



### Diary Dates

Monday 3rd September—school re-opens

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – National Read a Book Day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>—meet your teacher UTC

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>—meet your teacher Cazenove

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Roald Dahl Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – National TA Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning

1<sup>st</sup> October – International Day of older persons

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

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to the Olive School Hackney! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for all of the wonderful things we have in store for your children this year.

I am proud to let you know that over the summer holiday we achieved the silver award mark for our PE and Sports provision, this is no mean feat considering the challenges of our school site! Well done to Mr Ibrahim who has given the children such wonderful sporting experiences over the past 2 years.

This year, we will be taking part in the Leading Parent Partnership Award, where we will see the parent community getting active within the school. We also aspire to achieve the Healthy School's Award. Watch this space for more details!

## Important Information

### Drop Offs at Cazenove

#### Years 5 and 6

Please ensure that Year 5 and Year 6 children are dropped off at the gate from the Mosque entrance on Cazenove Road. The gates open at 8.05am for parents and carers to wait in the mosque playground with their children until the school building opens. Staff will be on duty at 8.15am to ensure your children go to their classrooms safely. Please ensure that your child is at school before 8.30am as lessons start straight away.

Should you wish to leave a message for the class teacher, you can speak to the members of staff at the gate or at the office.

### Drop Offs at the UTC

The gates will be open at 8.10am each morning to allow your children entry into the school playground—you must stay and supervise your children as staff are only on duty at 8.15am

Children in Year 4 can go straight into their classrooms from the playground as can the children in Year 1.

Children in Years 2 and 3 need to enter the school from the main entrance.

Please be aware that all doors to classrooms will close at 8.30am. If you arrive after this time, please sign your child in at the office.

### Coach timings

These have been sent to all parents whose children have a place on the coach. The first 2 coaches depart at 8.00am and the second 2 coaches depart at 8.15am. If you arrive late for your coach you will have to make your way to the NCC site independently.

Coaches arrive on the common in the afternoon at approximately 3pm and 3.15pm.

### **Boosters and Enrichment Clubs**

Booster and enrichment clubs will take place from Mondays to Thursdays starting from **1st October for children in years 5-6**. Children in Reception will start their enrichments in November after they have had a period of transition. Years 1-4 will receive weekly enrichment activities during the school day. We will be sending out more information about how your child can choose their enrichment for the Autumn Term at a later date.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is available to children from Reception to Year 6 at both Cazenove Road and the UTC. Due to the growing demand for this service we have set criteria in place in order to keep the numbers within a reasonable health and safety standard.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.30am, with breakfast served from 7.40am. Please ensure your child arrives before 7.50am in order for them to eat their breakfast before lessons begin.

If your child fails to attend breakfast club regularly, their place will be taken away and given to the next person on the waiting list.



### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for school, including the correct PE kit. Please refer to our Uniform Policy in the Parents Handbook and our website for the correct items for school uniform. All items should be clearly labelled. We will be contacting you personally if your child is not wearing the correct uniform. Trainers are not allowed in school. Please make sure your child's name is clearly labelled on their uniform.

### **Meet the Teacher**

We will be giving you the chance to meet your child's teacher this half term. This will provide you with an opportunity to be introduced to the team working with your child. These will be drop in sessions held in your child's classroom.

**Monday 9th September Year s 1-4, at the UTC 3-4pm**

**Tuesday 10th September Years 5 and 6, at Cazenove 3-4pm**

### **Packed Lunches**

This year we are aiming to achieve Healthy School status which means that we will be looking at all aspects of our children's health. We would like you to contribute by ensuring that you only send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch. We will no longer let the children eat sweets, crisps, chocolates and biscuits—they will be sent home with your child at the end of the day.

Please remember that we are a nut free school—we have several children who are highly allergic to nuts and may have a severe reaction.

Please use these links to help you with ideas for a healthy lunch:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#4qWEXRPPUE4hRhPb.97>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/12418/lunchbox-snacks>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/how-does-sugar-in-our-diet-affect-our-health/>

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport/support/healthy-living/healthy-eating/food-labelling>

### Traffic

A reminder to be considerate when dropping off and picking up your children on both the Cazenove Road site, the UTC and at the Common. Please do not block other drivers and road users—only park where you know it has been permitted.

Please do not park in the way of the coaches on the Common—the coaches need to drop off and leave quickly so that they don't get a parking ticket.

Please do not park in or block neighbour's drives. If you are seen to do this or cause a disturbance you will be asked to meet with the Principal.

### UTC

Please park away from the NCC building as there is no stopping outside on Basing Place. If you are seen using this road as a drop off point, your child may lose their place at the school as you are breaking the lease agreement between the school and the college.

### Stunning Results!

The children at Olive Hackney have done it again! We have had another year with record breaking results!

**92% of our Reception aged children achieved a Good Level of Development last year.**

**99% of children passed the phonics test in Year 1.**

**90% of children achieved the expected level in reading, 94% in maths and 90% in writing in KS1**



**90% of children achieved the expected standard in maths, 95% in writing and 73% in reading in KS2**

These are truly amazing results, higher than schools nationally and in line with national for the reading in KS2.

Well done to all children, staff and parents who devoted their time and effort to achieve these wonderful results!

### PE and Swimming



This year children will get changed into their PE kits at school. There is now enough room for the children to get changed with privacy in all buildings. Children should come to school in their school uniform every day. They should bring their labelled PE kits to school on their PE day.



Year 6 will take part in swimming lessons during the Autumn Term. Swimming will start on Thursday 5th September with Ibn Umayr.

A letter will be going home shortly with the timings and information.