

As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Autumn term ends, I would just like to thank you for your continued support and effort.

This has been a busy term with many activities and events for the children to participate in.

We have had three fund raising activities and I'm proud to say that our school has raised money for the British Legion, Children in Need and more recently, £335 for the Cumbria flood relief during our Spirituality Day. I would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity for taking part in our charitable events.

Spirituality /Personal Development Day

The big event for this term was our Spirituality/Personal Development Day, where the children dressed up as an inspirational figure and had a day of fun activities and remembrance of the Almighty. The day ended with a talent show where beautiful nasheeds were sung and verses from the Qur'an were recited. It was a truly memorable day for the children and all who participated.

Mini Baccalaureate

We also had our first ever Mini Baccalaureate Celebration where 24 of our Year 3 children were awarded with a beautiful certificate and bronze medal for their outstanding contribution to the school, with their academic, behavioural and charitable affairs. Please see the website for more information about how your child can achieve the mini baccalaureate through-

Diary dates



Jan 4th—staff inset day

Jan 5th—school re-opens

Jan 7th—Principal's Surgery

Jan 8th—Report cards sent out

Jan 15th—Ibn sa'ad Assembly

Jan 21st—Principal's Surgery

Jan 26th—Holocaust Memorial Day



Attendance



At The Olive Hackney, we are aspiring to achieve over 97% attendance each day.

Recently we have seen a drop in the attendance of our children to the school with an average of 94% - this is below national expectations and a cause for concern.

I urge you to ensure that your child attends school every day. It is imperative that your child attends school so that they build up their academic knowledge, become confident in building relationships with the school community and they feel a sense of belonging to the school.

From the Spring Term, if your child is absent, members from the SLT team may visit you to encourage you and your child to come to school. Your child's school place may be at risk if your child doesn't attend school regularly.



Traffic

Thank you to all parents who have been driving and parking responsibly around the school—there has been a noticeable difference on Cazenove Road with less frustrated drivers.

Just a reminder: please do not park on the zig zag lines—this is a prohibited area which could ultimately end in a parking fine.

Don't stop your car in the middle of the road to allow your child to get out—this is highly dangerous and also stops the flow of traffic.

Please be aware of our neighbours and don't park or block their driveway.



Boosters

Boosters will be starting again on the 11th January—all children will be required to attend on both the Monday and Tuesday.

Boosters finish at 3.30pm prompt on both days.

Staffing

There will be some staffing changes from January in both Year 2 and 3.

Ibn Abbas will be taught by both Miss Khanom and Ms Mukadam until the end of the year, in preparation for their SATs. Ms Mukadam will be in class Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning; Miss Khanom will be in class Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.

Ibn Ali will be taught by Ms Dhillon from Monday to Wednesday, and Ms Rahman on Thursday and Friday until the end of the year.

Mrs Adelani will sadly be leaving us during January to spend more time with her family. We would like to welcome Mr Mannan who will be joining us to teach Ibn Malik from 18th January.

There will be no setting for the children from January, all children will be taught in the class groups.

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 Principal.

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 all a peaceful and relaxing winter break.

Caterina Park

Principal