity of the Khalsa, focus on the meaning of the 5Ks and represent their ideas through artwork. We will come together to take part in the annual Nishaan Sahib changing ceremony and hope to welcome Guru Granth Sahib Ji to our school as we prepare for special Divan times. Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing traditional Indian clothes on this day or, if they choose not to, then school uniform. We look forward to sharing our learning with you on social media and in our newsletters.

Thank you for your support.

Vaheguru ji ka Khalsa, Vaheguru ji ki Fateh.

Mrs P Kaur

Faith Lead