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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Eid al-Fitr

We know that Eid is a very special celebration for many of our children and families. To help our Muslim families and staff celebrate, we started Ramadan with a visit from a member of the Abrahamic Foundation to talk about the importance of this holy month in Islam and to discuss Ramadan. On Monday, the children had a whole school assembly where they learnt about what happens at Eid, how it's celebrated and when it falls. Pupils celebrating Eid tomorrow will be allowed one day's authorised absence for Religious Observance. If your child will not be attending school, to celebrate Eid, please ensure the school office is made aware beforehand. Pupils who are not celebrating Eid will be expected to attend as normal. Any children who are expected to be in school but who is absent will be marked as unauthorised unless parents provide evidence of illness or medical appointments. Please be aware that children are permitted only one authorised absence for Religious Observance. We are aware that in the past, families have chosen to use this permitted absence for either Eid al-Fitr or Eid al-Adha. Just as last year, we plan to celebrate Eid al-Adha as a whole school in June where children will be invited to wear traditional Eid clothes, have a party to celebrate with visitors and traditional music.

RE: Big Word Day

This year, children have been working hard to develop and improve their vocabulary. Tomorrow is Big Word Day, and we are looking forward to all the 'Big Words' children will be sharing with us. Some children and families have asked for some more ideas to inspire them. Children could come to school dressed as:

Camouflage – come dressed top to toe in greens and browns so that you blend in with the trees around the school

Fluorescent – come dressed as brightly and fluorescent as possible so that you stand out from the crowd.

Discombobulated – come dressed in odd shoes, mismatched clothes and peculiar hairstyles.

Recyclable – come dressed in plastic bottles, bags, crisp packets and anything else that would normally be rubbish.

Contagious – come dressed in your pjs, and dressing gown with a thermometer feeling very sorry for yourself

Karaoke – come dressed like a microphone and sing your heart out all day!

Companion – pair up with a friend, come dressed as half the word each, wearing matching clothes and spend as much time as possible together throughout the day.

Yours faithfully

Gareth Ludlam

Deputy Headteacher