



As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It was lovely to see so many of you last Wednesday at our Parent/Carer Workshop. A big thank you to all those who attended. It was a very productive event and the feedback was very positive.

**Sport Coach**

We are pleased to welcome Tania Cyrus to the team. Tania is an external Sports Coach working along side our Year 1 teachers. She will be covering all the different areas of the PE Curriculum. Tania will be teaching the children skills in expressive movement and gymnastics. She will also be developing ball control skills which will then be applied in a range of ball games. Tania is also leading our after-school sports enrichment clubs.

**World Book Day Story Telling Working Shops**

Next term we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is a very special event which will take place over a week. Children and staff will have the opportunity to share their favourite books and characters with each other. We will be dressing up as book characters and taking part in a Book Character Fancy Dress competition! Parents, this is a head start for you and your child to think about what character they would like to be for a day and how they will dress up to look the part! As part of this exciting event, we will be holding story telling workshops run by a performance company. These interactive workshops use drama and movement to explore stories.

**Bug Club E-Books**

Today we are launching The Bug Club E-books reading scheme and your child will bring home a letter enclosing their username and password. They will also bring home the user guide. We hope that you and your child makes the most of this interactive opportunity to develop and extend their skills in reading.

**Diary Dates**

Friday 28th February : Report Card 3 sent out

Friday 28th February : Spring 2 Curriculum Letter sent out

Wednesday 5th March - Reception Story Telling Workshops

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day

Thursday 6th March—Head teacher's Surgery

Thursday 6th—13th March—Book Fair in school

Friday 7th February : Ibn Thaabit Class Assembly

Tuesday 11th March— Year 1 Story Telling Workshops

Friday 14th March - Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 20th March— Spirituality/ Community Service Day

Friday 21st March—Bint Qays Class Assembly

Thursday 27th March—Parent Workshop

Thursday 3rd April— Aesop's Fables performing The Gingerbread Man

Friday 4th April—Termly Awards Ceremony

**Future Newsletter Dates:**

28th March 2014

**Attendance**

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

Bint Qays	Ibn Zubayr	Ibn Umar	Ibn Salamah	Bint Muham-mad	Ibn Thabit
95%	95%	94%	94%	93%	93%

**Congratulations to Bint Qays & Ibn Zubayr 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 their hard work and perseverance recognised.

### **Stars of the Week for**

**24/01/14 – 14/02/14:**

**Ibn Zubayr:** Amara Nau-shad, Adyan Abdul, Sadiya Hikmatulla

**Ibn Umar:** Amina Nava-gar, Aaliyah Shaikh, Isra Akkas

**Bint Muhammad:** Muhammad Kasim Temur, Rashid Alahuddin

**Ibn Salamah:** Hala Amerat, Uthman Ishfaq, Farzad Fazli

**Ibn Thaabit:** Wahibah Chowdhury, Saad Boodi, Mohammad Korkmaz

**Bint Qays:** Anas Omar, Sara Fazli, Mohamed Mohamed

### **Hygiene**

As the cold and flu season continues to prevail it is important that children observe good hygiene. Please remind them to cover their mouths when coughing and if they sneeze, wash hands immediately to blitz those bugs! Please continue to reinforce the importance of washing hands before eating, after visiting the toilet, handling pets etc. The school nurse will be carrying out some hygiene workshops with the children in the new term, highlighting the need for good hygiene.

### **Early to bed and early to rise...**

A small number of children are coming into school very tired and find it hard to engage in lessons. Please ensure your child goes to bed early each day so that they feel fit and ready to start the morning full of energy!

### **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.

### **Year 1 P.E Kits**

Please ensure that your child brings their P.E kit to school so they can take part in the P.E sessions in the correct uniform.

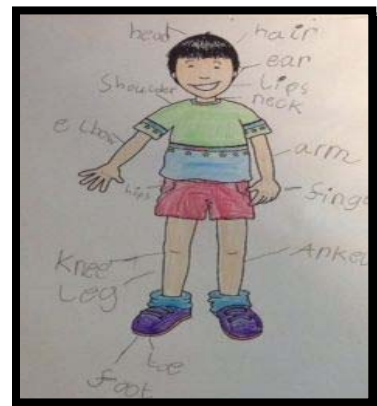
### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Our attendance is sadly below our target of 97%. We would like to remind all parents that regular attendance is crucial for the progress of your child. If you wish to book any holiday, please do so out of term time.

There has been a big improvement in punctuality this term with 106 fewer lates than Autumn 1 Term! Congratulations to all parents/carers and please keep up the effort! We will be awarding a prize to the child who has shown the greatest improvement in attendance and punctuality at the end of the Spring Term.

### **Ibn Salamah's Class Assembly**

Last Friday Ibn Salamah presented their first class assembly where they shared their learning about the human body. The story began in the Olive General Hospital where the Year 1 surgeons asked the children for their help to sort various parts of the body. The class then explained the functions of the different parts of the body which helped the surgeons to put the patient back together again! They shared their learning through facts and songs.



An example of some science work where children labelled parts of the body.