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School Holidays

The school holidays have now started. School will re-open for all pupils on **Monday 19th April 2021**.

Contact Tracing Over School Holidays

Schools are required to continue with contact tracing over the school holidays. Staff, pupils, parents and carers should inform the school of a positive Covid case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being at school. Please email: info@olivehackney.staracademies.org

The school will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Where pupils or staff test positive for COVID-19 during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, pupils, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Attendance

Attendance was **95.4%** this week, which was similar to last week (0.2% better) and continues to be lower than usual. Our whole school attendance target is **97%**. Well done to Year 2 who had the highest attendance this week.

Day	% Present
Monday	93.3%
Tuesday	96.1%
Wednesday	95.9%
Thursday	96.2%
Friday	N/A
Overall	95.4%

Year Group	% Present
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	95.1%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	96.0%
Overall	95.4%

Ramadan Arrangements

The blessed month of Ramadan is fast approaching. Please note that there will be no changes to the drop off and pick up timings during Ramadan. It is important that parents are not late as this will place extra strain on staff who will be fasting. Whilst we encourage pupils to experience fasting during Ramadan, even if for just a couple of hours, we will provide guidance to parents in the next parent bulletin on young children fasting whilst at school. In the meantime, please can you tell us if you would like your child to fast at school during Ramadan by completing this form – [CLICK HERE](#).

Plimsolls for Reception Pupils

Please can Reception parents send in a pair of plimsolls with their child every Wednesday. They must be clearly labelled and stored in a bag labelled with their name. If you prefer, we can store them in school so that they don't need to send them in separately each week.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

We have all made it to the end of the Spring term. Alhamdulillah (praise be to God).

[CLICK HERE](#) to read and end of spring term message from Star's Chief Executive, Mufti Hamid.

I wish to thank you all for your hard work and tremendous efforts during the Spring term. Well done to you all.

The blessed month of Ramadan will be upon us very soon, insha'Allah (God willing). As you can see from page 2 of this bulletin, we have organised a fun packed month for all the children. I hope we can all use the remaining days of Sha'ban to prepare ourselves for this blessed month.

Once we return back to school, we will continue with our catch up learning programme. You will receive copies of the summer term curriculum newsletter and pupils will receive their report cards shortly after the holidays.

I wish you all an enjoyable, restful and well-earned end of term break. It is a time to prioritise your wellbeing. Do all the things that make you and your family happy (mind, body and soul)! 😊 [CLICK HERE](#) to watch my assembly from Monday.

Autism Awareness Week

Many thanks to all the pupils who contributed beautiful pieces of artwork and writing to raise awareness about Autism.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to see Year 4 Al-Farsi's display about Autism.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to see Adam's (from Year 5 Ibn Amr) picture of a superhero.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to see Isa's (from Year 1 Bint Qays) picture of a flying spider hulk.

Online Saturday Tuition

The online Saturday tuition that has been organised by the school for 36 pupils in Year 5 and 6 will continue throughout the holidays. If your child is part of the tuition, please ensure they are logged on at the agreed time on *Saturday 10th April* and *Saturday 17th April*. Please note that whilst this tuition is free for parents, the school pays for this tuition so please ensure that your child attends on time.

Online Learning During School Holidays

All pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 received their login details for *Century Tech* software. Please can you ensure that your child logs in every day during the holidays to complete English and Maths tasks that have been set by their class teacher. Here is the login page: <https://app.century.tech/login/>

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch a video which shows you how to log in and access tasks in *Century Tech*.

Year 2 were also reissued with their login details for *Bug Club*. Pupils should log in during the holidays to complete work set by their class teachers.



Ramadan Activities

During Ramadan, we will encourage all pupils to take part in no less than 12 activities during this blessed month. Here is list of activities that we will take part in:

■ **Ramadan Activity Books**

We have teamed up with Learning Roots to offer pupils two heavily discounted (20% off and no P&P) high quality Ramadan activity books which parents can purchase via the following dedicated link.

Website: www.ramadanbooks.com

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch a video about the Ramadan Activities books.

Parents should order no later than **Sun 11th April**. The books will be delivered in bulk to our school and given to pupils on the first day back on 19th April.

- **Decorating Classrooms** - Pupils will decorate their classrooms and class room doors.
- **Daily Good Deed Calendar (at School)** - All classes will create a daily good deed calendar. The good deeds will relate to actions that pupils can carry out in school.
- **Days Good Deeds Challenge (at Home)** - Another version of the good deeds calendar will focus on good deeds that pupils should complete at home. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the Good Deed Calendar. All pupils will receive a printed copy.
- **Qur'an Word of the Day** - We will have a Qur'an word of the day which all pupils will watch at the start of the day alongside their usual recitation of Surah Al-Faatiha.
- **Ramadan Journal** - [CLICK HERE](#) to download our Ramadan Journal. All pupils will be given a printed copy of the journal on the first day back and should be encouraged to complete it every day during Ramadan.
- **Ramadan Reflections** – Pupils will watch a daily Ramadan Reflection which will be sent out to all parents every day during Ramadan.
- **Olive's Got Faith Talent** - Parents should send in a video clip of their child(ren) performing a nasheed/spoken word/poetry/Qur'an recitation to their child's class email by **Sunday 25th April 2021**. [CLICK HERE FOR CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES](#).

One winner per class will be selected by the school leadership team and all 21 videos will be combined into one Olive's Got Faith Talent video which will be shared with the whole school community. All winners will receive a special certificate and gift.

- **Ramadan Assemblies** - There will be one assembly per week during Ramadan which will be delivered by the Principal. The assemblies will be based upon three key themes: Days of Mercy, Days of Forgiveness and asking for Entry into Paradise.
 - 19th April – To be able to understand the meaning of the first 10 days of Ramadan (mercy)
 - 26th April – To understand the purpose of the second 10 days of Ramadan (asking forgiveness)
 - 3rd May – To be able to understand purpose of the last 10 days of Ramadan (seeking paradise)
- **Ramadan Classroom Activities** – Pupils will take part in short Ramadan activities each day in their classrooms.
- **STAR Charity Campaign** - We will encourage all pupils to take part in our charity campaign. We will provide further details in the next parent bulletin *just before school (16th April)* once the Trust have confirmed details.
- **Fasting** – Whilst we encourage pupils to experience fasting during Ramadan even if for just a couple of hours, we will provide guidance to parents in the next parent bulletin on young children fasting whilst at school. In the meantime, please can you tell us if you would like your child to fast at school during Ramadan by complete this form – [CLICK HERE](#).

