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10th December 2015

Dear Parents,

Qatar National Day celebrations

Next week, we are celebrating Qatar National Day! Celebrations will be held on Monday 14th December at Gharaffa. Children are invited to dress in national dress, or colours of the Qatari flag.

We will all start the day with an Arabic breakfast, this will be set up outside in different areas of the playground. Please send the children with some food to share at this event. Can we ask that you use disposable dishes as much as possible, or that you put your name on the dish somewhere? Also, a reminder that we cannot accept dishes which contain nuts, due to allergy problems.

At 10am, the Early Years children will have their own assembly in the Morgan Sports Hall. Our assembly for Years 1-6 will take place in the same venue at 12:00 midday. Parents are welcome to attend these.

Thursday 17th December

We are aware that some companies and schools will be closed on this day, due to a public holiday for Qatar National Day, which falls on Friday 18th. There is a strong possibility that school will be closed on that day, but we have to wait for a decree from the Supreme Education Council. We will inform you as soon as we hear any official news.

Reports and Parent Teacher Consultations

Your child should have received their Term 1 report today. There is also an explanation letter which explains our new report, in line with changes to the English National Curriculum. This year is very much a transition year, as staff and students adjust to the changes, but we have tried to give as clear an indication of where your child is at this stage of the term. You have a chance to discuss this further at PTC's on Monday, between 2pm and 6pm. Please contact class teachers if you wish an appointment.

Next week's activities:

No ECA's this week

Monday 14th	Qatar National Day 7:30am Arabic breakfast 10am EY1 and 2 assembly
	12pm Y1-Y6 assembly
Mon 14th	Parent Teacher Consultations 2pm-6pm
Thurs 17th	Last day of term (subject to change by SEC)

Be Ambitious

This week we have had a visiting author who has worked with all children from Year1 - Year 6. This led to some brilliant writing led by Alan Gibbons with a series of workshops within classrooms. Hopefully the children are proud of their work, and will be more ambitious with future projects. Thank you for supporting our dress up day, some very interesting careers lie ahead for our children!

Finally, thank you for all your support this term, it has been a really busy time for everyone. Next week you will receive our monthly newsletter, so I would like to wish you all a very happy winter holiday, and we will see you on Sunday 3rd January 2016.

Best wishes, Margaret Pilkington Head of Campus

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