**Top Gem Winners in September**

Ismail Diha 6.3 for making excellent progress

Bismah Khaild 5:2 for showing resilience in reading

Hassan Rahim 4.3 for working independently

Abdullateef 3:3 for helping others

Ahmed Mujtaba 2:3 for being a good role model

Amna Aqeel 1:1 for trying really hard in lessons

**Important dates for your diary**

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th Oct half term holiday

Wednesday 14th November - New parents open morning

9:15 – 9:45am Session 1

9:45 – 10:15 Session 2

Thursday 22nd November school closes at 1:30pm

**Home time Procedure**

Just a reminder that children in Years 1, 2 and 3 should be collected from their classrooms. Children in years 4, 5 and 6 are to be collected from inside the Muga. Once parents collect their children please can they ensure that they supervise them around the school premises and exit safely.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Iqra Primary School,

**Assalam u Alaikum.**

Staff at Iqra would like the opportunity to welcome back all our children and parents! The children expressed how enjoyable their warm summer break was and have come back full of energy and enthusiasm, well rested after the holidays – just as we like it! All children have settled well into their new classes and are working hard already. Our topics for each year group can be accessed through the new school website so please take some time and have a look! Our newest children in reception classes have settled well through their transition to school and have so far been all smiles (parents too!).

**Reminders**

Children have been well prepared for the new academic year. A couple of reminders to ensure we start in good habits. School uniform should be adhered to at all times. Children wearing a headscarf need to wear the school approved colours and those children with long hair need to have it tied back in school and certainly for PE. Children should bring their school bags everyday containing their reading books and records. Our parent handbook does ask that bags are appropriate in size to keep the cloakroom areas safe. Homework is given out every Friday and must be completed and returned the following Tuesday. Please also remember to top up your child’s ParentPay account so that they have enough funds for their lunch. If parents require assistance in using ParentPay the office staff are more than happy to help using the parents’ computer in the reception area.

**Fundraising**

A great big thanks to all the efforts, donations and contributions from parents and staff to the fundraising for MacMillan Cancer Research and for the memory of Pat Dawes, who sadly passed away in August from cancer. So many faces and so many cakes! Brilliant support for such a worthwhile cause. We have raised in excess of £700 from the afternoon sale and generous contributions.

**Parking**

I am really sorry to have to mention this again. As a school we try our best to build our relationship with the community. Your help is always appreciated with this. Our neighbours and parents particularly notice when the incoming road to Iqra school is being used safely and parking is considerate. Unfortunately, I have received a number of complaints about unsafe driving and inconsiderate parking leading to confusion and mayhem in the car park. Please can I urge you to drive safely, park considerately and use the Park and Stride opposite Willow school as much possible. The safety of our pupils is always our priority and your support with this is needed.

**Parent Forum**

It is a really important for Iqra school to continue to work collaboratively with parents to ascertain their views. The parent teacher forum is a regular way of feeding back what we are doing and taking guidance from the parents about how we might continue to improve what we do. If you would like to join this forum, then please see Mrs Salma Malik (Home School Liaisons officer) as working together is a really important goal for Iqra school.

Quote of the month:

Keep smiling, it’s sunnah !