

Parent Bulletin

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Permanent Closure of Cazenove Road Admin Office

As part of our ongoing plans to consolidate our school on to one site, from **Monday 23rd November 2020**, the Cazenove Road admin office will be permanently closed. A member of the senior leadership team will always be at the Cazenove Road site and will deal with any pupils who are dropped off / picked up late and address any parent queries.

All correspondence for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents should now be via the main Olive School office (based at the new building on Lower Clapton Road):

Tel: 020 7112 2459

Email: info@olivehackney.staracademies.org

Address: 2 Lower Clapton Road, Hackney, London E5 OPA

Informing School of Pickup Changes

If you wish to inform the school that you are unable to pick up your child and have delegated this responsibility to another adult it is essential that you inform the school in the morning (no later than 12pm). Some parents have contacted the school at 2pm or later. This timing is far too late and causes significant problems and delays during pick up times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance Figures

This week's attendance is **96.8%**, which is better than last week but still slightly lower than our target of **97.1%**

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

Year 1 and 6 attendance is particularly low. We shall contact parents shortly to ensure that their attendance improves.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	95.4%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	95.1%

Somali Parents Working Group

Please accept our apologies for the technical problems with Zoom which meant that we had to postpone this online Somali Parents Working group meeting with Mr. Mirza (Principal) and others. The rescheduled online meeting will take place on **Friday 27th November 2020, 8:45am – 9:30am**

- Click on link to register if you haven't registered already (no need to register again): <https://bit.ly/218Tkzg>

Do you have Internet Access at Home?

If you do not have internet access at home, please let us know as we can help through a new Vodaphone initiative giving pupils 90 days of FREE internet access.

Please click on link: <https://bit.ly/2U6xeQY>

We will then send you further details.

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 Year 1 Phonics workshop on Monday. Apologies for the technical problems which prevented this morning's Somali Parents' Working Group meeting from taking place. Not to worry, we will reschedule the meeting for next Friday.

We are nearly at the halfway point of this second half term. In two weeks time, all pupils will be sitting end of term tests. Year 2 will be setting their Phonics tests and Year 6 will be sitting their mock SATS tests. It is very important that all pupils are focused and in school every day so that we can help them to prepare for these important tests.

As the weather gets colder, please can you ensure that your children are wearing their coats/gloves/hats to school. If any parent is having financial difficulties with purchasing a coat or the school uniform for their child, please contact us so that we can help you.

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

Year 2 SATS Information Workshop

A reminder about our next online parent workshop:

- Monday 23rd November 2020, 3:30pm – 4:30pm**
- Led by: Ms. Jadoon

Here is the ZOOM link:

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

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

Be Careful When Using Zoom

Please note that the school records all parent workshops on Zoom. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide links to last week's Year 1 Phonics parent workshop recording as some parents switched on their video cameras showing their child(ren) and themselves. It is important that you switch off your video cameras and remove any profile pictures of yourself or your child(ren). You will be reminded of this at the start of all future online parent workshops, working group meetings or coffee mornings.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

We can confirm that parent-teacher meetings will take place in week commencing 30th November 2020. Every class teacher will use this week (Mon – Thurs, 3pm – 4pm, Friday, 12pm – 1pm) to call parents. No booking required. Each parent will receive a 10mins phone call from their child's class teacher. If you are busy or unavailable, the teacher will call the next day. We hope that this flexibility will ensure that all parent-teacher meetings take place. Please use these 10mins to talk about your child's progress, attendance, behaviour/attitude, well-being and targets for the future.



As you know, each year we take part in the Festive Winter Gift Programme to help raise funds and to help others less fortunate than ourselves to show the true spirit of charity.

This year, we want to show support, warmth and love to all aspects of our local community as we full embrace this wonderful opportunity. Now, more so than ever, this time of year will be especially poignant to those who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic that has changed our lives in different ways. We are going to be focusing on 3 main project ideas, more details of which will follow in the next week.

I would like to take the time now to just introduce these main project ideas so that you are aware of what we are wanting to do for our local community:

- **Food bank donations** – during the month of December, we will be asking for donations of non-perishable food items so that we can help contribute towards people having enough food for their families, particularly as money may be tight at this time of year
- **Shoebbox appeal** – during the month of December, we will asking children to create small ‘shoebboxes’ of gifts and essentials for children and adults that we will then distribute to local children’s homes and the Salvation Army as a token of love and care to these people in needs
- **Raising funds for St John’s Hospice** – following on from the amazing fund-raising that was completed last year for St John’s Hospice, we will be continuing our support for this charity and will raise funds first through hopefully holding a socially-distanced bake sale in the last week of term, and secondly, through the children having an own clothes day with a small contribution of £1 being asked. All funds raised will go straight to St John’s Hospice so that they can continue with their amazing work helping people during their lives at these difficult moments

I do hope that just like the children, you will fully embrace this time of year with us and continue to support us as we bring awareness to these worthwhile projects. If you would like to help or have any further questions, please do get in touch.

Miss Barrett
Assistant Principal