



Dear Parents and Carers,

As-salam alaykum (peace be with you)

Welcome back to the new term!

It is so lovely to see all of you back in school. The children have settled down to their work as if they had never been away – a very calm beginning to the term. We have a very exciting term ahead and we will have lots of exciting events to look forward to including World Book Day, 'Spirituality/Community Day and a visit from a theatre company performing The Gingerbread Man.

Parent Council/Shura

The introductory meeting to the Parent Council took place on Friday 17th January and was a great success. Parents/carers shared their vision for the school and discussed how they could contribute to achieving this vision. Suggestions from parents/carers on what the Parent Council should focus on can be categorised into three main areas: (1) a voice for all parents/carers (2) bringing the community together (3) fundraising to enhance children's experiences. A letter outlining the aims, structure and application process to be a member of the Parent Council accompanies this newsletter. The deadline for applications is midday, Friday 31st January. I look forward to receiving your applications.

Seerah/Role Model Super week

20-24th of January was Seerah/role model Super Week where aspects of learning were themed on the life of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Some of the amazing things different children did during this week include: hearing inspiring stories from the Seerah, (life of the prophet Muhammad) making a timeline of key events, writing their names in Arabic, learning about the months of Islamic calendar, singing famous nasheeds (songs) related to the Seerah (life of the prophet Muhammad) and much more!

Lost property

We have a huge amount of lost property consisting mainly of coats, hats and gloves. If your child is missing any of these please come and check at the school office by Friday 31st January. Uncollected lost property will be given to charity thereafter. We

Diary Dates

Friday 24th January: Ibn Salamah Class Assembly

Thursday 30th January: Head teacher's Surgery.

Friday 31st January: Ibn Salamah Class Assembly

Thursday 6th February: Parent Workshop.

Thursday 13th February: Head teacher's Surgery

Friday 28th February : Ibn Thaabit Class Assembly

Friday 28th February : Report Card 3 sent out

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day

Thursday 6th March—Head teacher's Surgery

Friday 14th March: Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 20th March— Spirituality/Community Day

Friday 21st March: Bint Qays Class Assembly

Thursday 27th March—Parent Workshop

Future Newsletter Dates:

14th February 2014

28th March 2014

Attendance

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

Bint Qays	Ibn Zubayr	Ibn Umar	Bint Muhammad	Ibn Salamah	Ibn Thabit
96%	95%	94%	93%	94%	93%

Congratulations to Bint Qays for best attendance!



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 the children themselves, along with their peers are really pleased to see hard work and perseverance recognised.

Stars of the Week for

20/12/13 – 24/01/14:

Ibn Zubayr:

Huda Khan, Ishaaq Khan and Ummehanne Mulla

Ibn Umar:

Abdurahman Benlia, Hanzalah Mulla and Gibrail Ghanchi

Bint Muhammad:

Abeiha Faruq, Waleed Usman and Maryam Daikha

Ibn Salamah:

Amira Abdulgani, Ibrahim Yusuf and Naeemah Begum

Ibn Thaabit:

Bilal Nawaz, Ahmed Yunus and Hussein Sharif

Bint Qays:

Younes Chebili, Yusuf Salahuddin Khan and Maryam Mohosin

Adverse Weather Procedures

If there is heavy snowfall, a text message will be sent to all parents informing them whether the school will be opened or closed.

Collecting Children At The End Of The Day

Parents/carers **must** inform the member of staff leading the club when collecting their child and under **no** circumstances take them without permission.

All children attending Enrichment Clubs should be collected from the main school entrance except for the sports and cooking clubs where children should be collected from the forecourt of the school office.

Could you please ensure you know exactly which club your child is attending and on which day.

Year 1 P.E

P.E forms an integral part of the curriculum and it is essential that ALL children in Year 1 are prepared by bringing in their P.E kits for their lessons and for their Enrichment sessions. Any child who does not bring in their kit will still be expected to take part by removing their shoes and socks. Girls will be provided with leggings.

Breakfast Club

Olive School is one of the few schools in Hackney that provides a free breakfast club. Breakfast club runs from 7.30am to 8.20am. At breakfast club not only do the children enjoy a healthy breakfast but have the opportunity to engage in a range of different activities. The timings for the club is ideal for working parents. Many parents who live further away from school use this club to avoid their child being late in school. We currently have limited spaces available, to avoid disappointment, please contact the school office.

