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### Mawlid 2018/1440

All management and staff would like to congratulate and say well done to all the children for their excellent Milad presentations. We are sure that all parents will be very proud of their children. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Milad a special event. We would also like to say thank you to all those who made donations towards the Milad, including the stall holders for their time and donations. The management would also like to thank all the teachers and assistants for helping the children present such a beautiful praise. Last but not least the management and staff are all grateful to Sayida Abida for all her hard work and always striving to improve the Milad presentation. May Allah reward you all for your efforts.

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### Subhas (Tasbihs)

Your children have now been given their Subhas, we hope that you will encourage and support them to 'not let it go hungry!' Once again we would very much like to say a big thank you to Sister Yasmeen who painstakingly and lovingly made the Subhas.

### Reports/Parents' evening

This will take place on 17 January 2019 from 5.15 to 6.45. Please make an appointment for your child/children on the appointments sheet which will be placed on the classroom doors closer to the time. The madrasah has grown and therefore to ensure that we are able to finish on time we respectfully ask that parents take no more than 5 minutes with each teacher.

### Punctuality

We have become aware that a number of children are frequently late to madrasah. Please can parents ensure that children are dropped off at the classroom on time.

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### Dates for your diary

17-19<sup>th</sup> December Internal assessments

20/12/18 – Last day of term

07/01/19 – Madrasah reopens

17/01/19 - Reports issued/Parents' evening

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### December Assessments

The children will be having tests based on what they have been taught this academic year so far. They will be tested on their Quran / Arabic recitation, Surah and Duas memorisation as well as Islamic knowledge based on their Qamar books. Please note these are internal assessments and will not count towards their final end of year marks which will be assessed by external examiners.

### Mawlid for Sisters

There will be a Milad specially for women and children only, held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. This will be from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. Please see Sayida Abida for further details.

## Personality of the month

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (ra) was born in a place called Neef, which is situated in Jilan (Persia).

One of his many titles is 'al-Hasani wal Hussein' because he was blessed with direct lineage to the Holy Prophet ﷺ through his father Sheikh Abu Saleh Moosa (ra) who was a direct descendant of

Imam Hassan ؑ. He was a very pious and humble person as well as a master in the tactics of Jihad and it was due to this that he was given the title of "Jangi Dost". Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (ra) was also blessed with direct lineage to the Holy Prophet ﷺ through his mother Sayyida Bibi Ummul Khair Fatima (ra) who was a direct descendant of Imam Hussein ؑ. She was also a very pious person. He (R.A) was Najeebut Tarafayn, which means he was Hassani and Hussayni lineage.

When Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (ra) was four and a half years old, and according to certain narrations, five years old, his mother enrolled him into a local Madrassa in Jilan. He studied at this Madrassa until the age of ten. During this period, a certain amazing event occurred. Whenever Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (ra) would enter the Madrassa he would see bright figures walking ahead of him saying, "Give way to the Friend of Allah."

### Sayidina Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (RA)

The children will be learning further about the Sheikh. There will be a special gathering in honour of Gaus Paak on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### A quote from Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani

**"Listen to your heart and not your ego. Your ego prompts you to boast of vain assertions to obtain the glory of this world. Turn away from vanity and seek Him in the recesses of your heart and soul."**

**IQRA Management Team** will always be available from 6:30pm on Madrassah days. **To avoid class disruption, please do not approach teachers.** For any urgent issues, please contact a member of the management team on our new number.



**Above: INSET for Iqra staff in conjunction with the RE Department of St. Wilfrid's CE Academy & Bayt Muhammad Academy**

### Fees

A polite reminder please ensure your standing order for fees on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. Please also check that the payment is set for £36.00 as we are still receiving standing order payments in the sum of £35.00.

### HOUSEKEEPING

Can we please remind parents **to accompany their children and drop them off all the way to their class on time (5.15pm).** Children must be collected by parents in person from the classroom on time (6.45pm). Unfortunately, last year we had a number of instances where parents were more than 15 minutes late in collecting their children. Please note that any children not collected on time will be asked to wait outside the main office on the ground floor.