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As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first half-term of the year comes to a close, I would like to thank you for your support and the warm welcome I have received.

Parent/Carers Consultations

Next month Parental Consultations will take place, 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. Further details will be sent out after the holiday.

Poppy appeal

The school will be commemorating Armistice Day through our annual Poppy Appeal. The poppy is a powerful symbol and 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.

Open Evening for new Reception intake

We will be hosting an open evening for all parents interested in their children joining Reception in 2016. This will take place at Hackney University Technical College, Falkirk Street, N1 6HQ from 5.30-7pm on Thursday 12th November 2015.

Diary Dates

2nd November-School Re-opens after half-term

5th November-Principal's Surgery

9th November-World War 1 Remembrance Assembly

11th November-School Photographs

12th November—Open Evening for new Reception intake 2016/17

16th November—Anti-bullying Super Day

18th November-Mini-Baccalaureate Bronze Award Assembly

19th November—Parent Workshop-phonics

19th November—Parent Council/Shura Meeting

24th November-National Road safety Assembly

ATTENDANCE



Congratulations on achieving 99% attendance on Wednesday this Week!

Attendance for the Autumn 1 was 97.6% up from 96%, the same time last year. Well done to all parents for a fantastic effort on attendance. Please keep up the good work as we consistently need to attain our target of 97% throughout the year.

Parent Workshop

Our parent workshop about behaviour was extremely well attended last week and we received many positive comments. We are committed to working in partnership with you and would like to continue our programme of events with a workshop about phonics. This will help you to understand how we teach the sounds that letters make at the Olive School Hackney, and also how you can help your child at home. This workshop will take place on Thursday 19th November at 9am in the school hall.

We look forward to your attendance .

Uniform

We will be carrying out daily uniform checks. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for school, including the correct PE kit. As the weather is turning colder, if your child is in Year 1 or 3, they can wear black track-suit bottoms so they don't get cold whilst walking between the buildings for their PE lesson. 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.

Traffic

We have recently received a number of complaints from parents and local residents as it has been noted that some parents are dropping off their children on the zig zag lines opposite the school. We have also had complaints about parents making U turns in the road, blocking the flow of traffic. Be aware that parking on zig zag lines is a criminal offence with a fixed penalty notice of £60 and 3 points on your license.

I have been advised that Hackney parking officers will be patrolling the road next half term due to the number of parents contravening the rules of the road.

Boosters

Booster will be taking place next term for those children who need extra support. You will receive a letter from your class teacher if your child needs to attend.

Extended Leave

As a school we do not allow any extended leave during term time. If you intend to take your child on holiday, please plan this during the school holidays. Any extended leave from school has a detrimental effect on the progress of the children. When they return, they are trailing behind their peers and it takes them a good while to get back on track.

Reception

Reception teachers will be available to meet with parents each Thursday after school in order for parents to catch up on their child's social and academic progress. We hope that this will promote better communication and enhance the children's experience of school.

Worries or Concerns

If you have a concerns 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 Principal'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.

I wish you a wonderful and relaxing half-term.

Caterina Park

Principal