

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, it is Anti-Bullying Week which aims to raise awareness about bullying and instill confidence in our pupils to not bully, not to be bystanders to bullying (including cyberbullying) and to speak to an adult if they or anyone else they know is being bullied. We wish to eliminate bullying in all its forms and encourage pupils to SAY NO TO BULLYING.

To make sure we are focusing on this important message, all pupils will receive one PSHE-themed lesson a day to mark Anti-Bullying Week - that's 4 different activities a day and all assemblies will be focused on the anti-bullying message.

We are also going to be encouraging all pupils and staff to wear odd socks on **Monday 16th November 2020** for a small donation (£1) which can be paid via Parentpay. We want all Olive pupils to know that it's OK to be different and 'odd' from each other as that's what makes us all unique and amazing!

Parent Survey: School Lunches

We would like ALL parents to complete this short feedback survey which will give us an accurate picture of parent views about the current school lunches.

Please look at the school lunch menu and speak to your children BEFORE completing this feedback survey.

Click link for school menu: <https://bit.ly/3nnMh5a>

Click link to complete survey: <https://bit.ly/2H5qJuK>

Update on BSix Building

Following the meeting with the Department of Education (DfE), it now looks like the work at BSix will be starting again soon which is great news. The DfE are agreeing the revised completion date now. We will provide all parents with a formal DfE update shortly. Please keep on praying for a speedy completion of the BSix building. Thank you for your ongoing patience.

Attendance Figures

This week's attendance is **96.3%**, which is slightly below last week and lower than our usually high weekly attendance figure. We hope this will improve next week.

Well done to Year 3, 4 and 5 for exceeding our whole school attendance target of **97.1%**.

Year 1 attendance is particularly low. We shall contact Year 1 parents shortly to ensure that Year 1 attendance improves.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	95.8%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	95.6%



Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

I pray that you are all well. Many thanks to parents who joined Ms Nou for the Reception Phonics workshop on Monday and those who joined me for the SEN/D Parents Working Group meeting this morning. I enjoyed it thoroughly and I am very excited about the improvements we will be able to make together. I hope you will be able to join the other parent workshops (Mondays after school) and the other parent working group meetings (Friday mornings).

Thank you for another great week at the new building. I am very proud of our parents who are working hard to keep to the rules for the new building. Allah bless you and your families for your struggles and sacrifices. Your wonderful actions are benefiting the whole school community.

Please try to complete all the surveys we have sent you. We want to know parent views so that we can make improvements one area at a time, insha'Allah. Please make your view count by completing the parent surveys.

I wish you all a restful and safe weekend. Wa'assalam.

IT Equipment Parent Survey

We have only had 38 responses to this survey. It is important that ALL parents complete the survey for each child. This means that we should receive over 600 responses.

We would like to know what IT equipment your child has access to at home. Please can all parents complete this short survey. Please click on link: <https://bit.ly/2U6xeQY>

Somali Parents Working Group

Here is a reminder about the upcoming online Somali Parents Working group meeting with Mr. Mirza (Principal) and others:

- **Friday 20th November 2020, 8:45am – 9:30am**

- To register: <https://bit.ly/218Tkzq>

Once you have registered, you will receive a Zoom link two days before the meeting.

Year 1 Phonics Parent Information Workshop

A reminder about our next online parent workshop:

Date: **Monday 16th November 2020, 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

Here are the ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83985074290?pwd=aDVjbFhmMFZad1QyeHVrcVcvUDNaUT09>

Meeting ID: **839 8507 4290** Passcode: **54321**

Pupil Progress Report Cards

Many of you would have received your child's progress report cards today. Some classes will be handing them out on Monday. Online Parent-teacher meetings will take place week beginning 23rd November 2020. You will get an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about your child's progress. We will send out dates/times and booking details next week.

Flu Vaccination

As winter approaches, it is highly likely that flu will begin to circulate. As you will know, flu can be a very serious illness that affects all age groups.

This year, the Government is making free flu vaccines available to more people in order to reduce infection at a time when COVID-19 also poses a threat.

All primary school children are eligible for free vaccine.

According to the [NHS](#), the nasal spray flu vaccine gives the best protection for children.

The manufacture of vaccine in this form involves pork gelatine and we know that this may be problematic for faith reasons. Here is a link to a leaflet produced by Public Health England containing further information about how this ingredient is used.

[Click here to read the leaflet](#)

You may wish to speak with your GP or the local Imam to help you decide what is best for your child. Under some circumstances, children can receive an injectable flu vaccine which offers protection. However, as it is considered less effective than the nasal version, it is not routinely offered to healthy children. This alternative injection is not available in school and you would need to check with your GP's surgery on whether it could be administered to your child there.

As a parent, it is your decision whether to take up the vaccine being offered by NHS in the school. If you would like the nasal spray flu vaccine to be administered to your child, please click on the link below to complete the form and we will send you a permission clip to sign and return:

[Click here to complete the form](#)

Please note that no pupil will receive the Flu Vaccination without written permission for their parents/carers. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require further information.

Dear Parents/Carers,



WOOHOO... MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **The Kids Are United!**

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy 😊
Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears **odd socks** to school
2. Donate £1, or whatever you can spare, via ParentPay to show your support for Odd Sock Day.
3. If you want to, you can **share a photo online using #oddsocksday #antibullyingweek** and tag **@andyoddsocks** and **@abaonline**



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 16th November ...

