



As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school after the half-term break. I hope that you all had a great holiday and had a chance to enjoy some time with your children.

We are well established into the second half of the Autumn Term and have so much to do and experience over the next few weeks - things that will brighten up the dark mornings and evenings I hope!

Parent/Carers Consultations

Parental Consultations will take place on Friday 21st November, 2014 from 3.00pm until 8.00pm. This is an opportunity for your child's class teacher to share with you your child's attainment, progress, attitude to learning and an opportunity for you to share any concerns you may have. Please note these meetings are for parents/carers only and children are **not** invited. Appointments will be sent out this Friday.

Individual School Photographs

The photographer was in school this week on Wednesday. All children in school had their photograph taken during the day. For those children who have opted out, photographs will not be issued.

Poppy appeal

The poppy is a powerful symbol. It is worn to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces. Our school is supporting the Appeal and you can buy the poppies from our school office for £1 each.

Parent Council/Shura volunteers

Calling all bakers! The school will be hosting a cake bake sale this term to raise funds for educational activities for our children. We are therefore eagerly looking for parents to volunteer to bake some cakes for this event. We also need volunteers for our old uniform sale. Please volunteer your time by giving your name to the office or coming to the next Parent Council (Shura) meeting.

Diary Dates

- 13th November—Headteacher's Surgery
- 17th November — Anti-bullying Super week
- 19th November—Education Committee Meeting
- 20th November—Open Evening for new Reception intake 2015-2016
- 20th November—Parent Workshop—Reading
- 20th November—Parent Council/Shura Meeting
- 21st November—Parent Consultations
- 21st November—Ibn Abbas Class Assembly
- 26th November—Full Governing Body Meeting
- 27th November—Headteacher's Surgery
- 1st December- Autumn term Wow Day
- 4th December—School Council Meeting
- 11th December—last day of Enrichment Academies for Autumn term
- 11th December—Ibn Zayd Class Assembly
- 11th December —Headteacher's Surgery
- 15th December—Christmas Super week
- 17th December—Autumn Term Spirituality/Community Day
- 19th December—Autumn term Awards Assembly
- 22nd December—End of term holidays
- 5th January—School opens after holiday
- 5th January—Inspiration People Super week
- January—Curriculum Newsletters sent out
- 8th January—Headteacher's Surgery
- 9th January—Report Cards sent out

Spring 1 Newsletter Date

16th January 2015

Parent Workshop on Reading

Reading forms an integral part in developing children's vocabulary and understanding within a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Acquiring a greater repertoire of words and phrases in a variety of genres is beneficial for children and has a positive impact on their speaking and written responses. Therefore, it is very important that children read regularly every day. As well as focusing on decoding text children need to be able to read for meaning and identify the features and layout of particular types of texts. At the Olive School children carry out reading activities on a daily basis and phonics is also taught in Reception and Year 1. In order for children to build on their learning it is vital that they read at home as well. We will be delivering a reading workshop on the 20th November at 9.30am and would like to share procedures on sending books and e-books home. We will also discuss how to use the reading logs to its full potential. We hope to see as many parents as possible at the workshop.

Parent Council/Shura Meeting

This term we will be having a cake sale to raise funds for the school. Details will be discussed in the next Parent Council (Shura) meeting so please come along. We will also be selling uncollected school uniform (from last year) so please keep an eye out for when these bargains will go on sale!

Open Evening for new Reception intake

We will be hosting an open evening for all parents interested in their children joining Reception in 2015. This will take place in the main school hall from 7-9pm on Thursday 20th November 2014. Please let others know.

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 and our website for the correct items for school uniform. All items should be clearly labelled and bags should be Olive bags only.

Attendance

Attendance for the Autumn 1 was 96%, up from 93% the same time last year. Well done to all parents for a fantastic effort on attendance. Please keep up the good work as we are still below our target of 97%.

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.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs. Yasmin Chaudhry

Headteacher