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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Keep God in mind wherever you are; follow a wrong with a right that offsets it and treat people courteously."

"Beautiful Islam entails minding one's own business."

(Source: At-Tirmidhi)

Pupils will be taught that:

- The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught his followers that believers are those that do not concern themselves with other people's business.
- Being intent on delving into others' privacy allows suspicion to take root.
- Privacy is considered as important as integrity as this protects a person from disrespect and slander.
- Islam places safety nets to ensure that people's privacy is not trampled upon. These safety nets take the form of ethical values that the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) exemplified in his behaviour.

[CLICK HERE for KS1 Faith & Character Education Homework](#)

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National Sports Week & Sports Days

This week is National Sports Week. A reminder that we will have Sports Days this week.

- **Monday 20th June** – Year 4 (AM), Year 5 (PM)
- **Wednesday 22nd June** – Year 2 (AM), Year 3 (PM)
- **Thursday 23rd June** – Reception (AM), Year 1 (PM)
- **Friday 24th June** – Year 6 (AM)

All Sports Days will take place in *Hackney Downs Park* which a few minutes' walk from our school. Morning (AM) sessions will take place 9:15am – 11:15am and afternoon (PM) sessions will take place 12pm – 2pm.

The school timings will remain the same. Please drop off your child(ren) to the school at the usual time in the morning. Children will be ready to be collected at the same time from the school in the afternoon. Teachers will escort the pupils to *Hackney Downs Park* at the relevant times.

All children received a letter last week which also told them what group they will be in (**red**, **blue**, **white**, **orange**, **green**). Please try to encourage your child to wear a t-shirt in the colour they have been allocated. Children will also be wearing coloured stickers or wristbands.

Pupils are encouraged to bring with them the following:

- Water/Squash drink, it will be very warm!
- Healthy snacks, including plenty of fruit!
- PE kit, wearing their designated coloured top
- Sun lotion
- A packed lunch in a backpack (for those who are not school dinners). Pupils who normally have school dinners will be given a packed lunch from school.

Children will be able to refill their water bottles at the park.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you are having a restful weekend.

Many thanks to all parents who attended the parent coffee on *Friday* morning. Anyone who didn't attend, missed out on the masala chai and chocolate eclairs! 😊

The SEND team are now publishing a fortnightly SEND newsletter. The first issue can be read by [CLICKING HERE](#).

We have an exciting week ahead with Sports Days and end of year trips. Temperatures are likely to be in the high 20s again so please ensure your child brings a hat/cap to school.

I wish all of our Year 4 pupils a successful outcome with their Multiplication Timetable Check (MTC) this week.

Please plan your journeys to school in advance this week to avoid getting caught up in the Tube strikes and to ensure your child arrives to school on time. Have a great week! 😊

Year 4 Multiplication Timetables Check

Our Year 4 pupils have been practising their timetables for many months and this week will all take the national Multiplication Timetables Check (MTC).

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4 (in June). The purpose of the MTC is to make sure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level.

The MTC is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12. For every question they have 6 seconds to answer and in between the questions there is a 3-second rest. The questions are generated randomly based on the rules of the MTC. The check should only take 5 mins per child. Although there is no pass or fail in this check, we would like all of our pupils to score as high as possible. Results are automatically sent to the Department of Education (DfE).

You may wish to help your child at home by using the following website which pupils have been using at school:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Please ensure your child is in school everyday to avoid missing this important multiplication timetable check.

Trips this Week

- **Monday** – Reception (All) - London Zoo
 - **Wednesday** – Year 6 (Al-Harithah) – Laser Tag
- Please note that the Year 4 trip to Kidzania has been postponed to *Weds 20th July* due to the tube strike.
- **Thursday** - Year 3 (All) – British History Museum
- Year 5 (Ibn Amr) – Thames River Cruise

Laptops Returns

A number of parents have still not returned the laptops that the school loaned to them during the Covid lockdown. These laptops remain school property and must be returned immediately. Laptops should be returned to the school office.

