

Welcome to our second newsletter of this term. We would like to start by saying a big thank you to all of our Playground Palz who have been doing a fantastic job at break times, ensuring children have toys to play with, organising games and making sure children are happy. Well done and keep up the good work.



### Paperless Systems

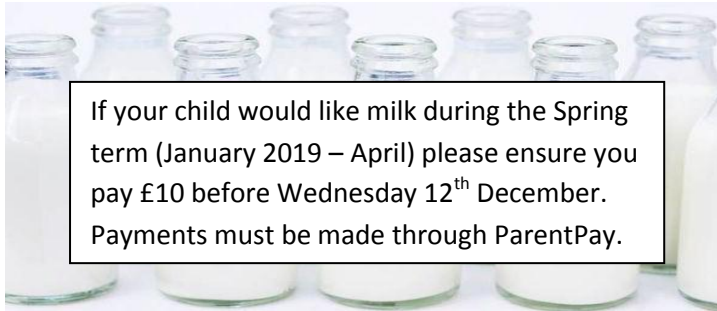
In January 2019 Iqra Academy will become paperless!

The vast majority of parents are already using our new school-to-parent communication system, SchoolPing.



SchoolPing is a free to download App, which allows you to receive instant messages straight to your smartphone wherever you are. In January we will no longer be sending letters out regarding trips or events, these will be communicated through SchoolPing. All parent consultation evenings will be booked through SchoolPing. This is also how we will inform you of any school closures due to bad weather etc. If you require help downloading the App please contact the school office.

### School Milk (Year 1 – Year 6)



If your child would like milk during the Spring term (January 2019 – April) please ensure you pay £10 before Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Payments must be made through ParentPay.

### PARENTS OF PUPILS IN YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 PLEASE NOTE:

Your child is only entitled to free milk if you are in receipt of free school meals via benefits. If you receive free school meals as part of the Government scheme, **you still need to pay for milk.**

Children in Nursery and Reception do not need to pay for milk.

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

### Reception Primary School Applications

All primary school application packs were sent home with Nursery children in November.

Please ensure you complete your child's choices before the deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 or they may miss out on their preferred school. If you need any help completing the form online, please come along to our session on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am. This will be held in our ICT suite. Please note you must have access to an email address to complete the online application.

### Appointment of Parent Governor

Congratulations to Mr Nasar Mohammed who has recently been elected to represent parents on the Governing Board at Iqra Academy.



### Young Mathematicians Award

We are proud to inform you that 4 pupils from Years 5 & 6 have made it through to round 2 of the Young Mathematicians Award. Iqra was in the top 8 schools out of 24 that competed in the first round. Round 2 takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> December. We wish those pupils good luck.



### Children In Need

We raised £260.00 for Children In Need by selling buns and biscuits during break time. Thank you for your continued support.



### Wear Something Blue Day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October pupils and staff turned Iqra blue to raise funds for the Children and Special Care Baby Fund at Bradford Royal Infirmary. We raised £376.71. Thank you for your support.

## Award Winners

A special mention to:

**Alicia (Nursery)** for being kind to others, showing empathy

and always trying her best.

**Safia (Dewberry)** who always tries her best and works hard all of the time.

**Maryam (1H)** for always helping her classmates and being kind and caring.

**Haider (1H)** who has a brilliant attitude to learning and as a result has improved fantastically in all areas.

**Amman (2A)** for working extremely hard in Maths.

**Fatima (3H)** who is all round amazing in everything she does.

**Nafisa (4N)** for always offering support to her peers and being a good role model.

**Safah-Noor (5D)** for being a general all round superstar.

**Zimal (6R)** who has a fantastic attitude to learning putting 100% effort into all tasks.



Have you seen our budding writers who have had stories published in a book? Have you seen pupils sporting achievements? Or even how a pupil received a letter from the Queen? Please visit 'Latest News' on our website for further information.

## Christmas Arrangements



**Christmas Jumper Day** - On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December staff and pupils are invited to wear Christmas themed jumpers for a suggested donation of 50p / £1.00. All money raised will be donated to the charity, Save the Children.

**Christmas Parties** – Children will be having Christmas parties in class on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils are welcome to bring donations of food to enjoy during the parties (please do not send in food containing nuts).

**Christmas Lunch** – On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December the kitchen will be serving a special Christmas themed menu. Details will be sent out through SchoolPing shortly.

Finally, please can we remind parents that Iqra Academy will not tolerate any disrespectful attitudes or behaviour from parents. The vast majority of our parents are brilliant, but unfortunately this is spoilt by a minority. We ask that you treat us kindly.

## Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Young Mathematicians Competition (round 2)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Nursery visit to Eureka
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Deadline to pay school milk for Spring term
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Reception visit to St Paul's Church
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas parties
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Lunch Menu
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	School closes at 3.30pm for the Christmas holidays
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	School re-opens to pupils
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Primary school application session (9am)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Deadline to complete primary school applications



**We wish you all  
the best for the  
festive season  
and a peaceful  
2019**

