

# Parent Bulletin

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## Final Week of Spring Term

Next week will be the final week of Spring term. The last day will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**. There will be no school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021. Please note that school will re-open after the holidays on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021** for all pupils.

## Start of British Summer Time (BST)

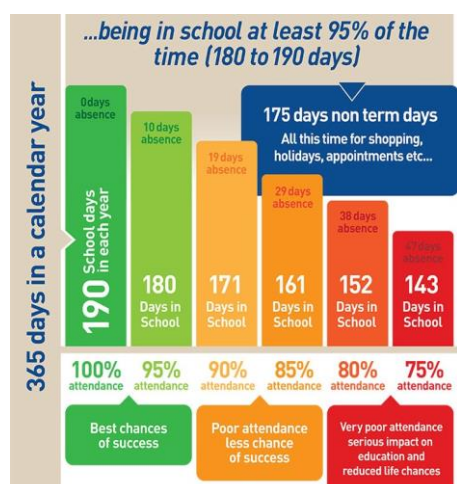
On **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**, we will move to British Summer Time (BST) at 1am. The clocks will move forward an hour. We will then remain under BST until **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**, when the clocks go back an hour and we return to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

## Attendance

This week's pupil attendance was **95.4%**. This was **1.4%** lower than last week and **1.8%** lower than the first week back once school re-opened. This demonstrates a worrying pattern of pupil attendance declining every week.

Day	% Pupils Present	Year Group	% Present
Monday	94.3%	Reception	96.1%
Tuesday	96.3%	Year 1	93.9%
Wednesday	95.8%	Year 2	92.9%
Thursday	96.5%	Year 3	95.6%
Friday	94.1%	Year 4	94.3%
Whole week	95.4%	Year 5	96.3%
		Year 6	97.7%
		Overall	95.4%

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**. Pupils with persistently poor attendance are being tracked daily. Letters will go out to these families next week. If attendance does not improve after the holidays, then we will be making referrals to the Council for a fine of £60 per parent per child which rises to £120 per parent per child if not paid within 21 days. Please be reminded that it is your legal duty to ensure that your child attends school every day. We expect to see an improvement in attendance over the next few weeks.



## Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

We have had another great week. Thank you to parents who took part in the coffee morning on Friday. It was a pleasure to speak with you all and share ideas.

With only **16 days** remaining until the blessed month of Ramadan, we are in the process of organising our plans for this blessed month. Please note that we are unable to make any changes to pick up and drop off timings during Ramadan. These timings will remain the same throughout Ramadan. We will provide you with full details of our Ramadan arrangements in next week's parent bulletin which will include activities, events and competitions. اللَّهُمَّ بَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ

We have a new school governor who has been appointed to our Local Governing Body, his name is Mr. Foezul Ali, and he is currently an Assistant Principal at a local secondary school. We wish him all the very best in his new role serving the Olive school community.

There is just one week to go until the end of term holidays.

Have a great weekend. Wa'assalam.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch my assembly from Monday.

## Abusive Behaviour Towards Staff

We are very saddened to report two incidents involving parents being abusive to Olive school staff this week:

1. On Friday at the Lower Clapton Road site, our staff were on duty at Church Car park when a parent was very aggressive, arguing and shouting at staff when kindly told not to turn in to the road. The car registration plate is **HT06FLW**.
2. On Friday at the NCC site, a parent stormed into the building at 8am during breakfast shouting at staff.

This completely unacceptable behaviour has left our staff feeling scared, anxious, and unsafe whilst on duty. Please can both parents contact the school on Monday so that an urgent face to face meeting can be held with the Principal next week. The school will not tolerate any abusive or threatening behaviour towards any staff no matter what the circumstances and will involve Police if needed.

## School Office Updates

The office will be contacting parents for laptop returns from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 21**. Please wait to be contacted, and do not return any laptops until your appointment has been booked.

## Displays from the National Day of Reflection

During the National Day of Reflection on Tuesday, pupils from all year groups took part in a one minute silence to remember everyone effected by the Covid-19 pandemic and also contributed their reflections to beautiful displays which you can see by [CLICKING HERE](#).

## Autism Awareness Week

Help us celebrate Autism Awareness Week and the talents and skills of fantastic children in our school. Please encourage your children (or their siblings) with autism to submit projects expressing what their autism means to them, with a particular focus on strengths or 'superpowers'.

**Films** - Make a short two minute video talking about your special interest, or particular qualities you have.

These films might give you some inspiration:

- [Listen to Great Thunberg talk about her why her autism is her superpower](#) Listen to Talia Grant talking about her autism and how it affected her experience of school
- [Have a look at other examples of short films made by young people with autism, or sometimes by their siblings](#)

### Poetry

Write an acrostic poem about autism or a shape poem that paints a picture of your talent or interest. For inspiration read poems from the ["spectrum poems"](#) and ["actual autistic Poets"](#).

**Art** - [Draw and decorate your own superhero](#) to show your particular strengths or superpowers. [Explore Autistic Artists as inspiration](#) for making your own artwork.

