



# Khalsa VA Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KE  
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## **Welcome Back!**

We hope that all of our families have had a safe and relaxing half term break.

## **Holiday Homework**

Many pupils have completed homework all about Guru Nanak Dev Ji in preparation for the Gurburab. Homework can be brought in or sent by email. Please help your child to complete and submit their homework before Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

## **Bandi Chorr Diwas**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, pupils will be celebrating Bandi Chorr Diwas with a kirtan jatha, activities all about Hargobind Sahib Ji and a special lunch.

## **Nishan Sahib Sewa – Friday 15th November**

We are changing the Nishan Sahib this month as part of our Gurburab celebrations, and also to conform to the new guidance on the colour of the Nishan Sahib. This will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November and will involve Year 5 pupils only. Year 5 families are invited to join us.

## **Royal British Legion – Poppies on Sale**

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, it is Remembrance Sunday and we will be selling poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion. If you would like to purchase a poppy or any of the poppy-themed items, please come to the table outside after school this week. **(Cash only)**

## **Social Media**

We use social media, especially Instagram, to share photos, information about school events, community notices and other things that may be of interest. Please follow us and share our posts.

## **School Photographer Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

The photographer will be in school on Thursday to take individual and sibling photos. Children must be smartly dressed as normal in full school uniform.

## **Guru Nanak Dev Ji Parkash Purab 2024**

Our Gurburab will be taking place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November with a big celebration involving pupils from all year groups. We hope that all of our families and friends are able to join us.

In preparation for this, we require a significant amount of support from our community. If you can, please help us in one of the following ways:

- Donate money to help us to fund our decorations and gifts for children
- Donate items which can be used on the day, including napkins, cutlery and small plates and bowls
- Offer your time as a sewadar on the day to help serve refreshments and langar

Money can be donated online on the School Money app or in cash at the school office.

## **Holiday dates and term-time holidays**

Holiday dates are published well in advance to help families to plan. Unfortunately, we still have a few parents who ignore these and take their child out of school, particularly the week before and the week after the school holidays. We have noticed a significant difference between the progress and attainment of pupils who have good attendance and those who are persistently absent. Teachers will not provide additional work to parents who have chosen to withdraw their child from the classroom.

## **Free Parenting Courses – Family Lives**

Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free\* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

(\* Free from landlines and most mobiles)



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**Stickers for the Golden Rule of 'Caring and Sharing' for the week ending 25th October were awarded to the following children:**

**Year 6:**

Guru Gobind Singh Ji – Jiana K. Arora  
Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji – Gurmeet Singh

**Year 5:**

Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji – Tanvi Verma  
Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji – Guneet Singh

**Year 4:**

Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji – Jujhar Singh  
Guru Arjan Dev Ji – Yasleen K. Malhi

**Year 3:**

Guru Ram Das Ji – Belina Manucha  
Guru Amar Das Ji – Angad Singh

**Year 2:**

Guru Nanak Dev Ji – Gurtajpreet Singh  
Guru Angad Dev Ji – Kavneet S. Junaja

**Year 1:**

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji – Aviraj Singh  
Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Ji – Brahmleen Kaur

**Reception:**

Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji – Giansh Singh  
Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji – Keyaansh Verma  
The 'Golden Rule' for the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November is 'Working Hard.'

**Best Attendance for week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October:**

**MINIMUM TARGET ATTENDANCE: 96%**

Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji class	93%
Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji class	93%
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji class	96%
Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Ji class	91%
Guru Nanak Dev Ji class	92%
Guru Angad Dev Ji class	98%
Guru Amar Das Ji class	98%
Guru Ram Das Ji class	95%
Guru Har Gobind Sahib Ji class	96%
Guru Arjan Dev Ji class	97%
Guru Har Krishan Sahib Ji class	97%
Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji class	96%
Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji class	97%
Guru Gobind Singh Ji class	88%

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Key dates for your diary	
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Photographer – Individual photos
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Diwali and Bandi Chorr Diwas celebrations in school
<b>Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nishan Sahib Sewa - <b>Year 5 parents are invited to join us</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Parkash Purab celebrations in school
<b>Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parliament Week
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Ms Szejkowski's Class Assembly (year 5)
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mr. Wells' Class Assembly (year 4)
<b>Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Individual parents' meetings (Tuesday and Thursday)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 Faith Assembly – Parents are invited to join us in the Darbar Sahib
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
<b>Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Char Sahibzade Shaheedi Purab events in school
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term

**Thought of the week**

**Never under estimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life.**

**Three principles of prayer – keep it honest, keep is simple, keep it up.**