



As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is an extremely busy period in the school's year. We have SATs assessments for year 2, end of Reception assessments and the phonics screening test which will happen over the course of the next few weeks. I would like to thank you for your continued help and support.

Along with all of the national testing that takes place every year, we have our own activities for the parents to take part and get involved in. This week there has been an E-safety Workshop where all parents were invited to learn about how to keep their children safe in our ever increasing technological world. There was a good reception to this workshop and many parents benefited from listening to a professional speaker in this topic.

We also had Bint Qays' class assembly and look forward to more assemblies from Year 1 and also the Reception classes.

Please check the diary dates and also read the text messages to keep up to date with activities and events at our school.

Parent Council Update

This week we met with members of the parent council to discuss matters important to the school community.

School coaches featured highly as did the new school build.

We are working very hard to ensure the best possible solution to transport and travel to the UTC for those children in Reception and Year 1 and hope to have clarification for how this will happen within the next month.

There will be a planning meeting at the beginning of June where the decision will be made on our planning submission. We will update you as soon as we have further details.

We welcomed two new additions to our Reception team at the beginning of the summer term.

Biscuit and Jelly Bean are guinea pigs and are our Reception pets. They have settled in well in the school and the children love to watch them play.



Diary dates

5th May—E- safety workshop

5th May—parents' council

5th May—Bint Qays class assembly

9th May—Volunteer's week Assemblies

11th May—Year 3 Trip to Hampton Court Palace

12th May—Speech and Language Coffee morning (8.45am)

16th May—Year 2 SATs assessments

19th May—Ibn Thaabit class assembly

27th May—End of term

6th June—Summer 2 term begins

13th June—Spirituality Day

27th June—Ramadan Super week

1st July- Ibn Salamah class assembly

12th July—Sports Day 9.30-12.30pm

18th July—end of year wow day

21st July—Summer Term awards ceremony



School Meals

We are taking suggestions for alternative meals for the children to eat at lunchtime. If you want to contribute some ideas, please contact Umm Abdullah Misbah (Reception) and Umm Abdurrahman Benalia (Year 2) for details of how to do this.



Traffic

In a Hadith prophet Muhammad said (SAW), 'Jibril always recommended treating neighbours with kindness until I thought he would assign a share of inheritance.' [Al-Bukhari]



Traffic around the school is an on going area of concern. Too often we are seeing parents parking irresponsibly across neighbours drives or in the middle of the road to let children out of the car.

When you park in front of a neighbour's drive you are stopping that neighbour from leaving to go to work or to go about their business—it doesn't matter if it's only for five minutes—it is wrong and inconveniences others. We have had many complaints to Hackney about this issue—if you want the new build to go ahead, you need to start thinking about the impact your parking is having on our community. Whenever there are complaints about this, Hackney will not think favourably about our new build.

We also operate a zero tolerance policy on abusing members of staff. Please act responsibly and with good manners (adhab) if a member of staff asks you to move your car—this is for the safety of your children.

And be good to the neighbour who is your relative and to the neighbour who is not a relative . . .
(Qur'an, 4:36)

New School Uniform

We are revising the Olive Uniforms to be: -

- Tartan pinafore all through the school (Infant & Junior girls)
- No shorts and skirts.

The decision has been made by the Trust following positive parent feedback on the Tartan Pinafore and concerns regarding the knitwear suitability following washing. The Trust thanks parents for their feedback but there will be no further amendment to the uniform.

PE Kit

Some children are often without kit for PE lessons. PE is part of our curriculum and children MUST take part in these lessons every week. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times and that all the kit is named and in a named bag.

Your Views Matter

If you have an idea or suggestion about the school or your child's learning, there is a suggestion box in the front office for you to contribute.

So far we have had suggestions about Reception Assemblies—these will happen in Summer 2, library trips—these have now been organised.

Please feel free to contribute.

Website and Twitter

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

olivehackney.com

