

### **Children in Phase 3 (years 3 & 4)**

6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Ramadan Mubarak**

The month of Ramadan, the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic month, is upon us and I want to take this opportunity to wish you Ramadan Mubarak and best wishes in all your preparations. For our Muslim families, I know this will be a time of excitement and positivity for you and your children. We fully understand this and embrace it as a school community. This month is a wonderful opportunity to uphold good character, to refrain from anti-social behaviour and to strengthen spiritual development and one's relationship with God. Ramadan is a time for striving for the best in all aspects of life.

I wanted to write to you all and outline the plans we are putting into place at Margaret McMillan for this special time. Throughout school we have arranged activities to help children observe and participate in the month of Ramadan that are appropriate to the age of the children. We will support your child to feel part of the Ramadan experience through the curriculum we provide; through activities and class discussions about this special time for Muslims.

During Ramadan adult Muslims are required to fast during the hours of daylight. During summer months the fasts are very long, particularly for primary aged children who are not obliged to fast.

We understand that some of our older children may wish to participate and try to keep some or part of the fasts but we would encourage you to keep to holidays and weekends when you are able to support them in this. Parents should note that if a child states that they wish to fast in school without parental consent we could not agree to that.

If you would like to discuss ways in which school can support you please come to speak to the class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Once again I wish you all a happy and productive month and wish you well in all your devotions.

Kind Regards,

Mr R Walker  
Headteacher

