

# Olive School Newsletter



As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

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Dear respected parents/carers

Becoming the first Muslim Faith Free School in London on 1st September 2013 has been a very exciting start to the new school year! Many of you have expressed your good wishes and support. As I explained to the children in their first assembly, our number one priority is to make sure they receive the highest quality of education and care at their new school and that I expect them to help us ensure that happens by being excellent members of the school community.

## **Meet and Greet Meetings**

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Meet and Greet Meetings. Many thanks to all who attended. The meetings were very successful and provided a good opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher, see your child's new learning environment and exchange views. We received many comments applauding the workmanship of staff in our school. It was good to note that the hard work and commitment of our staff had been recognised. It is always lovely to hear good news and certainly inspires the staff to continue to work hard to serve the learning needs of your children.

## **Uniform**

I would like to thank you for your comments regarding school uniform. Our uniform suppliers "Grays" have provided a few tips to ensure the durability of the clothing.

- Please do not iron over welts.
- Please do not use fabric conditioner as this affects the fabric of the clothing.
- Please do not wash whites with coloured clothes.

Thank you to all parents who have adhered to School Uniform Policy. It is important we take great pride in our appearance and that children wear the correct school uniform and act as good ambassadors for our schools. This includes socks and shoes. Please refer to our Uniform Policy in the Parents Handbook for the correct items for school uniform

## **Respecting our Neighbours**

In order to keep our neighbours happy I would like to request that parents/carers be mindful where they park. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

**Lunch Menus**

We will be sending out lunch menus shortly so you could discuss with your child the importance of eating a balanced diet.

**Punctuality**

Please note that the school gates will close promptly at 8:30am. It is very important that your child arrives on time for school. The gates are opened at 8.20am to welcome your child into the school.

**Collecting your child**

Please ensure your child is collected promptly at 2.45pm Monday to Thursdays and 11.45am on Fridays.

**Enrichment Academies**

Enrichment Academies will start week beginning Monday 16th September. Children need to be collected from their usual collection points at 3.30pm.

**Home/School Agreement**

Please find attached a copy of the Home/School Agreement for you to read with your child and then sign and return to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Diary Dates**

Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Enrichment Academies start
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics and Big Writing Workshop for parents/carers
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Charity Gift Programme initiative launched
Week beginning 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Super Week - Hajj/Unity
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Super Week assembly for parents/carers
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Eid-ul-Adha holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> October - 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half-Term

Kind regards,

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