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# SUMMER BREAK ENGAGEMENTS AND HOLIDAY - ISLAMIC NEW YEAR

Dear Parents,

The wait is nearly over — Summer Break is just around the corner! From Monday, 30th June 2025 to Sunday, 24th August 2025, our students will embark on a well-deserved break filled with opportunities to relax, recharge, and explore new interests. A heartfelt congratulations to all our students and families on the successful completion of Term 1 — your continued support has been truly invaluable.

As we prepare to wrap up the term, please note that Thursday, 26th June 2025 will be the last working day before the summer break. In addition, the school will remain closed on Friday, 27th June 2025 in observance of the Hijri New Year (Islamic New Year).

We take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyful and peaceful Hijri New Year, and a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer holiday.

While summer holidays offer time for rest, travel, and bonding, they also present a valuable opportunity for children to engage in meaningful experiences that contribute to their holistic growth. With this in mind, I kindly request your support in encouraging our students to remain engaged, active, and reflective during the break. We have outlined a few key focus areas that the students will engage during this summer break. Details of the expectations will be shared by the respective class teachers.

Kindly find below the list of summer activities we have for the students to explore:

## 1. Develop a New Skill

Let this summer be a time for discovering new interests! Whether it's learning to play a musical instrument, cooking a dish, painting, swimming, or picking up a craft, we encourage students to explore a new skill.

#### After the break, students will be invited to:

- Talk about their experience,
- Share a 2-minute video demonstrating the new skill,
- Give a live demonstration of the new skill they've developed.

## 2. Miles for Smiles - Stay Active!

It is essential to keep our young learners physically active even during the holidays. We encourage families to participate in outdoor activities such as walking, hiking, or marathons.

## 📌 Suggested goals:

- Track daily steps of entire family using a fitness app or watch.
- Aim for consistent physical activity with your child.
- Submit a summary of daily steps tracked during the vacation upon school reopening.

Let's make movement a daily habit, because healthy bodies build happy minds!

## 3. Summer Reading Challenge

Encourage your child to dive into the world of books over the summer. Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, or poetry, reading enhances vocabulary, imagination, and empathy.

## After the break, students will be asked to:

- Share a short summary or
- · Recommend a book to a friend

Let's help them discover the joy of reading and learning beyond the classroom.

## **An Earnest Appeal to Reuse:**

As we prepare for the new term, we sincerely **request parents to avoid purchasing new school bags, bottles, or lunchboxes**, unless they are genuinely worn out or unusable.

Reusing what we already have not only **instils a sense of responsibility in children** but also promotes sustainability and mindful consumption. Your support in modelling this behaviour will make a lasting impact.

We eagerly await the return of our students when school reopens on **25th August 2025**, refreshed, motivated, and excited to share their summer experiences. Until then, we wish you and your family a relaxing, happy, and safe summer break!

Warm regards,

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