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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Love for humanity what you love for yourself."

(Source: Bukhari)

We will demonstrate to pupils the importance of doing good for humanity. Pupils will take part in our *Save the Charity of Pakistan Charity Appeal* (see page 2).

Meet & Greet

Over the next few weeks, we will be hosting *Meet & Greet* sessions for parents in all year groups. These sessions are an important opportunity for all parents to meet their child's class teacher and key members of the senior leadership team, including the Principal to hear about what your child will be learning this year. The sessions will take place in the Sports Hall on the following days:

- **Year 1** – Thurs 22nd September 2022, 3:15pm – 4:15pm
- **Year 2** – Tues 20th September 2022, 3:15pm – 4:15pm
- **Year 3** – Mon 19th September 2022, 3:15pm – 4:15pm
- **Year 4** – Thurs 8th September 2022, 3:15pm – 4:15pm
- **Year 5** – Tues 6th September 2022, 3:15pm – 4:15pm
- **Year 6** – Tues 13th September 2022, 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Breakfast Club

Registration for the breakfast is now closed. Breakfast club starts on **Monday 5th September 2022, 7:35am – 8:15am**. Pupils should arrive from the Lower Clapton Road entrance. Please ensure that your child is accompanied by an adult to the school entrance door.

School Uniform

A reminder that your child should come to school in full uniform. Trainers are not part of the school uniform and **must not** be worn in school. You will receive a phone call home and your child will receive a slip to take home if they fail to adhere to our uniform policy.

Please also note that girls should no longer wear the gingham summer dresses, instead they should wear the school pinafores. It is important that all children are dressed smartly and look professional at all times whilst at school.

After School Enrichment Clubs

Please note that due to the *Meet & Greet* sessions, we have decided to start the after-school enrichment clubs from the later date of **Monday 26th September 2022**.

We are in the process of setting up our after-school enrichment clubs and will send out registration details shortly. Please be aware that after school clubs should not be used as a childcare service. Pupils will only be permitted to attend a maximum of one after school club per week. This is to allow all pupils the opportunity to attend an after-school club. We are actively trying to find a childcare service provider to run a childcare service every day up until 6pm. We will update you in next week's parent bulletin.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope that you have had a good first week.

I was very pleased to see many of you at the school gates this week. I visited every class on both days and could see how excited the pupils are to be back at school.

All classes will be diving straight into our ambitious curriculum on *Monday*. Any absences will develop gaps in your child's learning. I am expecting the missing **85 pupils** to return to school by *Monday*. I am also looking forward to seeing our new reception pupils on *Thursday* and *Friday*.

Attendance

Unfortunately, attendance was very poor this week. On Thursday only **81%** of pupils attended school and on Friday only **84%** of pupils attended school. This means that **85 pupils** missed out on the first two days of school. The parents of most of these pupils did not contact the school to report their child's absence in advance. This is unacceptable and demonstrates complete disregard for the school rules, our home-school agreement and their child's education. A significant fine will be issued to most of these parents.

Thank you to all the parents who organised themselves and made extra effort to ensure their child(ren) attended school from the first day.

Class Charts Points

Class teachers have started issuing *Class Chart* points. Pupils can earn points for lots of good behaviours. Any negative behaviours will also be recorded. You will be able to see your child's points in real time by using the *Class Charts Parent* App. Next week, you will receive a printed sheet with instructions of how to download the *Class Charts Parent* App along with your unique username and password.

Parent Shura Council

We will be launching a *Parent Shura Council* shortly which will be made up of one parent per class (21 parents in total). These parents will meet with the Principal every half term (six times a year) to share their views and establish positive engagement between the parents and the school. Further details will be provided during the *Meet & Greet* sessions.

Parking in Churchyard

A reminder to all parents not to park in the Church car park or illegally block their gates (and fire exits). The Church gates are in constant use and must not be blocked at any time.

Due to the ongoing illegal parking, the school has had no choice but to spend money on traffic cones which will be placed near the Church building to remind parents not to park there. The Church has advised that they will be taking further action against the school if the illegal parking does not stop. If you care for the school and its future, please stop parking there immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Save the Children of Pakistan – Charity Appeal

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Assalaamu Alaikum (Peace be with you)

We are very grateful that every year, parents and pupils in Star schools raise impressive sums of money to alleviate poverty and suffering in the UK and beyond. During the blessed month of Ramadhaan, Star families raised over £150,000 for children and impoverished families in our local communities and across the world.

It is with a heavy heart that we ask for your support again.

Over the past two weeks, we have witnessed some of the most devastating scenes from flood affected areas of Pakistan.

According to authorities and charities in the country:

- 1350 people have lost their lives, including more than 300 children.
- 1 million houses have been washed away.
- 50 million people have become homeless.
- 90% of their crops have been damaged.
- 900,000 livestock are dead.
- Up to a quarter of the country is underwater.

As this humanitarian disaster unfolds, we are launching an emergency appeal across our family of schools throughout the UK to support the children of Pakistan and their families who are facing this terrible crisis. Our giving is co-ordinated by Shine, our sister charity, who will ensure that donations are used directly to benefit people in need.

Please donate as generously as you are able towards this campaign. You may donate Zakah and non-Zakah donations and you may also donate your Zakah in advance. ParentPay donations will be set up by **Monday 5th September 2022**. The deadline for donations is **Friday 16th September 2022**. This is to ensure that our donations reach the affected children and their families as soon as possible.

I pray that you are rewarded abundantly for your kindness and request your prayers for peace, comfort and harmony for all vulnerable people and places across our world.

Yours sincerely,

Babar Mirza
Principal

