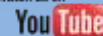


Parent Bulletin

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Back to School

Following the half term holidays, school will re-open for all pupils on **Monday 31st October 2022**.

Please ensure that your child returns to school on time in full school uniform.

Please note that trainers are not part of the school uniform and must not be worn, except on PE days.



Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"The life of this world is sweet and green, Allah appointed you as His representatives in it so that He may try you in respect of your actions." (Source: Muslim)

Teaching of the week: Allah has made the earth beautiful and green, and we are responsible in taking care of it.

Attendance

The overall pupil attendance since the start of the academic year was **94.3%**. **120 pupils (19% of all pupils)** had attendance which was less than **90%**.

These figures are simply unacceptable. Parents have a legal, moral and Islamic duty to ensure that their child(ren) attend school every day on time.

In the home-school agreement, all parents have agreed to the following:

- **"I will ensure my child attends school every day and arrives on time."**
- **"I will organise family holidays outside of term time so that no learning in school is missed".**

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full home-school agreement.

Parents who fail to maintain good attendance are seriously jeopardising their child's education and future. This is a form of neglect as they are denying their child(ren) an education.

If a child is not in school, we cannot teach them. Please ensure that you complete your duty and bring your child to school every day on time before **8:30am**. Any later than this is late.

As you can see from the table below, all year groups except Year 2 and 4 have poor attendance.

Attendance must significantly improve this half term. Any pupils with less than **90%** will receive a phone call home from a member of the senior leadership team and/or Principal.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	91.4%
Year 1	93.4%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	94.9%
Overall	94.3%

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful half term break.

We will be starting our **Parent Coffee Afternoons** every **Monday, 2pm – 2:45pm**. Next week, I will be hosting the first parent coffee afternoon. Please join me on **Monday 31st October 2022**, at **2pm – 2:45pm** (please arrive from the Old Police Station entrance). We can talk about any general topics you wish (over tea/coffee). I would love to hear your ideas.

Please remember to set your clocks on Sunday morning as clocks go back by one hour and we all gain an extra hour of sleep, alhamdulillah! ☺

Enjoy the rest of the holidays and I will see you on Monday.

Revised School Calendar 2022-23

Following our consultation with all governors, staff and parents, who overwhelmingly preferred to revise our school calendar (selecting option B), we have now revised our calendar to reflect these changes.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the revised 2022-23 calendar.

Reception Reading Café

We would like to invite Reception parents to attend our Reading café on **Tuesday 1st November** from **8:20am – 8:40am**. This is a great opportunity for parents to enjoy a book with their child in their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Reception Parents: Can you help?

As part of our topic next term 'Superheroes Around Us', pupils will be creating 3D models of buildings from our local community. We are in need of recyclable materials for junk modelling such as cardboard boxes, egg cartons, plastic packaging, cereal boxes, empty kitchen roll, plastic bottles (washed). Please can pupils bring recyclable materials into school after the half term holiday.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder to return your completed parent governor ballot paper to the office by **Friday 4th November 2022**.

Parents will not be able to get a replacement copy of ballot paper if lost, so please keep them safe. Please read the instructions carefully.

All three candidates will be invited to count the votes once the deadline has passed and an announcement of who has been elected will be made thereafter.

Year 6 Swimming

It is now the turn of our Year 6 boys to have swimming lessons every Friday morning. A letter will be sent out to their parents on Monday/Tuesday with full details. The Year 6 girls will stay in school for their weekly PE lesson.

Parents' Evening

Our parents' evenings will be taking place on two evenings:

- **Monday 7th November 2022, 3:15pm - 6pm**
- **Thursday 10th November 2022, 3:15pm - 6pm**

All parents will receive a text message this week for each of their children. Parents will be given an opportunity to select a meeting time on a first come first serve basis. All meetings will take place in person (at school) and last up to 10mins.

Open Evening for New Reception

Our annual *Open Evening* for new Reception parents will be held on **Thursday 17th November 2022, 5:00-6:30pm**. The application window for new reception in September 2023 is now open and closes on **15th January 2023**.

Parking in Church Car Park

Thank you to parents who all followed our instructions not to park in the Church car park last week. We expect all parents to continue to avoid parking in the Church car park whether our Principal (Mr. Mirza) is standing on duty or not.

Year 6 Booster Sessions

The Year 6 booster sessions (before and after school) will restart on **Monday 31st October**. It is extremely important that your child attends all the sessions that they have been allocated. These sessions will make a difference to your child's SATs results.

Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Update

Teachers have started to review the school provision maps (StarMaps) for all SEND pupils in the school. Online meetings will be held between class teachers and parents during **w/c 7th November 2022** before provision maps are updated. Parents of SEND pupils will receive a meeting invitation via text this week. Parents will be given an opportunity to select an online meeting time.

We will also start conducting Annual Review Meetings (ARMs) for all pupils with an EHCP this half term. All teachers and parents with EHCP pupils will be involved in this process. Further details will be provided to individual parents directly.

Super Seerah Spirituality Day Exhibition 2022

We hope you enjoyed our wonderful Seerah exhibition promoting the life of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Thank you to all of the pupils and teachers who took part. Our local Jewish Primary School (Simon Marks) also visited the exhibition.

