



**As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It's hard to believe that we are half-way through the school year already!

The Spring Term is a busy time in the school year with lots of events happening for the children and families—keep looking at our school website and twitter account for updates.



### Traffic

A big thank you to all parents/carers who are parking away from Cazenove Road and walking to the school—this has helped to free up the traffic on the main road.

Please do not park in front of our neighbours' driveways—this does not help our relationship with our neighbours.

Dropping off your children in a flow of traffic outside the school's entrance is very dangerous—please find a safe space to park and walk your children to school.

### **Diary dates**

Feb 25th—Ibn Abbas assembly

Feb 29th-4th March—Book Fair

1st March—Hobgoblins Theatre Company

2nd March—Pizza hut trip Bint Muhammad

3rd March—World Book Day

3rd March—Principal's Surgery

10th March—Ibn Zayd Class Play

11th March—Coffee Morning—Speech and Language

15th March—Year 2 Trip—Science Museum

15th March—Reception trip—Clissold Park

16th March—Reception Trip—Clissold Park

17th March—Reception Trip—Clissold Park

17th March—Bint Abee Bakr Class Play

18th March—Sports Relief Day

21st March—Spirituality Day

23rd March—Year 1 Trip—Toy Museum

### Attendance

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

I'm pleased to say that we are near our target and our attendance to date is 96%.

All efforts should be made for your child/ren to attend school every day and should only be absent from school if they are ill.

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.

### Leave of Absence

We have 13 weeks of school holidays throughout the school year, please use these holidays if you would like to travel abroad to visit your relatives.

The school does not allow and will not authorise any term time holidays. If you do take your child out of school during term time, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, you may be fined for each day of absence and your child's school place may be at risk.

### **School Matters!**



## **Boosters**

Boosters will be continuing for all children during the Spring Term. Boosters finish at 3.30pm prompt on Mondays and Tuesdays.

### **Parent Shura (Council) Meeting Update**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Shura (Council) meeting on 11th February, there was a very good turn out.

There has been a meeting with the company who provides our lunches and every effort will be made to ensure the children have a well balanced diet in accordance with the lunch menu on the school website.

The school will be hosting regular coffee mornings for those who wish to attend, this is a chance for parents/carers to meet regularly with each other in a social capacity. Please check the diary dates for further details.

Report cards will be sent out during the last week of the Spring term, this will give you an idea of where your child is at nationally and what they can do to improve further.



An exciting week has been planned for the children to celebrate World Book Day on 3rd March.

The week begins with a book fair for the children and parents to browse and buy, your child will receive a £1 book token which can be used at the book fair or any other book retailers taking part in World Book day.

On 1st March, Hobgoblin Theatre Company will be performing 'The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told' for all the children from Reception to Year 3. This promises to be an exciting event!

3rd March is World Book Day and the children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite character from a book. Dressing up can be as simple or as detailed as you like, costumes can also be made and created by the children themselves.

Lots of exciting activities have been planned for your children to take part in throughout the day—more information will be available next week.

### **Website and Twitter**

Keep up-to-date with events at the Olive School Hackney:

[olivehackney.com](http://olivehackney.com)

[twitter.com/olive\\_hackney](https://twitter.com/olive_hackney)

