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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you and the children back to school for the last half of the summer term. It was lovely to see the children in assembly this morning, excited about the word of the week (Teamwork) and their new learning. The summer term is always a very busy one, with lots of school events, educational trips and opportunities for you to share in your children's learning. We will keep you updated with reminders through our website, texts and newsletters.

You will no doubt have seen the deeply distressing reports over the weekend about the incident on and around London Bridge. We have spoken with the children in our assemblies today about how we as a school and community stand together to condemn these attacks. We reminded our children that the school remains a safe place for them and we encouraged them to be vigilant rather than alarmed when they are out and about in the community. We also joined the country in observing a minute of silence at 11:00 today to remember everyone involved in Saturday's events. We are going to continue with our planned educational visits this term. We do thorough and detailed risk assessments before we embark on educational visits. If we deem that the risk is too great for a particular trip or event, we will cancel it. The safety of our children is paramount and we do everything in our power to provide the children with educational opportunities outside of school that are safe. Please speak with your child's class teacher should you have any concerns about upcoming trips or visits.

This month is a very special one for our Muslim children and families as it is the holy month of Ramadan. Muslims throughout the world will show their commitment to their faith through fasting, personal reflection, prayer, and showing kindness to others during this holy month. As a school, we look forward to supporting our children and families in celebrating Ramadan and we recognise that this is a very precious time, but also because of the very long days, it can be an exhausting time for our children. The Local Authority and our school advises that children who have not reached the age of puberty should be encouraged to consider trying fasting on days when they are at home, rather than on days when they are at school. We therefore advise parents that only children in Year 6 be allowed to fast during school time. We request parents of children in year 6 to write a letter to the school, giving their child permission to fast during school time.

A reminder that the **school will be closed to children on Thursday, 8th June**. The school will be used as a polling station for the General Elections on that day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W Pedro
Head Teacher

