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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,

"No man fills a container worse than his stomach. A few morsels that keep his back upright are sufficient for him. If he has to, then he should keep one-third for food, one-third for drink and one-third for his breathing." (At-Tirmidhi)

Pupils will be taught:

- the responsibility they have towards their own body and health.
- healthy eating develops good health and facilitates activity.
- Food and drink is a blessing for all but in Islam it is seen as a means to an end not an end in itself.
- Eating and drinking well allows one to carry out his/her duties and gluttony and greed are regarded as repulsive.
- the link between over-eating and greed and gluttony.
- the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and his companions (peace be upon them) faced many challenges without adequate food and achieved great feats without excessive consumption.
- fasting is also an example of how food is not an end but only a means through which humans can be healthy in order to flourish as good people.
- in a world full of over consumption childhood obesity is increasing.

Faith & Character Education (FCE) homework from last week:

- [CLICK HERE](#) or KS1 homework
- [CLICK HERE](#) for KS2 homework

Language Clubs

We are looking to launch three after school language clubs (*Somali, Turkish and Arabic*). All three clubs will take place either *Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays at 3pm – 4pm* or *Fridays at 12pm – 1pm* and will be led by language specialists who are DBS checked. There will be a small charge for each club. Please can you complete the online forms below to express an interest in the language clubs:

- [CLICK HERE](#) for **Somali** language club
- [CLICK HERE](#) for **Turkish** language club
- [CLICK HERE](#) for **Arabic** language club

Launch of New Food Bank

We are launching a new Food Bank project at Olive School to serve the local community of Hackney either on Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings. This will involve giving out food to the local community and will be a huge blessing for the whole Olive school community. [CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested in volunteering. The Principal (Mr. Mirza) wishes to convene a meeting to discuss the Food Bank project on **Friday 21st January 2022, Time: 9:00am – 9:30am**

[CLICK HERE](#) to join the meeting.

Zoom Meeting ID: 856 8754 2258 Passcode: 273861

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you had a good week and enjoyable weekend.

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing efforts and support. There are many exciting things taking place at the school this week so please read this bulletin carefully. Please also speak to your child about their learning each day.

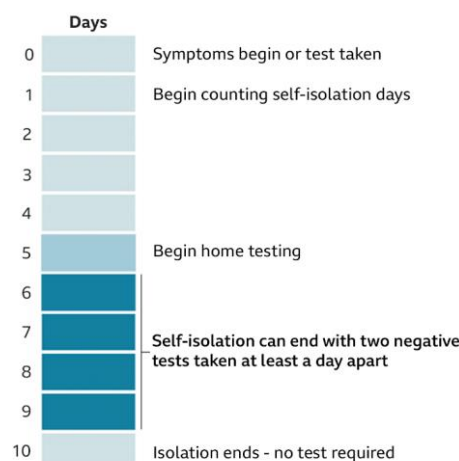
I want to draw your attention to the updated Covid guidance and the new procedures for pupils/parents who arrive late to school. Please read these sections carefully.

Please contact teachers directly on their class email addresses if needed. I am also available at the school gates every morning and afternoon for a chat.

I pray we all have a safe and fruitful week ahead.

Self-isolation Guidance

- From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.
- For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6 if they do not have a temperature.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.
- If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.
- The new five-day self-isolation rules are illustrated by the NHS diagram below.
- Please find a new COVID-19 guide for parents on page 4 which sets out the actions pupils need to take in various scenarios relating to COVID-19



Pupil Attendance

Last week's attendance was at **94%** which is better than the previous week but lower than our target. The attendance target for all days of the week is **97%** or above.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	96%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	93.4%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	91.2%
Overall	94.4%

Day	% Present
Monday	89%
Tuesday	93.35%
Wednesday	94.48%
Thursday	94.65%
Friday	94.47%
Overall	94.4%

Classes with highest attendance	% Present
Year 6 – Ibn Abee Taalib	93.8%
Year 5 – Ibn Amr	96.67%
Year 4 – Barakah	93.96%
Year 3 – Ibn Malik	98.52%
Year 2 – Ibn Zayd	96.60%
Year 1 – Ibn Thaabit	98.85%
Reception- Ibn Zubayr	100%

Punctuality

Despite frequent reminders we still have a number of children arriving late each day. Here are the number of lates last week.

