

# Parent Bulletin

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## Communication with the School

We hope that you have experienced improved communication between parents and the school. At Olive School, we value clear lines of communication between parents and the school.

- If you have a general enquiry, wish to report a pupil absence or wish to inform us of any changes to the pick-up arrangements for your child(ren), please contact the school office: **020 7112 2459** or email [info@olivehackney.staracademies.org](mailto:info@olivehackney.staracademies.org)
- If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school on the above details, leave a message, and the class teacher will reply as soon as possible. We are in the process of creating class email addresses which will be shared next week.
- We have senior leaders who are attached to each year group:  
Reception – Ms. Mukadam, Assistant Principal  
Year 1 & 6 – Ms. Nou, Deputy Principal  
Year 2 & 3 – Ms. Jadoon, Assistant Principal  
Year 4 – Mr. Mannan, Assistant Principal  
Year 5 – Ms. Barrett, Assistant Principal  
If you wish to speak to the senior leader attached to your child's year group, please contact the school on the above details, leave a message, and the senior leader will reply as soon as possible.
- If you wish to speak to Mr. Mirza, Principal, please contact the school on the above details, leave a message, and the Principal will reply as soon as possible.

Please can all parents bear in mind that all schools (in the UK and around the world) are operating under very difficult circumstances. Olive school is operating under even more difficulty, as we have pupils and staff on three sites.

If you have any queries or concerns, please speak to the **school office**. If your query/concern cannot be addressed by the school office, it will be addressed by the **class teacher**. If your query/concern cannot be addressed by the class teacher then it will be addressed by the **senior leader** attached to the year group. If your query/concern cannot be addressed by the senior leader attached to the year group, it will be addressed by the **Principal**.

Please avoid bypassing the above line of communication as this will result in a considerable delay in replying to your queries or concerns. Whilst we will try our best to respond to any queries/concerns as soon as possible, please do not expect a response on the same day of communicating the query/concern.

We will shortly be starting the process of appointing new **parent council** members for every class who will work closely with staff (incl. Principal) at the school. Further details will be in next week's parent bulletin.

## 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. Jadoon for the Year 2 SATs workshop on Monday. Thank you also to the parents who joined me for the Somali Parents' Working Group meeting this morning. Please try to join me next Friday for the New Build Parents' Working group meeting. I am looking forward to hearing your feedback.

Please note that the Year 2 Phonics check will take place next week. These checks are taking place in Year 2 as they could not take place at the end of Year 1 due to the lockdown.

The weather has become much colder, please can you ensure that your children are wearing their coats/gloves/hats to school.

All parents will have an opportunity to speak with their child's class teacher on the telephone next week. It is important to find out how your child is doing at school and to explore ways that you can help them at home. I am putting in place further ways for parents to communicate with class teachers.

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

## Year 6 SATS Information Workshop

A reminder about our next online parent workshop:

- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 3:30pm – 4:30pm**
- Led by: Ms. Nou, Deputy Principal

Here are the ZOOM link details:

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

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

## Attendance Figures

This week's attendance is **96.5%**, which is the same as last week and still slightly lower than our target of **97.1%**

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

Year 1, 5 and 6 attendance is particularly low this week. We shall contact parents shortly to ensure that their attendance improves.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	98.8%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	95.8%

## DfE Guidance for Parents & Carers

The DfE's school guidance for parents and carers has been updated to reflect the local Covid restrictions, including changes to the sections on shielding, face coverings, school trips and extra-curricular activities. [CLICK HERE TO READ](#)

### New Building Parents Working Group

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

- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 8:45am – 9:30am**
- To register: <https://bit.ly/359g8H5>

Once you have registered, you will receive a Zoom link 1-2 days before the meeting.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

A reminder that parent-teacher meetings will take place next week. Every class teacher will call parents (Mon – Thurs, 3pm – 4pm, Friday, 12pm – 1pm). No appointment booking is 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.

### Cars & Safety at the NCC/UTC site

A gentle reminder to all of our parents whose children are based at the NCC/UTC site. When you drop-off your child, please try as much as possible to not park in Basing Place itself - there is a build-up of cars happening daily which is affecting how easily the coaches can access the school at the beginning and the end of the day. There have also been a number of instances this week where cars are mounting the pavements and are not being driven responsibly outside of the school gate which puts the safety of the children and other adults at risk. For those of our parents who walk to the school gates, please make sure your child is supervised at all times and not allowed to run around the corner ahead of you. The children are under your supervision until they are inside the gates and it is your responsibility to ensure your child is behaving safely on the pavement next to the road.

### Virtual Open Evening for Reception Class 2021

We are pleased to invite you to our Virtual Open Evening for Reception Class 2021.

- Date: **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**
- Time: **5:00pm – 6:30pm**

Due to current restrictions we will be holding our open evening online. You will be given the opportunity to meet the Principal, Mr. Mirza, all members of the senior leadership team, and gain an insight to school life at Olive School Hackney. We will also hold a Q&A session to give you an opportunity to have your questions answered.

Registration closes on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Please register using the link below:

<https://bit.ly/3lkpOo6>

### Coach & Lunch Payments

Please note that letters for coach and lunch payments for next term went out earlier this week. Please ensure that full payment is made as soon as possible before the deadline of **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.

### New Building

Unfortunately, our staff have witnessed a handful of parents breaking the clear parking rules at the new building this week:

- Two parents parked on the double yellow lines opposite the coffee shop by Clapton Square. These parents refused to move their cars.
- A parent drove down St. John's Church Road and parked in front of the school (during school street timings).
- A parent parked in the church car park (private property).
- A parent parked in Sutton Square (private property).

These parents must stop ignoring the parking rules immediately. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who are following the parking rules.





Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Last week, I introduced our Festive Winter Gift Programme to you all and briefly outlined each of our main project ideas. One of these ideas was about supporting our community through the giving of foodbank donations to not only to our local foodbank, but also to the Samaritans charity.

Sadly, over 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK and the need for foodbanks is increasing. Last year, well over a million emergency food packages were given out to adults and children in need.

The foodbank offers help to local people in crisis, who are often referred by specialist agencies such as social services, GP surgeries, schools, care centres and probation teams. We would be grateful if your child could bring in any of the following, to help with our collection for this worthwhile cause.

In-date tinned and packaged food, including:

baby food;  
biscuits;  
cereals;  
dried pasta;  
instant coffee;  
long-life fruit juice;  
long-life milk;

pasta sauces;  
rice;  
shower gel;  
snack bars;  
tea bags;  
tinned fruit;

tinned meat and fish;  
tinned puddings;  
tinned soup;  
tinned vegetables;  
toiletries;  
toilet rolls

Please note, we **cannot** accept any fresh food from the fridge or any food from the freezer. **Only** the tinned food examples listed above will be accepted. On the reverse of this letter are picture examples of what your child could bring in with them to school. Please send your child to school with their donations which will be kept by their class teacher until the day that we give these to the foodbank.

We would be incredibly grateful for any and all donations that you could make with your child, helping them to not only show warmth and kindness to strangers, but to also help them appreciate what they have.

Kind regards,

Miss Barrett  
Assistant Principal







baby food



biscuits



cereals



dried pasta



instant coffee



long-life fruit juice



long-life milk



pasta sauces



rice



shower gel



snack bars



tea bags



tinned fruit



tinned meat and fish



tinned puddings



tinned soup



tinned vegetables



toiletries



toilet rolls





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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Last week, I introduced our Festive Winter Gift Programme to you all and briefly outlined each of our main project ideas. One of these ideas was about supporting our community through the creation and giving of shoeboxes which will have little gifts and other little essential items for children and adults that. We will then be giving these shoeboxes to local children's homes and the Salvation Army as a token of love and care to these people in need.

Here are some step-by-step instructions for how to create your wonderful shoeboxes with your child:

1. Get an empty shoebox and wrap the box/lid separately in colourful wrapping paper.
2. On the top of the lid, attach a small label to show whether the gift is for a boy/girl (and for which age group) or if the gift is for a man/woman.
3. Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys (if your gift is for children), things to keep adults warm (such as socks, gloves, etc.), basic hygiene items and other things that you think will put a smile on the recipients face.
4. Personalise your shoebox by including a small handwritten note or picture, wishing the person who receives your shoebox warmth and happiness.
5. When you have finished filling your shoebox, place the labelled lid onto the shoebox and seal the shoebox shut.

On the back of this letter are some ideas of what could go into the shoebox, as well as some ideas for what might not be best suitable.

We will be collecting our shoeboxes up **until and including Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020** as we will then organise the distribution of them to the local homes and Salvation Army. Please hand the shoeboxes in to your child's class teacher only.

As always, any generosity and support that you and your child can show for this wonderful cause will be very much appreciated and gratefully received.

Kind regards,

Miss Barrett  
Assistant Principal





**Examples of wonderful things that can go into the shoebox**

**Toys**

- dolls and stuffed toys
- toy trucks/cars
- yo-yo
- skipping rope
- balls (footballs, bouncy balls, etc.)
- small puzzles and games



**School Supplies**

- pens, pencils and sharpeners
- crayons and felt tip pens
- stamps and ink pad sets
- writing pads, notebooks and paper
- colouring books



**Hygiene Items (please make sure these are new and unused)**

- toothbrush/toothpaste
- bars of soap (Dove or Simple only)
- comb or hairbrush
- flannel



**Other Items (that might be nice to add in to the shoebox for adults and children)**

- warm hat, gloves or scarf
- hair accessories for little girls
- wind-up torch
- slinky spring
- pack of playing cards
- story books for children



**What not to include (because of possible allergies or skin sensitivities)**

- chocolate, sweets or other food items
- items with seeds or seed by-products
- any lotions or liquids, including bubbles
- anything that could have sharp edges or has glass that could break
- anything fragile and easy to break



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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Last week, I introduced our Festive Winter Gift Programme to you all and briefly outlined each of our main project ideas. One of these ideas was about supporting a charity in our community, St Joseph's Hospice (reg. charity number 1113125), who offer people at the end of their lives warmth, comfort and dignity at these difficult times. In the next two weeks, we will be inviting someone in from St Joseph's Hospice to talk to our children about what this wonderful charity does and how any money raised is used to help the people in need.

We are going to support St Joseph's in 2 ways. Firstly, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**, the children will come into school wearing their own clothes for a donation of £1. This will be paid and collected via ParentPay.

Secondly, we are going to hold 2 socially-distanced bake sales, with certain year groups bringing in cakes, bakes and drink donations that can be sold. Both of these bake sales will be during school time only:

- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020** – bake sale for children at the NCC/UTC (Years 2-5)
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020** – bake sale for children at Lower Clapton Road (Reception-Year 1) and Cazenove Road (Year 6)

We would be incredibly grateful for any and all donations that you could contribute towards the selling of the cakes, bakes and drinks for St Joseph's Hospice. If you would like to contribute to the bake sale, please look at which date your child's year group is contributing to the sale and bring in your donations either on the day or the day before – no earlier please. For parents at the NCC/UTC, the earliest to drop in your donations will be **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.

Please do encourage your child to buy a little something sweet knowing that by doing this, you are helping members of our community through a charity that goes the extra mile for the people they care for.

Kind regards,

Miss Barrett  
Assistant Principal

