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As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a restful holiday and enjoyed spending some family time over the end of term break. It is wonderful to see the children back at school ready for learning. Just a few announcements, Mrs Dogan is our new Inclusion Manager and she will be overseeing the provision for children with additional needs. Also, joining our team is Mr Hakim who will be teaching the music (nasheeds) curriculum. I would like to welcome them both to the Olive School.

Parent/Carers Consultations

We had a very good turn out of parents and carers during our parent consultation meetings last term. These meetings proved to be very helpful to parents. The meetings provided opportunities for parents to learn about the progress and achievement of their children as well as ways in which to support them. Any parents who could not attend, please arrange an appointment to meet your child's class teacher by contacting the school office.

Cake Sale

I would like to thank the parent council for organising our very successful cake sale and second hand uniform sale last month. As a school we managed to raise over £500. This money will go towards funding our end of term Wow days for the children. Our Chief Executive Mufti Hamid Patel also extends his gratitude to you all.

Department for Education Visit

As many of you are aware we had our Term 4 visit from the Department for Education. I am pleased to say that this important visit was successful. The DfE were pleased with the progress and achievement of our children as well as their behaviour. They were also impressed with the learning environment right across the school.

Pastoral Newsletter

I am pleased to announce that the school will be issuing a Pastoral Newsletter on a half termly basis. This newsletter will list all the children who have achieved awards such as 'Star of the Week'. The letter will also showcase children's work and highlight successful moments during the school's half term.

Diary Dates

9th January—Report Cards sent out

22nd January—Parent Workshop- Teaching and Learning of RE and Music

22nd January — Parent Council/Shura Meeting

29th January—Headteacher's Surgery

29th January—School Council Meeting

30th January— Bint Abeeabakr Class Assembly

3rd February — Super Day—Interfaith Harmony

6th February —Cake Sale

12th February— Headteacher's Surgery

16th February—Mid Term Holiday

23rd February—School opens after holiday

25th February- Business Committee Meeting

2nd March—Story Workshops

4th March —Education Committee Meeting

5th March—Super Day—World Book Day

5th March —Headteacher's Surgery

6th March—Ibn Thaabit Class Assembly

12th March—Parent Council Meeting

12th March—Parent Workshop

13th March—Comic Relief Day

Spring 2 Newsletter Date:

13th March 2015

Winter Weather

There is no doubt that winter is finally here! Please ensure that your child wears a coat (blue, black or brown). Many children are wearing boots to school. Please note that boots should be black in colour. Wellington boots, 'Ugg' style boot and snow boots are not part of the school uniform policy.

Parent Workshops

The parent workshops last term were successful and we received great feedback from all those who attended. These workshops are beneficial in providing you with key information to support your child in a variety of curriculum aspects. This term we will be holding a parent workshop on the 22nd January on the teaching and learning of Religious Education and Music (nasheeds). I hope that you will be able to attend these workshops in order to have a better understanding of these areas in the curriculum at the Olive School.

Class Assemblies

Last term the children in Ibn Abbas and Ibn Zayd delivered their class assembly to Year 2 and their parents and carers. These assemblies celebrate the children's achievement and allows them the opportunity to showcase what they have learnt in class. This term we are looking forward to Bint Abeebakr's class assembly and hope parents of children Bint Abeebakr will show their support and appreciation by attending.

Attendance

Attendance for the Autumn term was 96%. We are almost there, please keep the good work up and I hope that by the end of this term we would have met our target of 97%!

After school pick ups

There are still a number of children who are being collected late after school. Please note that the finishing time is 2.45pm if your child does not attend a Booster or Enrichment Club. If your child does attend a club then the finishing time is 3.30pm. Please note children who are not collected on time are taken to the main school playground (mosque side) and a member of staff records the late pick up. It is important that children are collected on time because it is very unsettling for them and staff have other responsibilities after school hours. I appreciate your support in this matter. We share important information with parents via letters. Please ensure that you check your child's bag regularly to ensure that you are kept up-to-date (e.g. with boosters, enrichments etc.).

Homework Books

Unfortunately some homework books are not well looked after by the children. When books look scruffy it sends a message to children that the work in books isn't of importance. High quality presentation in books as well as the outside of books is essential. Please ensure that your child takes homework seriously and presents his/her work in the best possible way.

Termly Awards Assembly

A big well done to all the children who received awards during the autumn term's award assembly! I would like take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring that your child works hard and follows the school's behaviour, attendance and punctuality policies.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Yasmin Chaudhry, Headteacher