

# Parent Bulletin

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## Hadith of the Week

The people asked Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him: "O Allah's Messenger! Is there a reward for us in serving the animals?" He said yes, **"there is a reward for serving any living being."** (Source: Sahih Al-Bukhari)

## New Building Update

Our Principal (Mr Mirza) visited our new building on Wednesday and recorded a video for all parents and staff. Here is a link to the video: [https://youtu.be/HAFogVDY3\\_g](https://youtu.be/HAFogVDY3_g)  
We have been advised that the new building is still on track for completion on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020.  
We will provide further details shortly about our transition plans, so that Reception and Year 1 parents/pupils/staff are all ready to start at the new building from *Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020*.

## Attendance Figures

Well done, there has been another significant jump in overall pupil attendance this week.  
This week's attendance is **97.4%**. We exceeded our whole school attendance target of **97.1%**. Thank you to all pupils and parents who have made a huge effort to ensure they attend school every day. Here is the breakdown for each year group. Well done to Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 who all exceeded our whole school attendance target of **97.1%**.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	99.9%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	99.2%
Year 6	94.8%

## Letter from Trust CEO (Mufti Hamid Patel)

Please read this letter from the Trust CEO, which reinforces the comprehensive measures Star schools have in place to protect pupils and staff and the rigorous processes that are followed in the case of positive COVID-19 cases.  
Please click on link to read letter: <https://bit.ly/30uXxDN>

## Lunches & Coach Payments

Please ensure that you make lunch and coach payments no later than *16<sup>th</sup> October 2020*.  
Please can ALL completed coach letters be handed in (deadline was on *28<sup>th</sup> September 2020*). Failure to hand these forms in on time may result in your child's coach seat being withdrawn and offered to those on the waiting list. Please act now to avoiding losing your coach seat.

## Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)  
I am so proud of the attendance figures this week. Masha'Allah! Well done to you all. Let us all try to keep pupil attendance consistently high every day.  
Thank you to parents who joined me for this morning's online coffee morning. I hope you will join our new SEN/D parents' working group. I am excited about its work!  
Next week, I would like to meet with Somali parents and to address their specific needs. Please join me next **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8:45am – 9:30am**. Here are the Zoom login details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84970216806?pwd=STZmaTc1VTRXWUJlaUxtZFB0d1ZSZz09>  
Meeting ID: **849 7021 6806** Passcode: **12345**  
We will have a Somali interpreter in the coffee morning to help ensure everyone benefits. I would love to see you all take part. I pray you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Wa'assalam.

## Black History Month

Black History Month has begun and pupils at our school will take part in different activities to celebrate this month.  
Pupils will take part in:



- Creating fact files for their allocated country:
  - Reception: Jamaica
  - Year 1: Kenya
  - Year 2: Nigeria
  - Year 3: Tanzania
  - Year 4: Trinidad and Tobago
  - Year 5: Somalia
  - Year 6: Ethiopia
- Learning about different historical black figures:
  - Reception: Rosa Parks
  - Year 1: Nelson Mandela
  - Year 2: Martin Luther King Jr
  - Year 3: Maya Angelou
  - Year 4: Muhammed Ali
  - Year 5: Malcolm X
  - Year 6: Mary Seacole
- A competition to create a communal display with their work from the month.
- An individual competition where they will research black heroes of science and medicine. ([Click here for poster](#))
- Create collages of an important figure in Black History.
- Create a Black History Month 'quilt'.
- Weekly online readings from books about Black History from Hackney libraries.
- Special BHM themed assemblies throughout this month.

### Hackney Cycle Training

Hackney is offering FREE Family and Adult 1-2-1 training for parents and teachers wanting to brush up on their cycling skills commuting to school. Here is the link for further information: <https://hackney.gov.uk/cycle-training>

### World Teachers' Day

It will be World Teachers' Day on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. Our school will celebrate this day on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. We hope you will join us in saying a huge thank you to all of our teachers



who contribute towards all aspects of school life and make Olive School such a wonderful place to learn and grow, Masha'Allah. May Allah (SWT) grant all of our wonderful teachers success in this life and in the hereafter. Ameen.

### Secondary School Transfer

The Hackney school admissions team is hosting online information sessions about secondary transfer. The briefings will take about 1 hour and are repeated on different days and at different times. For more information, please visit <http://education.hackney.gov.uk/secondarybriefings>

It is important that all Year 6 parents understand how the application and offer process works and the briefing will explain this. There will be a chance to ask questions at the end of the session.

### SEN/D Parents Working Group

We are setting up a Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEN/D) working group at Olive School Hackney. This group will include the Principal, SENDCo, members of SLT, SEN/D Governor and parents from the school. The working group will meet once a month and focus on enhancing the provision of SEN/D in the school and to help promote SEN/D awareness to pupils, teachers and parents. To join our SEN/D working group, please complete the following form:

<https://bit.ly/3irLQUF>

### Importance of Times Tables

We wish to encourage all parents to help their children learn the times tables. Every week, each class from Y2-Y6 will have a times tables test (five minutes). There are four different levels: bronze, silver, gold and diamond. The teacher will assess where the children are so they can start at the correct level. Each child will get a paper copy of their challenge. Once they have completed one level (they must get every answer correct) three times, they will move to the next level. Once they have completed the diamond level in 5 minutes, the time will be reduced to 4 mins and then 3 mins. When they have completed the diamond level in 3 mins or less, they will get a mention in our assemblies. Teachers will be keeping a record of every children's progress.



### Alternative Pick Up Arrangements

If you cannot pick up your child from school in person and have arranged for another person to pick up your child who is not on the official pick up list, then please ensure that you inform the school office in good time. Please do not wait until home time to do this as phone lines will be busy. Please try to inform the school office the day before or latest by the morning so that class teachers can be informed and there is no confusion during home time.

