

# Olive School Hackney



## Principal's Welcome 8-6-2020

As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents,



With half term a long distant memory now and the first week of school reopening completed, Week 1 has felt like a success. We had children from Reception in school and this week we are expecting Year 1. Social distancing has worked really well and it has been a joy to have our pupils back. Obviously, parents have to make the choice to send their children back, but please be assured our procedures are robust and we are keeping our staff and pupils safe. We have also continued to offer care for our Key Workers' children.

## Online Learning

With children being split into small bubble groups in Reception and Year 1, we have had to use staff from other year groups to teach the children which means that your teacher may not be available to teach the online lessons for your child. If this is the case, your child will receive links for the National Oak Academy, where your child will receive appropriate online learning.

We have also purchased new reading, writing and maths text books for all year groups from Reception to Year 5 to supplement your child's learning. Please use these books if you cannot print or access the work from the website. The books will be available from both the Cazenove and UTC site later in the week – we will let you know when they are available.

**Reception** – no online learning – please use Tapestry for tasks

**Year 1** – online learning for Bint Qays only. Ibn Salamah and Ibn Thabit, please use the National Oak Academy links or BBC Bitesize for learning

**Year 2** – Online learning for Ibn Zayd and Bint Abee Bakr. Ibn Abbas, please use National Oak Academy or BBC bitesize for learning.

**Year 3** – online lessons with your class teacher each day

**Year 4** – online lessons with your class teacher each day

**Year 5** – online lessons with your class teacher each day

**Year 6** – online lessons with your class teacher each day



## Competitions

We have 3 different competitions taking place across the school:

### Times Tables

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from Greater London from Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June. It's all online via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com)

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All games played between 14:00 and 19:00 on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> will count towards the competition – please encourage your child to take part. Your child has received their log in details for this.

### Star Academies Science Challenge

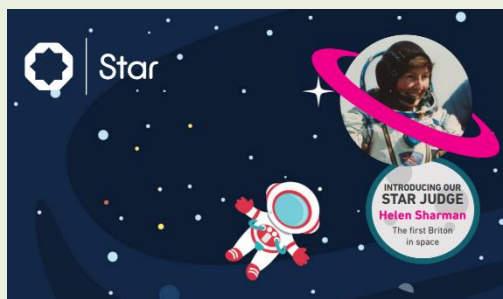
Star Academies have organized an exciting competition for your children – with amazing prizes and world-renowned judges! All entries must be sent to the schools email address by the 19<sup>th</sup> June

1. Bug Hunt Challenge for Key Stage 1 pupils  
[www.staracademies.org/news-story/star-challenges/](http://www.staracademies.org/news-story/star-challenges/)

Email pictures of your completed work to your school by Friday 19th June. Your school will choose the best two pieces of work and will enter them into a Star Academies national competition. Good luck bug hunters!



2. Space Challenge for Key Stage 2 pupils  
<https://staracademies.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Star-Challenge-Space-KS2.pdf>



### Debate Mate

This is a competition for all children in Years 5 and 6. This competition focuses on a debate over Pension Inequality and how it affects both boys and girls. By the end of the competition, we want our children to be inspired to come up with a solution to this topic through letter writing. Use this video for ideas: <https://youtu.be/oGO-OkWIDE> Write down your 'argument' (or thoughts) to the Ade Asks video, reflecting on why you feel angry, confused, motivated to change, etc. **This competition ends on 29<sup>th</sup> June.**