



As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you had a relaxing break with your family. The children and staff feel rejuvenated after the break and ready to start a busy but fun packed summer term!

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attend our Awards Assembly last term and congratulations again to all the children who received awards.

Parent Consultation Evening

Our second Parents/Carers Consultation meetings which took place on Tuesday 22nd April were a huge success with very positive feedback from everyone. I would like to thank you for attending your child's appointment. Parents and carers kept to their appointment times which ensured the smooth running of the meetings. If you were unable to attend your appointment, please could you see your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting to discuss your child's progress.

Attendance

Our attendance is improving however it is still below our target of 97%. We would like to remind all parents that regular attendance is crucial for the progress of your child. Please find enclosed the School's Attendance and Punctuality Guide. It is important that you read through this document very carefully as it makes reference to legal requirements that need to be adhered to.

Summer Uniform

As the weather becomes warmer we would like the children to feel as comfortable as possible. We are introducing for the Summer term, a Purple Check Summer Dress that may be worn by girls if desired - this is an optional item. This can be worn with white leggings/white socks/white tights/white slim trousers. A school cardigan can be worn over the summer dress. The dress is available to purchase, priced at £5.99 for all sizes, from Grays Schoolwear, 68 Northgate, Blackburn, BB2 1AA. Tel: 01254 51425.
<http://www.graysblackburn.co.uk/products/schoolwear/olive-products.html>

The boys have the option of not wearing the purple school sweatshirt as long as they wear the school white polo shirt. Please note that all children still need to wear black school shoes and are not permitted to wear sandals.

Parent Governors

We have two vacancies for parent governors. If you are interested in becoming a governor and have skills and experience that you feel will benefit The Olive School please read the enclosed documents relating to parent governors.

Reception Assemblies

This term the reception children will be attending the Friday Celebration assembly in the school hall. Therefore on Fridays Reception children need to be dropped off in the morning at the Alkham Road entrance where their teachers will welcome them. **Please note this is for Fridays only.** This will start from Friday the 2nd May. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Correspondence with parents/carers: In order to make our correspondence with parents more efficient, we will send out letters etc. on Fridays. Please ensure you check your child's bag on Fridays in particular as important information is shared in this way. We may

Diary Dates

Monday 28th April—Summer term Enrichment clubs start

Monday 28th April—Summer term Booster sessions start

Thursday 1st May—Headteacher's Surgery

Monday 5th May—Bank holiday. School Closed for the day.

Thursday 8th May—School Council Meeting

Thursday 15th May—Parent Workshop

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Wednesday 21st May—Reception School Educational Visit to the London Zoo

Friday 23rd May - Super Day

Future Newsletter Dates:

23rd May 2014



Stars of the Week

In school each class celebrates children's achievements on a weekly basis. The effort that children make in all aspects of school life is applauded and their hard work and perseverance recognised.

Stars of the Week for

28th March:

Ibn Zubayr: Yusuf Potts

Ibn Umar: Eliya Khan

Bint Muhammad: Medina Khan

Ibn Salamah: Uthman Ishfaq

Ibn Thaabit: Laibah Al Ghazia

Bint Qays: Amaar Ali

Syria: Charity Cycle Olive Hackney staff were part of a team of 28 cyclists who successfully took part in a charity cycle from the Tower of London to Hever Castle in Kent (approximately 30 miles). The group as a whole managed to raise over £12,000 for Syria!



At the end of a long charity cycle!

Spring Term Awards

Again we would like to congratulate the following pupils for their outstanding achievement over the Spring Term:

Best Conduct:

Highest Attainment: Humdaan Aboo ,Yaqub Said, Faatimah Khan,Ruqqayah Ahmed,Sadiya Hikmat-ullah,Safiyah Mohamud Ali

Outstanding Effort & Progress: Mus'ab Farah,Uthman Ishfaq,Youcef ait chabane,,Zakariya Bhaimiya,Hanzalah Mulla,Muhammad Ali Sayad

100% Punctuality & Attendance: Yaqoub Aarab Zakariya Bhaimia,Aaliyah jeilani,Abdul Kareem zein,Abdullah Patel,Abdurahman Benalia,Adam Mangera, Adyan Abdul,Agah Eymen Akgun,Aliye Sen,Ameela Fazli,Anas Omar,Ehsan Rawat,Hadjar Boukhalf,Hafsah Kahn,Hanzalah Mulla,Haroon Madhizai,Ishaaq Khan ,Ismail Lunat,Juwayria Miloudi,Khadija Lunat,Maryam Daikha,Maryam Khan,Maryam Zaman,Medina Khan,Mohamed Mohamed,Muawiya Bhaimiya,Muawwiz Rawat,Mustafa Osman,Nabeeha Navsa,Naima Ibrahim,Rumaysa Benia,Sara Hirad,Summaya Marvia,Wahibah Chowdhry

Most Improved Punctuality & Attendance:Maariya Al-Abida,Laaibah Al-Ghazia

Special Award: Talha Zubair

School Councillors: Laibah Al Ghazia, Haroon Madhizai, Aisha Abdirahman

Bint Qays' Class Assembly

Bint Qays performed a breath taking assembly which included their version of three little pigs, they called it 3 little rabbits. They also sang about friendship, they enjoyed themselves greatly!

Attendance

Overall attendance: 94% (which is below our target of 97%).

Bint Qays	Ibn Zubayr	Ibn Umar	Ibn Salamah	Bint Muhammad	Ibn Thabit
95%	95%	94%	94%	94%	93%

Congratulations to Bint Qays & Ibn Zubayr for best attendance!