

As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Autumn term is nearly over I would like to thank you for all of the support you have given the staff and the school over the past term. Please can I remind all parents to continue supporting your children with daily reading and weekly homework.

Lego Workshop

Last week Year 2 were fortunate to have a day of working with Lego in order to enhance their understanding of electricity in Science. The children designed and made different houses and used circuits to produce the lighting for their models. It was a wonderful day for the children.

Spirituality/Personal Development Day

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Spirituality/Personal Development Day; 'Muhammad (peace be upon him)- A Prophet of Mercy' Thank you to all children, parents and staff who have taken part in the writing competition, the winners will be announced tomorrow.

We have several notable visitors who will deliver workshops to your children on the day.

Diary dates



5th Homelessness Assembly

6th Spirituality Day/Cake Sale

9th Barakah Assembly 11am

21st Wow Day, Theatre Company
'Dick Whittington' all children

21st End of Autumn Term

School re-opens 4th January normal school times

20th Jan 2017 - Al Farsi Class
Assembly

Staffing

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Khatun in Bint Abee Bakr, who will be leaving us to start new ventures. We wish her all the very best and thank her for her commitment to the school and the children in her class.

I'm pleased to announce that we have recruited a talented teacher, Mr. Syed, who will be visiting the school for a few days before the end of term in order to get to know the children and the school. Please do stop and give salams to him.

Charity Events

This week we are holding a Winter Gift Appeal for **Hackney Winter Night Shelter** who provide hot meals and a warm bed for homeless guests who would otherwise be out on the streets during the coldest winter months. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Traffic

This continues to be an ongoing problem both on Cazenove Road and at the UTC site for Reception and Year 1 with inconsiderate parking on both sites.

From **January 4th no cars** will be allowed to park on Cazenove Road or Basing Place.

Parking on both sites has had a detrimental effect to our relations with the neighbours and also has had an extremely negative effect on our planning for our new site.

Cones will be in place on Cazenove Road, **please park away from the school** and walk your child/ren to the school.

Thank you to those parents who are already doing this—we are very grateful to your support.

Please be respectful to all staff/parents helping with traffic control

New Build Update

We are now going forward with our appeal against the planning decision. Documents are being submitted at the end of the week in order for the appeal to take place. We need your support, especially with traffic and transport in order for our appeal to be successful.

Transport for London

We are pleased to let you know that the Olive Hackney has now registered with Transport for London with a view to reducing car travel to the school.

We will be taking part in many activities to help make children, staff and parents aware of the alternatives to car travel to school.

This week we will be appointing our first Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) for the school and will be inviting them along with our school councillors to take an active role in helping start initiatives to reduce car travel—watch this space!

Website and Twitter

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

olivehackney.com

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