Maths Week

At Olive Hackney, we aim to instil a love of Maths and encourage all children to become confident learners. It is important that children develop a positive attitude towards Maths and understand its use in everyday life.

Our annual Maths week will take place during **London Maths Week on 27th June - 1st July**.

This exciting week will be packed with fun Maths activities to inspire and motivate our pupils. We plan to target different focus areas linked to the real world during this week. Tasks will involve problem solving, reasoning and creative Maths. Each class will take part in workshops and a Maths themed hat competition! Full details in next week's parent bulletin.

Pupil Attendance

Last week's attendance was **95.5%**, which was lower than the previous week. Attendance was particularly poor in Year 1 and Year 5 last week. Unfortunately, we have had a number of cases where parents do not answer the phone when we call. Please note that as part of our Safeguarding duty, any persistent or unknown absence can result in an unannounced home visit by the Principal, a member of the senior leadership team and/or our Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

It is the duty of all parents to contact the school if their child is going to be absent from school. It is unacceptable to keep your child at home without informing the school.

We need an attendance figure of at least **97% every week**. Please ensure your child is in school every day and on time.

Group	% Present
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	92.2%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	95%
Overall	95.5%

Term Time Holidays

Please do not be tempted to take a holiday during term time. In almost all cases, your request for term time leave will be rejected (except in very exceptional circumstances).

The last day of school for this academic year is **Thursday 21st July 2022**. All pupils (except new reception pupils) will return back to school for the new academic year on **Thursday 1st September 2022**.

If you take term time leave, you risk receiving a significant fine which is calculated per child, per parent, and you also risk losing your child's place at the school.

Club Pick Ups

Unfortunately, we have a significant number of parents turning up very late to pick up their child(ren) from after school clubs. Any child who is persistently picked up late will be removed from the club.

We do not provide after school childcare and it is unfair for any parent to expect our staff to take part in unpaid childcare work which often results in them being late to pick up their own children from school, attend a school meeting or carry out other responsibilities outside of the school.

Ride to School Week

This 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.

Parent Consultation: Extending the school week

The Government has announced all schools in England must open for at least 32 hours 30 mins a week for all students.

At our school, we are currently open for:

- **Reception & Year 1** – 27 hours (8:30am – 2:30am on Mondays to Thursdays, 8:30am – 11:30am on Fridays)
- **Year 2 & Year 3** – 27 hours 50 mins (8:30am – 2:40am on Mondays to Thursdays, 8:30am – 11:40am on Fridays)
- **Year 4 & Year 5** – 28 hours 30 mins (8:30am – 2:50am on Mondays to Thursdays, 8:30am – 11:50am on Fridays)
- **Year 6** – 29 hours 30 mins (8:30am – 3:00am on Mondays to Thursdays, 8:30am – 12:00pm on Fridays)

Our current school timings fall significantly short of the government requirements and so we will need to extend our school week.

We have considered a number of ways to meet the Government's requirement. A letter which outlines our preferred option and how you can share your views on the proposal will be sent out to all parents on *Monday 20th June 2022*.

Tube Strikes

Transport for London (TfL) has announced tube strikes for this week which are likely to impact your journey to school on Tuesday – Friday. Please ensure that you check your route beforehand and leave much earlier than usual to ensure that your child is in school on time.

TfL website: <https://tfl.gov.uk/campaign/tube-strike>

We recommend that all parents/children consider walking or riding to school this week.

Free School Uniform 2022-23

The Olive School will provide free school uniform to each child who is entitled to benefits related Free School Meals. This includes a school uniform, P.E uniform, P.E bag and a book bag, free of charge.

Please collect a letter from the school office (letters will also be available on the leaflet rack in the entrance area) to claim your child's free school uniform voucher. The voucher will be a fixed amount of £60 per child. You can use this voucher with our uniform provider Stevensons: www.stevensons.co.uk. Please return the completed form to the school office by **8th July 2022**, anything after this date will not be accepted.