

As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I can't believe that we are now into the Summer Term, the year has certainly flown by.

This half term we are focusing on our important assessment results. Year 1 will be taking their phonics screening test soon and we are hoping to improve on our last result of 97%.

Year 2 will soon take part in their end of Key Stage 1 tests for reading, writing and maths. Last year we were well above the national average, this year we are hoping to be in the top 5% of all schools nationally. Watch this space!



Diary dates



20th—Spirituality Day

21st—Curriculum Newsletters on website

24th—Isra a Wal Mi'raj Assembly

25th—Childrens' reports sent out

Parents' Consultations—dates to be confirmed

Spirituality Day

On 20th April we will be having our Spirituality Day, this time on the subject of 'Respecting Older People and Being Merciful to the Young'

Our Hadith for this week is:

'The person who does not show mercy to our young and does not honour our elders is not from amongst us.' [Bukhari]

There will be lots of exciting learning taking place—our children will learn new skills from the older generation, they, in turn, will teach something new to our elders. There will be talks about life in the past, singing in elderly care homes and assemblies presented by 'Orphans in Need'.

This proves to be a beneficial day which will impact on our children's lives and the whole community.

Please take time to read the letters and information sent to you this week.



Attendance

As you know, The Olive Hackney is an outstanding school and we need to ensure that this is so in every aspect including the attendance of our children.

It is imperative that your child comes to school every single day—absence impacts on the learning and achievement of your child. Members of the Senior Leadership Team may also visit your home if your child is absent from school.

I will be meeting with the parents of children who are not achieving our target of 97% with Hackney's Educational Welfare Officer during the next few weeks.

March Walk to School Month/JRSO

In March we had our walk to school month with over 855 of children walking to school—well done to all!

Children who walked to school for the month will receive a beautiful walk to school badge with the winning class receiving a special gift!

We have advertised for the Olive School Hackney's very first Junior Road safety Officers for children in year 4. I'm delighted to say that we have had an enormous amount of children applying for this role to help our children and parents drive and park responsibly around our school.

We will announce our new Junior Road Safety Officers later this week!



Staffing

Two of our teachers will not be with us during the first few weeks of school, Mr Manan, class teacher of Ibn Malik was involved in a road accident during the holidays and although he wasn't badly hurt, has severe whiplash and is recovering at home.

Ms Akhtar, class teacher for Ibn sa'd is also absent due to medical reasons. We wish them both a speedy recovery inshallah, with lots of duas from the staff, pupils and parents.

Congratulations to Miss Kiyaan Ramjan and Miss Deniz Yesilyurt who will start their teacher training this half term. They are both super members of staff who I'm sure will become wonderful teachers in our school.

Sainsburys Vouchers

We are still collecting Sainsburys vouchers, please post them in the boxes on both school sites.



School Concerns

If you have any concerns about your child's education or concerns about the school, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. If the matter has not been resolved by the teacher and Year Group Leaders then please come and see me during the Headteacher's surgeries which take place every alternate Friday from 12.15-12.45pm.

Website and Twitter

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