



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023/ 27<sup>th</sup> Dhul Qa'adah 1444

Dear Parent/Carer

Assalaamu Alaikum / Peace Be Upon You

### Charity Programme - June 2023 (Dhul Hijjah 1444 AH)

By the Grace of The Almighty and the kindness of parents and pupils in Star schools, each year we raise impressive sums of money to alleviate poverty and suffering in the UK and beyond.

Following the devastating earthquake in February 2023, leading up to, and during, the blessed month of Ramadhan 1444, Star families raised almost £300,000 to support families in Turkey and Syria providing emergency relief, homes and shelter, along with supporting two schools in Idlib, Northwest Syria, which are attended by 700 children. This is in addition to supporting communities around our schools by providing food vouchers, food packs and hygiene kits.

May The Almighty reward you abundantly for your continued generosity (Aameen).

The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, the twelfth and final month of the Islamic calendar, are considered the best ten days of the year, even more so than the last ten days of Ramadhan. As has been stated in a hadeeth, there are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to The Almighty than these ten days. No good deeds done on other days are superior to those done on the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah.

Many parents and staff will be performing Hajj (pilgrimage) this year – may The Almighty accept their Hajj and enable us all to undertake this auspicious journey (Aameen).

Although we ourselves may not be able to perform the Hajj this year, there are still plenty of ways for us to reap the rewards of these blessed ten days by engaging in voluntary fasting, worship, offering Qurbaani (sacrifice of an animal) and by charitable giving. We can make Dhul Hijjah 1444 a truly memorable and rewarding one!

This year, we are launching a special appeal during the sacred days of Dhul Hijjah. Working in partnership with Shine Charity, we will be providing Eid Gifts to children in Albania. It gives us the opportunity to help hundreds of Albanian families and bring a smile to the faces of thousands of children on Eid day.

You may give Lillaah and nafl Sadaqah donations to this most deserving project through Parent Pay - **100% of your donation will go towards the Eid Gifts**. Please donate generously as each pound is worth so much more during these special days.

With Dhul Hijjah due to start in three or four days, to enable us to distribute the gifts in time for Eid, the deadline for donations on Parent Pay is **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.



I pray that you are rewarded abundantly for your kindness and end this letter with a request for your prayers during these special days of Hajj for peace, comfort and harmony across our world.

Have a blessed Eid with your family, whilst also allowing a poor child and family to enjoy the special day.

Wassalaam.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shazia Akram', with a stylized, flowing script.

**Shazia Akram**

Principal