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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 'Rich traditions and routines that bring newness of life' (March 2024)

March brings a variety of religious festivals and observances, each rich in tradition and significance.

Whether you celebrate Easter, Ramadan, Holi, Purim or any other festival during this time, I encourage you to take the opportunity to learn about the traditions of those in our communities. Easter is a time for reflection, renewal, and rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Additionally, Ramadan, the holiest month in Islam, is a time of fasting, prayer, reflection and community for Muslims around the world. We recognise the importance of these observances, and I am thrilled to report our student-led Iftar event last week was well attended, celebrated and respected by all. These celebrations are an integral part of our diverse school and serve as reminders of the importance of understanding and unity, upholding our values of inclusivity, kindness and humility. We encourage open dialogue and mutual respect among our students, regardless of their religious or cultural backgrounds. So, as we enter this season, we come together to celebrate this diversity and strengthen bonds of understanding and compassion.

As we grow and step into new things it is important we adapt, increasing support and capacity for our children. I am therefore pleased to announce an important development within our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Department as we have appointed a second Deputy SENDCO. This addition to the team will enhance our ability to meet the individual needs of all our students and better enable us to give them the support they require to thrive academically and personally.

I also want to acknowledge the contributions of staff moving on to new things at Easter. Ms Page, being a valued member of our team, is moving from her role as Head of Science. Stepping into her shoes, we warmly welcome Dr. Uliana. Her expertise and passion for science education will undoubtedly inspire our students and contribute to the continued success of our science department. In addition, I am pleased to introduce Mr Harris (Further Mathematics teacher), Mr Tennant (Science teacher), Ms Jones (Languages teacher), Mr Rayamajhi (Computer science teacher) and Ms Georgiou (Food Technology teacher). These appointments, which were needed due to staff being promoted or relocating, reflect our commitment to maintaining high standards in our community.

Staff continue to receive the very best training, most recently from Tom Bennett, nationally acclaimed author, educator and the DfE's behaviour tsar. His insights into the importance of routines help shape our approach to creating a supportive and structured learning environment, something March's events highlight to our pupils; that routines and regular events bring great clarity.

To stay connected and informed, I encourage you to visit our new website (www.finhampark.co.uk). Here, you will find important updates, announcements and resources to support your child's academic journey. It is a more user-friendly design with content that is accurate, relevant and clear to navigate, being accessible for all. It is interactive and flows well, containing unique features and video content.

During this spring-time of reflection, I hope you have space to consider the possibilities that can come from a renewed way of life. Some may use this time for forgiveness and healing, watching and waiting in preparation of newness of life.

Happy Easter.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Bishop (Headteacher)

