

Parent Bulletin

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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Richness is not in plenty of provisions. The real richness is the richness of the soul." (Source: Bukhari/Muslim)

Teaching of the week: Having richness in your heart and actions is better than being rich with money.

Faithful Stars Homework

[CLICK HERE](#) for this week's homework which is on the theme of looking after nature.

Attendance

This week's attendance was **95%**. Well done to Year 2, 3, 5 and 6 who had the highest attendance. We need more improvement from Year 1 and 4. Reception had the lowest attendance this week. Our whole school target is **97%**.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	91%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%
Overall	95%

Please be aware that it is an offence for your child to be absent from school without a valid reason and that it is only the school that can determine if an absence from school is 'authorised' or 'unauthorised'. There are parents who are not adhering to the school policy for reporting absences and as a result the school office are chasing up these parents. This is very time consuming and not a productive use of time. Please note that if no reason/evidence for absences is provided within 5 days of the first day of absence then it will be recorded as an 'Unauthorised Absence'. For unauthorised absences, the local governing body reserves the right to apply to the local authority to issue a penalty notice (fine) or remove a child from the roll of the school for extended absences. It is the responsibility of the Principal, not the parent/carer, to decide whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised. Such decisions will be made in accordance with government regulations and guidance. There has been a rise in the number of appointments during school time. Please ensure that all appointments, where possible, are arranged after school. Where it is not possible to arrange an appointment after school evidence needs to be provided to the school. This can be in the form of a letter or SMS message detailing the patient's name, date and time of the appointment. If a child has an appointment in the morning, then please do try to ensure they attend the afternoon session.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

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Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

Thank you to Year 3 parents who attended the final *Meet and Greet* session on *Monday* and to the new *Parent Shura Council* who met with me on earlier today. We have a great *Parent Shura Council*, and I am confident that we will be able to achieve many great things together this year, insha'Allah. Thank you also to all parents for encouraging your child(ren) to take part in the *MacMillan Coffee Morning*.

We will be taking part in *World Teacher Day* on **Wednesday 5th October** and will say a big thank you to all our wonderful teachers who work tremendously hard every day. Feel free to join us. In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend.

Useful Email Addresses

Many parents have asked for class email addresses:

- [CLICK HERE](#) for all class email addresses.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for email addresses for Senior Leader links for each year group.

Please wait at least 48 hours for a reply to any emails.

After School Enrichment Clubs

All after school clubs will start next week (except for Somali Language Club). All parents who made a booking have already received a text message to confirm their child's place in the club. [CLICK HERE](#) for a list of all the after-school clubs.

Please do not send your child to any club unless you have received a confirmation text message. The pick-up time for all after clubs is **3:45pm**. If you are persistently late in picking up your child, then your child will be removed from the club.

Football Team

We are in the process of creating the Year 6 football teams. We will have try-outs on **Tuesday 4th October** for Year 6 boys, and **Wednesday 5th October** for Year 5/6 girls. [CLICK HERE](#) to register a place for your child.

Year 5 Basket Ball Club

We are launching a Year 5 Basketball Club after school every Thursday. The first session will begin on **Thursday 6th October**. Spaces will be given out on a first come first served basis. [CLICK HERE](#) to register a place for your child.

Choir Club

If your child enjoys singing and wishes to join the choir club on Wednesdays, then please [CLICK HERE](#) to register your child.

Parent Shura Council

We had an excellent first *Parent Shura Council* meeting on Friday. We will meet regularly over the course of this year. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the list of *Parent Shura Council* members. We still have a vacancy in *Year 5 Ibn Al-Awwaam*. Please [CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested in being nominated.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for encouraging your children to take part in the *MacMillan Coffee Morning*. Please donate £1 to the *MacMillan Cancer Support* charity via ParentPay.



Black History Month

We will be taking part in *Black History Month* during the first 2 weeks of October.

Your child will be given the opportunity to learn more about Black history through lessons, Art and Music. We have put together some engaging tasks for the children to complete over the next two weeks.



School Office

If your child has an appointment/lost their water bottle/ book bag etc, please give a hand-written note to your child to hand to the teacher in the morning.

If your child is absent, please could you call the office or email attendance@olivehackney.staracademies.org with the reason for your absence.

Tapestry Platform (Reception)

Thank you to Reception parents who attended the Tapestry workshop this week. All parents have now been sent an activation email from Tapestry. Please follow the instructions in the email to set up your parent account. This will enable you to view the entries in your child's learning journal throughout the year. Please speak to the Reception team or Mrs Mukadam if you have any problems with setting up your account.

Parent Parking Badly

Here is an email that we have received from a resident of *Sutton Square*:

"I live and pay rent to HML managing agents at Sutton Square on Urswick Rd (adjacent to St Johns Church rd). One of the parents with car reg LG10ZGM, parks to collect his children from your school. This has been noted previously and I like to remind you that your school got through planning at Hackney on the basis that ALL parents would walk/ cycle etc and not add to the already polluted square where I live! Please do remind all parents that they should NOT be parking on private estates."



We have also received an email from a resident of *Sutton Place* who says that Olive School parents are parking and causing congestion on Sutton Place. **EX13 GPJ** and **RAZ 5999**.

Please do not use Sutton Square/Place for parking.



Parent Governor Vacancy (Reminder)

Our Local Accountability Board (LAB) are seeking to appoint a Parent Governor.

Becoming a Parent Governor is an excellent opportunity to focus on your professional development and to gain experience of contributing to the strategic development of the school. This role provides the opportunity for you to work closely with other experienced professionals to drive the school's priorities forward and to have open discussions, offering challenge and support to Senior Leaders. Star Academies delivers a training and development programme to all Governors and can support those with no Governor experience and those wishing to develop further in their Governor role.

Eligible parents are invited to put their name forward as a nominee. You will find the Nomination Form and details of who is eligible to be appointed as a Parent Governor below.

- A Parent Governor is not to represent the school's staff members, nor will they be held to account alongside the school's Senior Leadership Team by the Accountability Board. A Parents Governor's commitments include (but are not limited to):
- Making every effort to attend the four meetings of the Accountability Board
- Preparing for meetings by reading reports and papers distributed in advance of the meetings
- Attending training to increase knowledge, skills, and ability to deliver duties and responsibilities
- Agreeing to the Code of Conduct for Members, Trustees and Governors
- Reading the Star Governance and Accountability Framework, and any relevant statutory information deemed essential and shared by the Governance Team
- Keeping informed on developments within the school
- Exhibiting knowledge on your specialism area to strategically help the direction of the school

If you would like to become a Parent Governor, [CLICK HERE](#) to download the form and email to info@olivehackney.staracademies.org by **Friday 7th October 2022**. Once the nomination process is complete, if there is more than one nomination an election will be triggered, and further details will be sent. If you would like more information on the process or for more details on the role of a Parent Governor, please contact the Star Governance Team (governance@staracademies.org)