

Parent Bulletin

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Bank Holiday

As you will already be aware, the school will be closed on **Monday 19th September 2022** due to the Queen's State Funeral which will be taking place on that day (bank holiday).

School will resume on **Tuesday 20th September 2022**.



Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Allah is pleased with His servant who eats a meal and praises Him for it and takes a drink and praises Him for it."

(Source: Muslim)

Aim: To show Allah's immense blessings on the Earth: the natural world and the abundant food it produces for humans and animals. To reinforce that gratitude is a central part of our faith.

Faithful Stars Homework

Every week, all pupils will be set homework based on the *Hadith of the Week*. [CLICK HERE](#) for this week's homework.

Attendance

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Meet & Greet

The following *Meet & Greet* sessions for parents will be taking place next week:

- **Tuesday 20th September**, 3:15pm – 4:15pm - Year 2 Meet & Greet
- **Thursday 22nd September**, 3:15pm – 4:15pm - Year 1 Meet & Greet

Due to the bank holiday, we have re-scheduled the Year 3 Meet & Greet session to **Monday 26th September**, 3:15pm – 4:15pm.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy which needs to be filled. We will send out full details of how you can apply next week. Details will also be included in next week's parent bulletin.

Save the Children of Pakistan Charity Appeal

We raised a total of **£863** for the children of Pakistan. We wish to thank all pupils and parents who donated for this very important cause. All funds will be go to the *Shine Charity*.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

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Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

Thank you to Year 6 parents who took part in the *Meet and Greet* session on *Tuesday*. I wish to also thank parents for supporting our *Pakistan Flood campaign*.

Please read this bulletin carefully as there are many important announcements and registration form links.

I often need to make difficult decisions and judgement calls. It is impossible to predict the future or please everyone. I hope that you will know me by now and trust my intentions.

I am fully committed to educating our pupils within our faith ethos. Let us not allow anything to fragment our unity or love for each other. Let's think the best of each other and follow the example of the best of creation, the best of all role models and examples, our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Please forgive me for my shortcomings. May Allah bless our Olive family and keep our children, parents and staff steadfast and successful. Ameen. Please keep us all in your du'as (prayers). Have a great bank holiday weekend.

Jeans for Genes Day

We will be taking part in *Jeans for Genes Day* on **Friday 23rd September**. Jeans for Genes Day is all about raising money to help children in the UK with genetic disorders. On this day, pupils and staff are encouraged to wear jeans or denim and make donations of £1/£2. All donations should be made via ParentPay. We cannot accept any cash donations.

Parent Shura Council

Thank you to the parents who registered to join the *Parent Shura Council*. We will contact these parents next week. For classes where there was interest from more than one parent, we will draw a random name from a hat. We will then have one parent rep from each class. Our parent reps will then be sent dates for the half termly *Parent Shura Council* meetings that will take place this year.

A full list of *Parent Shura Council* members will be listed in next week's parent bulletin.

After School Enrichment Clubs

After-school enrichment clubs will start from **Monday 26th September 2022**. Registration is now open.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to register your **Rec, Y1 and Y2** child
- [CLICK HERE](#) to register your **Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6** child

Each club will accept a maximum of 15 pupils. Please be aware that 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. However, please select three clubs in case your first choice/second choice is not available. You will receive confirmation a message by Friday if your child has been accepted into a club.

After School Childcare

We have been in discussions with *Tree Tops Clubs (Part of the UK Childcare Group)* to provide wraparound childcare provision for our school.

They require at **17 pupils** took book per day to consider re-opening this service at our school. Please be aware that the service will include:

- Childcare from 3pm to 4pm with no meal (they bring snack from home) costing £5 per session.
- Childcare from 3pm - 6pm with halal meal costing £9 per session.
- Only block bookings of at least half a term will be accepted although parents can increase their booking at any time.

If the above is of interest to you and you wish to register your interest, please [CLICK HERE](#) and complete the form by **Wednesday 21st September 2022**.

Walk to School Week

It is *Walk/Ride to School Week* at our school next week. We will only have one *Walk/Ride to School Week* per half term. Please encourage your child to walk or ride to school. They will receive points every day and if they walk/ride to school for at least two days they will receive a special certificate.

Nasheeds

During this half term, every child will be learning a different musical skill through nasheeds. Please can you help your child to practice the following nasheeds which will help them during their weekly music lesson:

- Year 1 – [A is for Allah](#)
- Year 2 – [Sing, Children of the World](#)
- Year 3 – [Mercy Like the Rain](#)
- Year 4 – [Ya Allah](#)
- Year 5 – [Maula Ya Salli](#)
- Year 6 – [Al-Qasida Al Muhammadiyah](#)

Adhan (call to prayer)

We are pleased to say that we have installed a tannoy broadcast system across the school. Every classroom, office, hall and outdoor space has a speaker that is connected to our broadcast system. We now broadcast the adhan across the school at 1:05pm every day for all pupils and staff to hear.

Trips/Visit Next Week

- *Tues 20th Sept* - Science Museum (Y5 Ibn Al Awwaam)
- *Weds 21st Sept* – Science Museum (Y5 Ibn Amr)
- *Thurs 22nd Sept* - Ten Pin Bowling (SEND pupils in Y4 – Y6)
- *Thurs 22nd Sept* – Science Museum (Y5 Ibn Masood)
- *Every Friday this half term* – Swimming for Y6 Girls

Star Readers

Reading plays an important role in every stage of your child's development. Learning new words and seeing them used in different contexts can help your child to improve their vocabulary, as well as their language and comprehension skills. This in turn will help your child to become a more proficient writer, who can use and apply words with confidence, accuracy, and flair.

Authors use a wide variety of literary techniques to foster our engagement and sustain our interest. Exposing children to the work of as many writers as possible helps them to discover characters that intrigue and inspire them, plots they can relate to, and genres that they love.

Reading also helps children to develop their social and cultural capital by giving them access to new ideas and experiences and encouraging them to empathise with people and characters from all walks of life.

Star delivers a number of exciting initiatives to promote the joys and benefits of reading to all our pupils. I am particularly proud of our Star Readers initiative. The Star Readers initiative provides a lists of recommended reading books across a number of genres and disciplines. The books are challenging, interesting and varied. They have been selected to give pupils windows into other people's worlds, promote discussion and build reading resilience.

In our Star Readers Primary Edition, we have searched through the best of contemporary and classic children's literature to provide a list of recommended and age-appropriate reading for each year group.

Your child has been provided with a copy of the Star Readers recommended reading list to bring home with them and we hope you will get involved with the initiative by encouraging them to read as many of the books as possible. If you already own some of the books featured on the reading list, we would be grateful if you could donate any used copies to the school to enable other children to enjoy them.

To monitor pupils' progress and development, there will be a special Star Readers Awards Ceremony organised in each school to celebrate pupils' commitment to reading. All pupils who read at least 10 books from the recommended reading list over the course of the academic year will be awarded a prestigious Star Readers certificate.

We hope you can find the time to read some of the books with your child and discuss the themes and content with them. Thank you in advance for your support with this important initiative.

Please click on the links below to see a checklist of Star Reader books for each year group:

RECEPTION
YEAR ONE
YEAR TWO
YEAR THREE

YEAR FOUR
YEAR FIVE
YEAR SIX

