

Olive School Newsletter



As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

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Dear Respected Parents/Carers

This month has been a busy one at the Olive despite the half-term holidays! Our Parents/Carers Consultation meetings on Wednesday 13th November were a huge success with very positive feedback from everyone.

We also had on the same day an Open Evening for parents/carers of prospective Reception children for entry in September 2014. Again, the turnout and interest was overwhelming. Many thanks to all those who helped in making the Open Evening so special.

Parent Council

We would like to set up a Parent Council to establish strong links with our parents/carers. The Parent Council will meet half-termly to discuss a wide range of issues including: increasing parental involvement through tapping into parent expertise; fundraising; field-trips; organising events and activities for our children etc.

If you are keen to contribute positively to our school, please register your interest with the Office. There will be an informal preliminary meeting on Thursday 28th November, 2013 at 10.30am in the school hall.

Worries or Concerns

If you have a concern regarding your child, please make an appointment with the class teacher via the school office in the first instance. Following this meeting if you still feel that the matter has not been resolved please make an appointment with Moulana Amejee, Assistant Headteacher.

If you wish to raise your query with me, please do so by stopping in at my Headteacher's Surgery which takes place every other Thursday. You do not need to book an appointment for this. If you require an urgent meeting with me, please do so by booking an appointment via the School Office.

Attendance

Whole school attendance is
91%

Our School attendance
target figure is **97%**.

**Best Class Attendance
from 21/10/13 -
15/11/13**

Week commencing	Best Attendance
21 st Oct	Bint Qays
28 th Oct	Half-term
4 th Nov	Ibn Salamah
11 th Nov	Ibn Zubayr

Newsletter Dates

The newsletter will be
published on:
Friday 20th December

Messages For The Teachers

If you have a message for your child's class teacher during the day then please contact the School Office who will arrange this for you.

Correspondence

Please ensure that you check your child's book bag regularly for any correspondence from the school.

Attendance

The Olive School Hackney is committed to making sure all children are in school every day and have excellent attendance. We all need to work together to keep the school attendance figures in line with our target of 97%. If your child's attendance falls below this target, we will be getting in contact with you to discuss the situation.

Punctuality

There are a number of children arriving late to school, this is concerning because they are missing out on valuable learning time. If your child is late on more than 3 occasions in one half term, then the school will be in contact with you to discuss the matter.

Late collection

There has been an increase in the number of children who have not been collected on time after school. If for any reason you will be late to collect your child, please contact the School Office so that we can reassure your child that you are on your way. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Bags

Please note that children must be provided with a school book bag to carry their homework and reading books. PE clothing should be put in a school P.E. bag. Both bags can be purchased from the school office. As you can appreciate we are unable to accommodate large bags and currently some of the bags children are bringing to school are presenting us with health and safety issues.

Uniform

We will be carrying out daily uniform checks. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for school, including the correct PE kit. Please refer to our Uniform Policy in the Parents Handbook for the correct items for school uniform. All items should be clearly labelled and bags should be Olive ones only.

Parking

Sadly, some parents are parking irresponsibly when dropping their children to school. In a few cases, roads have been blocked, not allowing access for emergency vehicles and buses.

We strongly urge parents to park legally and sensibly when dropping their children off or picking them up from school. The registration details of persistent offenders will be recorded and should the inconvenience to our neighbours continue, we may be forced to request a traffic warden to be present during these hours- something I think we all agree is highly undesirable.

Diary Dates

Monday 18 th - 22 nd November	Anti-bullying Superweek
Thursday 21 st November	Headteacher's Surgery at 3.00pm
Thursday 28 th November	Big Writing and Mini Baccalaureate Workshop for parents
Thursday 5 th December	Headteacher's Surgery at 3.00pm
Friday 6 th December	Parents guide to Breakfast Club and Enrichment Academies sent out
Thursday 12 th December	Spirituality/ Community Service Day for pupils
Thursday 19 th December	Headteacher's Surgery at 3.00pm
Friday 20 th December	Termly Awards Assembly
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term

I hope that you have a pleasant and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Yasmin Chaudhry
Headteacher