

# Parent Bulletin

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## Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

***"If anyone plants a tree or sows a field and humans, animals or birds eat from it, he should consider it as a charity on his part."*** (Ahmad)

Pupils will be taught:

- Our duty as humans in wider creation.
- The power of Allah's creation through human responsibility as stewards on Earth.
- Our actions of taking care of nature and specifically planting new life is an act of mercy from Allah and an act of charity.

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

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

## Language Clubs Update

We are in the process of completing background checks on our language club instructors. Once these have been completed, we will advise parents on when formal registration for the language clubs will begin as well as the start date for each club. In the meantime, if you haven't yet registered your interest then please complete the forms below:

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

## New Food Bank Update

Following the initial meeting on Friday to discuss ideas for the new Olive School Food Bank, we are seeking parent volunteers who can volunteer their time on **Fridays, 12:30pm – 2:30pm**. The Food Bank will serve both parents from Olive School as well as the local Hackney community.

[CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

## Parent Coffee Mornings (Online)

Apologies that we had to postpone last week's coffee morning is for Reception parents.

We will have two coffee mornings this week. Here are the details:



**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022** (Reception parents)

- Hosted by Assistant Principal (Ms. Mukadam).
- Time: **9:00am – 9:45am**
- [CLICK HERE](#) to join the coffee morning.
- Zoom Meeting ID: 968 6283 8318 Passcode: e2f2Bs

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022** (Year 1 parents)

- Hosted by Assistant Principal (Ms. Choksy).
- Time: **8:45am – 9:30am**
- [CLICK HERE](#) to join the coffee morning.
- Zoom Meeting ID: 891 1526 3705 Passcode: year1OHS

## Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you had a good week and enjoyable weekend.

Thank you to parents who joining me for the online meeting to discuss our new food bank. With your help. I am very much looking forward to us launching the food bank very soon so we can serve the local needy community.

I really enjoyed the VIP Pizza Parties with nearly 70 VIP pupils over the past three Fridays. Pupils enjoyed fresh pizza, ice-cream, cake, balloons, nasheeds, funny jokes and impromptu performances. The next VIP Pizza party will take place together on the first Friday of every half term. The top three highest Class Charts point scorers will be invited! 😊

Alhamdulillah, our new modern audio-visual system was installed in the sports hall last week. This includes a large display screen, projector, four speakers and wireless microphones. This new equipment will significantly enhance our assemblies and parent meetings. We also look forward to the installation of our new library which should be completed by the end of the half term holidays, insha'Allah (God willing). We only have three weeks remaining until we reach the halfway point of the academic year.

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

## Parent/Carer Contact Forms

Every week, all parents from a different year group will be given a new contact form to fill in and return to school so that our admin team can update the school records for all pupils. It is essential that we have at least two up-to-date parent/carers contact details for all pupils. If you receive a new parent/carers contact form, then please complete and return it to the school office by **Monday** of the following week.

## Home School Agreement

Our Home School Agreement will be sent out to all pupils.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read our Home School Agreement. It is important that all parents confirm that they have read and understood it.

[CLICK HERE](#) to confirm you have read the Home School Agreement. This should be completed by ALL parents.

## Ride to School Week

Next Week will be *Ride to School Week* which means all children are encouraged to *Ride to School* every day this week either by bicycle or scooter. When pupils *Ride to School*, they will receive a Class Charts point every day and if they *Ride to School* for 3 or more days during the week, they will receive a *Ride to School* certificate on Friday. Please encourage your child to *Ride to School* this week even if means parking further away from the school and then riding to school.



## Pupil Attendance

Last week's attendance was **94.9%** which is slightly better than the previous week but lower than our target. Attendance in Year 1 was particularly poor (below 90%). The attendance target for all year groups is **97%** or above.

Year Group	% Present	Day	% Present
Reception	95.9%	Monday	95.3%
Year 1	89%	Tuesday	96.1%
Year 2	96%	Wednesday	93.7%
Year 3	94.2%	Thursday	94.8%
Year 4	96.4%	Friday	94%
Year 5	97.8%	Overall	94.9%
Year 6	95.3%		
Overall	94.9%		

Classes with highest attendance	% Present
Year 6 – Ibn Haarithah	96.4%
Year 5 – Ibn Amr	99.6%
Year 4 – Barakah	97.4%
Year 3 – Ibn Sa'd	95.1%
Year 2 – Ibn Zayd	98.1%
Year 1 – Ibn Thaabit	91.9%
Reception- Ibn Zubayr	97.6%

## Punctuality

Despite frequent reminders, we still have a number of children arriving late to school: Here are lates from last week:

Day	Total Lates
Monday	49
Tuesday	47
Wednesday	47
Thursday	60
Friday	38
Monday	49

## Procedures for Late Arrival

Here is a reminder of the procedures for late arrivals. Please read the following very carefully:

- All pupils must arrive to school via the playground gate by **8:30am**.
- If you and your child arrive to school after **8:30am**, then you are officially late and should go to the playground gate (not the front office entrance) where your child will be added to the late list by the admin team. You will also be required to explain your absence to the senior leader on duty which may also include the Principal.
- If you and your child arrive to school 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 in the school premises.
- 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.

## FREE Cycle Training

Hackney Council offer a variety of **free**, bespoke cycle skills activities for people who live, work or study in Hackney. Cycle skills sessions are available 7 days a week for all abilities and can be arranged at a time and place to suit you. The training is delivered by *Cycle Confident* and their team of fully qualified instructors.

For cycle training and cycle related activities offered in Hackney visit: <https://hackney.gov.uk/cycle-training>

## Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day will be taking place on **27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils will learn about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and the genocides that followed in Bosnia, in the hope that there may be *One Day* in the future no genocide. We learn more about the past, we empathise with others today, and we take action for a better future.


The Mayor of London (Sadiq Khan) is hosting a **FREE** online *Holocaust Memorial Day* event at the London Assembly. We wish to encourage all parents to take part:

- Date: **Monday 24 January 2022**
- Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm
- Online: [CLICK HERE](#) to join the event.

## Announcements from School Office

- Please can Reception parents return the *National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)* forms on **Monday** as measuring will take place on **26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.
- Spring2 lunch and breakfast payments are open and the deadline for payments is **4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. Any late payments will incur a £5 late payment fee per child.
- 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.

## Weather This Week

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				
6° 1°	6° 2°	7° 3°	8° 3°	9° 4°

All pupils should wear coats, hats and gloves as it is very cold.

## REMINDER: 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 £15,000 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.

## Reception Year Trip

Unfortunately, the Reception year trip that was scheduled for **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022** has been postponed due to staff shortages caused by Covid (and the school not yet being able to take on parent volunteers). We will provide information on the re-scheduled date very soon.

