



Dear parent,

I am writing to you to inform you that on the 29th June 2017 the whole of Stage Not Age will be taking part in an Islamic Theme Day based around the festival of Eid.

Throughout the day pupils will take part in a series of workshops which allow them to explore the Islamic faith and learn about the Festival of Eid. The following list details the workshops that are included in the day:

- Food Technology where pupils will be cooking traditional food and serving it at the end of the day.
- Design Technology and Maths where pupils will be exploring geometry and shapes in Islamic Art.
- Science in which pupils will learn about the lunar cycle and the Islamic calendar.
- Art in which pupils will be looking at Islamic architecture and creation of their own stained glass window.
- Art in which pupils will be learning how to create Henna hand designs. The day will commence with an assembly which outlines the basic beliefs of the Islamic faith and details what happens in the festival of Eid. We are very fortunate to have a guest speaker in attendance who will be available to answer any questions that the pupils may have.

The festival of Eid in Arabic translates to 'festival of the breaking of the fast' in English. It marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan, and the beginning of the Islamic month of Shawwal. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and marks the month in which the Quran was first revealed. Muslims spend the month fasting from dawn until sunset and as a consequence we are inviting our pupils to fast during the day. This is not compulsory but it would enable pupils to have a greater insight into the requirements of the faith and a better appreciation of the sacrifice that is made. We will be breaking that fast at the end of the day and celebrating by eating the food that has been created in the Food Technology workshops.

In addition, as part of the celebration it is common for Muslim women to apply Henna to their hands in beautiful patterns and designs. The paste is created from the powdered dry leaves of the henna plant. In one of the workshops some of the pupils will have the opportunity to create designs on pebbles, cardboard hand prints or on their actual skin. As a result any pupil wishing to have Henna applied to their skin would need to sign the attached consent form as in very rare cases there have been instances where people have had an allergic reaction. Again applying it to the skin is not compulsory and does not mean that your child cannot take part in the activity, it is just an option.

The staff at Beacon Hill school are very excited about delivering these workshops and with the addition of a guest speaker, it promises to be a fun filled and positive experience for our pupils. Please could you sign and return the attached consent form to let us know if your child has or has not got permission to apply Henna to their skin and fast throughout the day.

If you have any further enquiries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

During Eid, Muslims have to donate some of their wealth to charity. We are therefore inviting you to make a small donation to a charity of the pupils' choice.

Miss Hedley

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I give/do not give permission for my child..... (Name) to fast during the day on the 29th June 2017.

I give/do not give permission for my child (Name) to apply Henna to their skin.

Parent/Guardian signature Date