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Return to school

A reminder that school will re-open for registered keyworker and vulnerable pupils only on **Monday 22nd February 2021** and remote learning will continue for all pupils from this day. Please encourage your children to sleep early on Sunday so that they are fully ready for learning on Monday morning.

Travel Survey (action required)

Less than 50% of all parents have completed this travel survey so far. It is essential that all parents complete this survey to help us explore options for increasing the number of classes at our new school site in Lower Clapton Road by asking the Council for permission to do this. Your responses will help this application. Please complete the correct survey.

- Survey for parents of pupils in **Reception and Year 1:**
Click on link: <https://bit.ly/2Mi8nJF>
- Survey for parents of pupils in **Year 2, 3, 4 or 5:**
Click on link: <https://bit.ly/3aqjMz0>

Extended deadline is: **Friday 26th February 2021.**

Special Message for Olive Pupils

Just in case you missed our special video message for all pupils at Olive school, here is a link to the video:
<https://bit.ly/2OzU3N8>

Spirited Art Competition

A reminder about the STAR academies Spirited Art Competition.



- Pupils need to research and find a short Qur'anic verse from the Qur'an that inspires them. They should produce a piece of art (such as a poem, picture, digital art or sculpture) that represents the verse.
- Pupils must submit work to the school in digital format via their class email address.
- The competition deadline is **Monday 1st March 2021**. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Submissions will be judged against three criteria.
 - Demonstration of pupil's understanding of spirituality
 - Creativity and artistic skills
 - Personal meaning.

Click link to download info pack: <https://bit.ly/2N1cny0>

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

I pray that you are all well and have had an enjoyable half term break. I hope you have found time for a break this week to recharge your batteries ready for the next half-term.

I hope that your children managed to take part in the virtual tours / trips, read lots of books and also completed their Art work for the *Spirited Art* competition.

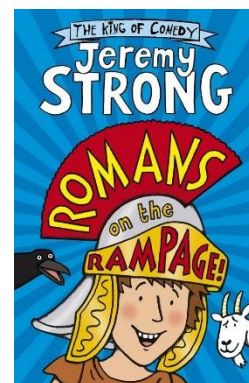
We expect the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday to set out a roadmap for the reopening of schools. I will write to all parents and provide an update following the announcement and next week's parent bulletin will include any relevant detail.

Please can we maintain our 99% pupil engagement in LIVE online learning which starts back on Monday morning. We will be conducting formal assessments of all pupils in 5 weeks time and so we must all make the most of the next few weeks to cover as much of the Spring term curriculum as possible and to fill in gaps.

Please continue doing the great job that you are doing (masha'Allah) and I pray to Allah that He grants us all *tawfiq* (divine success). Enjoy the rest of the weekend. Wa'assalam.

Author & Book of the Week

This week hilarious author, Jeremy Strong, is sharing ***Romans on the Rampage*** with you to read for FREE! You can also watch an exclusive video with the author, discover his top three children's book and read a Q&A to find out his favourite things about books.



Click link to read or listen to this book:

<http://bit.ly/3dETvQu>

- Epic Books: <https://www.getepic.com> (use class code)
- Free eBook Library (Oxford Owl): <https://bit.ly/3qMx4MD>
- Find your local library: <https://bit.ly/2Yc9gFT>
- Top tips to help your child with reading: <http://bbc.in/3oT7rZb>

Pupil & Parent Surveys

STAR academies will be conducting surveys to capture relevant, meaningful insight, into the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on pupils' education and schools' operations. The pupil and parent surveys will be conducted from **Wednesday 24th February to Monday 8th March 2021**. These surveys will capture feedback on parents' experiences of their child's education during the recent period of school closures. The surveys will capture feedback on the views of those who have continued to attend school during the national lockdown and those who have been learning remotely during this period.

Pupil surveys will be carried out by Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils during one of their LIVE lessons. We will distribute the parent survey link to parents and carers by text message on **24 February**. Please ensure that you complete the survey as soon as possible.