Please submit all projects by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021** to: [send@olivehackney.staracademies.org](mailto:send@olivehackney.staracademies.org)

All pupils (or siblings) who take part will receive a special certificate from the Principal and their project will be shared on our Twitter account and next week's parent bulletin.

## Updates from Hackney Independent Forum for Parents/Carers (HIP)

We wish to share information about events and sessions taking place over the coming days for parents and carers in Hackney.

### HIP's Food Pantry

HIP will be distributing bags of surplus food free to families of children with SEND and people in the local community who may be experiencing food poverty.

An optional minimum donation of £2 for those who can would be put to good use elsewhere.

When: Thursdays Time: 1-3pm Where: 1 Alpine Rd E9

### HIP Health and Wellness

Get involved with HIP and become part of an informed and supported community of parents/carers.

Parents will receive weekly sessions with a qualified holistic therapist and trainer offering guided exercises to help reduce mental overload that can sometimes be associated with caring responsibilities. :

- guided meditations
- practical tools, and
- exercises to develop gratitude and compassion.
- Support to develop new strategies, daily routines, and good self-care, helping to reduce mental overload that can sometimes be associated with caring responsibilities.

Date: Starting on Monday 29th March Time: 11am

[Register in advance here for the HIP Health and Wellness sessions.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### Autism Parent Coffee mornings

Autism Parent Coffee are a facilitated session for parents with children with autism to meet professionals and share ideas.

These were previously face to face but have moved online due to the social distancing requirements.

There are limited places for these sessions and you must contact the service to book a place.

There are 2 therapists from different services you can book to discuss ideas and concerns with.

**Talk to an Occupational Therapist for ideas on independence and sensory issues.**

When? Fourth Wednesday of Every Month

Time: 10-15am - 11:15am

**Talk to a Clinical Psychologist for ideas on supporting emotions and behaviour**

When? Fourth Wednesday of Every Month

Time: 11.30am -12:30pm

**How can I book a place for one or both of these options?**

There are limited places for these sessions.

Your child must already be known to Hackney Ark for you to be eligible to attend these sessions.

To register your interest contact the service with the name of your child or young person.

Phone: 0207 014 7071 email: [huh-tr.camd@nhs.net](mailto:huh-tr.camd@nhs.net)

## Cont'd Updates from Hackney Independent Forum for Parents/Carers (HIP)

### Educational Psychology Parent Advice Sessions

Educational Psychologists (also called EPs or Ed Psychs) have professional qualifications in psychology and educational psychology. The Parent Advice Sessions are run independently of the Educational Psychology Service work in schools. They are open to:

- all children and families living in Hackney including those children not yet in school
- children who are out of school
- children who live in Hackney and attend school in other boroughs

This service runs on Wednesdays between 1:00 and 3:00 pm and during term time.

We can help by talking through your concerns about your child, their development, any special educational needs that you may be aware of or any concerns you may have about their home or school experience.

We can give you advice about:

- behaviour at home or school
- learning at home or school
- your child's special educational needs
- anxiety, wellbeing and mental health

Contact the service to discuss the availability of appointments.

E-mail: [eps.admin@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:eps.admin@hackney.gov.uk) Phone: 020 8820 7519

### Hackney SENDIAGS Online Drop-in Sessions

Hackney SEND Information, Advice and Guidance Service (SENDIAGS) is an arm's length service providing impartial and confidential information, advice and support to parents and carers' of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and young people and children with SEND. Hackney SENDIAGS have moved their drop-in advice sessions online starting from Tuesday 9th March 2021.

**Do you need help to:**

- prepare for a school meeting in order to have an effective say in any discussions
- know what questions to ask when accessing a virtual tour of a school
- make sure that your child's needs are being met at school, college or nursery
- think about your contribution to an assessment
- go through an EHC needs assessment request
- go through a draft EHC Plan
- Prepare for an Annual Review meeting and make sure your views are included

When: Every Tuesday from 20th April to 27th July 2021 Time: 10am – 2pm

**If the answer is yes to any of the above book on to one of our 20 minutes' drop-in appointments**

You can discuss your situation and receive information, advice and support from one of our trained advisers.

For any more information please contact us. Email: [SENDIAGS@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:SENDIAGS@hackney.gov.uk) Phone: 07500 066 513

### Hackney NAS Group Mental Health and Well-Being Session

This is an online session to help you implement strategies and gain knowledge on how to better manage the mental health of your child during lockdown. The Zoom session will be run by Julia Font, a Psychologist who is specialised in SEN. She will provide information on the following topics:

- how to manage anxiety and crises
- activities you can do at home
- strategies to support distress and the importance of self-care when parenting.

There will be a Q&A to discuss further topics and concerns.

This session is aimed at parents and carers of autistic children and young people.

Professionals and everyone that have a connection with autism are welcome.

Date: Thursday 25th March 5-6:30pm

Time: 5 - 6:30pm

[Book to attend the Hackney NAS well-being session here.](#)

For more information, please email: [hackney.group@nas.org.uk](mailto:hackney.group@nas.org.uk) Phone: 07397 572977



## Displays from the National Day of Reflection 2021