Day	Total Lates
Monday	25
Tuesday	27
Wednesday	43
Thursday	35
Friday	13
Monday	25

We now have new procedures for lates. Please read the following very carefully:

- The playground gate is opened at **8:05am**. The Principal and a number of other staff will be present everyday to welcome the children arriving on time.
- After morning prayers (du'a), the children will walk into the building one year group at a time.
- If you and your child arrive to school between **8:30am – 8:45am** then you are officially late and should go to the playground (not the front office entrance) where your child will be added to the late list by the admissions officer. You will also be required to explain your absence to the senior leader on duty which may also include the Principal.
- At **8:45am**, the playground gate will be closed. If you arrive anytime after 8:45am then you should go to the front office to register your child late (not the playground). **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD UNATTENDED BY THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE.** You are fully responsible for your child until you have registered them on the school system and handed them over to a member of staff.
- Parents who are regularly late will be invited to a meeting with the Principal. You must ensure that your child is in school by **8:30am** every day.

Winnie the Pooh Day

On **Tuesday 18th January**, we will be taking part in *Winnie the Pooh Day*. Pupils can bring in a soft toy into school on that day. Pupils will be reading and exploring a *Winnie the Pooh* Book in class and will be taking part in activities related to the book read in class.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the poster.



Martin Luther King Day

On **Monday 17th January**, we will be taking part in *Martin Luther King Day* and specifically focussing on the importance of having dreams for the future. Pupils will take part in a variety of activities through the day.



Drama for All Workshops

On **Monday 17th January**, we have organised short drama workshops for Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils. The workshops will be led by an experienced actor/drama teacher appearing 'in role' as the brave Jungle Explorer.



Using drama, performance and singing, they'll take the children on a fascinating improvisation around the African Jungle. The children will get on their elephants and set off into the bush to help rescue *Snow*, the last remaining White Lion, with a little help from a cheeky monkey called *Boo!* These sessions will provide an excellent stimulus for creative writing, an art project, role play and will encourage confident speaking and good listening using rhyme and poetry.

Arsenal Primary Stars Programme

We now have Arsenal coaches in school every *Monday* delivering the *Arsenal Primary Stars Programme*.

The programme uses the appeal of the Premier League and professional football clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

The programme aims to create positive and lasting sporting, health and education outcomes for children, young people and the wider community.

The programme is linked to supporting English, Maths, PSHE and PE, with flexible activity.



Parent Coffee Mornings (Online)

This week's coffee morning is for **Reception parents** and will be hosted by the *Assistant Principal (Ms. Mukadam)* who is the senior leadership link for Reception:

Date: **Thursday 20th January 2022** Time: **9:00am – 9:45am**
[CLICK HERE](#) to join the coffee morning.

Zoom Meeting ID: 968 6283 8318 Passcode: e2f2Bs

Year 2 Booster Clubs

The Year 2 morning and after school booster clubs will restart from **Monday 17th January** to help pupils prepare for the upcoming Year 2 Summer SATs. Pupils who are expected to attend the booster clubs were given letters on Friday.

We hope to restart booster clubs for other year groups as soon as possible. We will keep you updated.

STAR Science LIVE Events

Star Science Live Events were introduced in 2020-21 and have proved to be extremely successful, drawing positive feedback from senior leaders, directors of learning, science teachers and pupils. Following their success, a programme of Star Science Live Events is being delivered throughout this academic year.

The live online events, delivered exclusively for Star schools provide a series of inspirational guest speakers and masterclasses. The events aim to nurture an interest in science and to inspire and challenge pupils to achieve their potential in science subjects.

They also aim to model and motivate staff across the trust to deliver outstanding science lessons which stretch and challenge our pupils.

During term time, the live events take place:

- Weekly Wednesday evenings for 20 minutes from 7.00-7.20pm
- Fortnightly Sunday mornings for 60 minutes from 10.00-11.00am

All events are streamed live to Star schools and pupils across the trust. The events can also be watched on 'catch up' with all recordings uploaded to the Microsoft Stream.

We recommend that Year 6 pupils take part. [CLICK HERE](#) to access.

Lunch Menu (Spring Term)

The lunch menu has been updated for the Spring term. At present we have around 480 pupils out of 630 pupils eating the school meals every day. The Principal (Mr. Mirza) also eats the school meals with the children almost every day. We are keen to introduce the remaining parents to our delicious school meals and will be organising taster mornings shortly giving you the opportunity to taste a range of our meals which are freshly cooked and prepared in our school kitchen.

In the meantime, [CLICK HERE](#) to see the revised lunch menu.

School Ban on all Trading Cards

The Principal has made the decision to ban all trading cards (incl. Pokeman cards) in order to prevent significant problems caused by children swapping these cards in the playground. Please advise your child not to bring any of these cards to school as they will be confiscated if seen. Thank you for your cooperation.

Walk to School Week

Year Group	Journeys
Reception	179
Year 1	109
Year 2	82
Year 3	187
Year 4	281
Year 5	76
Year 6	285
Overall	1199

We achieved **1199** walking journeys last week. Well done to all pupils who took part. Those pupils who walked on 3 or more days last week will receive a special certificate.

Announcements from School Office

- If you owe the school money, it is essential that you pay this outstanding debt as soon as possible. Please contact the school office to pay off your debt.
- Spring2 lunch and breakfast payments are now open and the deadline for payments is **2nd February 2022**. Any late payments will incur a £5 late payment fee per child.
- Pupils who have consent from their parents to receive the flu vaccine will receive it on **19th January 2022**.
- All reception pupils will take part in the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) on **26th & 27th January 2022**.

Missing Books

Please ensure that you return the Oxford reading Tree books on time. We want all our pupils to make effective use of these books. We have invested 15K on these books and we cannot afford to lose them. If your child has lost the book, you will have to pay £10 to replace the title lost.

Weather This Week

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				
8° -1°	7° 3°	9° 2°	6° -2°	7° 1°

All pupils/parents should bring raincoats/umbrellas on Tues/Weds as it is likely to rain on these days.

Parents Parking Badly (in Church Car Park)



COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE: A QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS / CARERS







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	WHAT TO DO IF...	ACTION NEEDED	BACK TO SCHOOL...
	...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not attend school Child should self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test (not a LFD test) Inform school immediately about test result Access online learning if well enough to do so 	...if child's test comes back negative (as long as they feel well, do not have a high temperature and no sickness or diarrhoea for 48 hours)
	...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) on LFD or PCR test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not attend school Inform school immediately about test result Child self-isolates for 10 days, including the day symptoms* started and the next 10 full days (or from day of test if no symptoms). From day 5 after the start of symptoms (or day of positive test), child can take an LFD test and another LFD test 24 hours later on day 6. If both test results are negative, and child does not have a temperature, isolation may end immediately on day 6. If the tests are completed before school, child can return to school on day 6 after two consecutive negative LFD test results. If the day 5 test is positive, child can take two further tests on subsequent days, and, as long as they don't have a high temperature, they can stop isolating once they have had two negative results, 24 hours apart For the household members, see '...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19' Access online learning if well enough to do so 	<p>...child can return to school after 10 days as long as they feel well and do not have a high temperature</p> <p>or</p> <p>...child can return from day 6 onwards if they have two negative LFD tests 24 hours apart, feel well and do not have a high temperature (first test can be taken on day 5 at the earliest)</p> <p>They can return to school even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
	...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person with symptoms isolates immediately and must get a PCR test Advisable for all household members to take daily LFD tests 	...child can attend school as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms* and have not tested positive
	...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person who has tested positive self-isolates for 10 days including the day symptoms* started. This person can stop self-isolating from day 6 onwards if they have two negative LFD test results at least 24 hours apart on days 5 and 6, and they do not have a temperature Household members who are not exempt** from self-isolation must isolate for 10 days Exempt** household members are strongly advised to take a daily LFD test for 7 days and can continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result 	<p>...child can attend school as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms* and have not tested positive</p> <p>Children aged 5 to 18 are strongly advised to take daily LFD tests for 7 days before leaving the house in the morning.</p>

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

** You are exempt if you are aged under 18 (regardless of vaccination status) or an adult who is fully vaccinated (and 14 days have passed since receiving the full recommended dose) or not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons or taking part in a covid-19 vaccine trial.

	WHAT TO DO IF...	ACTION NEEDED	BACK TO SCHOOL...
	...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus) who does not live with us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child can continue to attend school as normal, unless they develop symptoms or have a positive test result • Children aged 5 to 18 are strongly advised to take daily LFD tests for 7 days before leaving the house in the morning • Children should consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a close contact of the same individual and are not exempt** from self-isolation 	...child can attend school as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms* and have not tested positive
	...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy • Depending on where you are travelling to and from, there may be a requirement for you and your child to isolate and/or test <p>For the latest full guidance on travel advice, please click on the relevant link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling abroad from England • Returning to England from abroad 	<p>...when the child has received a negative test result on their return to England.</p> <p>If the test result is positive, see '...my child tests positive for COVID-19'.</p> <p>If the child has not travelled they can continue to attend school even if a household member is required to quarantine.</p>
	...my child was shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shielding has been paused. All children have been removed from the shielding list and are advised to follow the same guidance as everyone else, unless they have received specific advice from their consultant/ medical professional 	...child should attend school unless advised otherwise by their consultant/medical professional and the information has been shared with the school
	...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary school children without symptoms are advised to take regular twice weekly LFD tests at home • People with symptoms* need to take a PCR test immediately • People without symptoms who are not exempt** from self-isolation and have been in close contact with a confirmed case need to take a PCR test • People without symptoms who are exempt** from self-isolation and have been in close contact with a confirmed case are strongly advised to take daily LFD tests for 7 days 	...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

For further information:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19



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