

# Parent Bulletin

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## Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

*"Modesty is from faith"* (Source: Bukhari)

*"Modesty is part of faith and fosters only goodness"*

(Source: Muslim)

*"Allah does not like pride"* (Source: Abu Dawood)

**Teaching of the week:** Being modest is better than being arrogant and showing off.

**Faith & Character Education (FCE)** homework for this week:

[CLICK HERE](#) for KS1 homework

[CLICK HERE](#) for KS2 homework

## Attendance

This week's overall attendance was **94%**. Reception attendance was very poor as was Year 1, 3, 4 and 6. Well done to Year 2 who had 97% attendance and Year 5 for 96% attendance. We must see immediate improvement in attendance from other year groups next week.

| Year Group | % Present |
|------------|-----------|
| Reception  | 88%       |
| Year 1     | 94%       |
| Year 2     | 97%       |
| Year 3     | 94%       |
| Year 4     | 94%       |
| Year 5     | 96%       |
| Year 6     | 94%       |
| Overall    | 94%       |

## Lockdown Practice Drill

We conducted a lockdown practice drill which lasted 2 mins on *Wednesday*. A lockdown is the opposite to a fire evacuation. In an emergency, instead of leaving the school building we stay in the school building, in our classrooms/offices, and lock the doors. The purpose of a lockdown is to keep us all safe if there is something or someone dangerous inside the school (not a fire). Our lockdown procedures aim to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all learners, staff and visitors.

We conducted an assembly for all pupils before the lockdown practice drill to explain to pupils what a lockdown is and what to do in the event of a lockdown, and to reassure pupils that there was nothing for them to worry about.

We will be conducting another lockdown practice drill in 2-3 weeks' time. We will inform all parents beforehand and deliver another assembly to all pupils explaining any updates to our procedures.

One important update that will be communicating to pupils is that if they are in the toilets when the lockdown siren sounds, they must quickly go into the nearest classroom rather than staying inside one of the toilet cubicles.

## Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

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Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have all had a good week.

Thank you to parents who attended our Parent Coffee Afternoons on *Mondays*. Please continue to attend these important weekly sessions to develop your partnership with our teachers.

I am very concerned about the attendance in some classes. If your child is not in school, they will miss a lot on their learning. We have end of term assessments for all subjects in two weeks' time to check how much progress all pupils have made this term.

Reception pupils also have *Early Learning Goals (ELGs)* to meet by June 2023. If they are absent from school, there is very little chance they will achieve *Good Level of Development (GLD)*. This could impact on their entire primary education. Please ensure your child is in school every day so they are not missing out on any learning and perform well in the upcoming end of term assessment tests.

## FIFA World Cup 2022

As part of our football World Cup activities, we will be beginning our inter school football tournament next week. PE lessons have been increased to two hours to cater for this, which has meant a slight change to the PE days. Please see below the PE timetable for next week only. Some year groups will have a two-hour block lesson and other year groups will have two 1 hour lessons. Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit on the following days:

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Monday    | Year 5 & Reception |
| Tuesday   | Year 4 & Reception |
| Wednesday | Year 2             |
| Thursday  | Year 3 & Year 1    |
| Friday    | Year 6 & Year 1    |



## School Photographs

Pupils have now had their photographs taken (unless you requested for them not to have photos taken). All photos will now be updated to our school system. If you wish to purchase your child's photograph, then please read page 3 of this bulletin.

## Parent Coffee Afternoon (for Year 2 Parents)

Our weekly parent coffee afternoon will take place on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**November** at **1:30pm - 2:20pm**. Year 2 parents are invited to attend and speak with our Year 2 teachers. Please enter from the old Police Station entrance.



## Behaviour Focus

We have a behaviour focus each week. Please encourage your child to adhere to the behaviour expectations of our school.

This week the behaviour focus is: **Behaviour during lessons.**

Strapline: **Ready to learn.** Pupils are expected to:

- Sit where they are asked to sit
- Remain in their seat for the duration of the lesson
- Listen actively to the teacher and peers when they speak
- Take turns when speaking during class discussion
- Track the teacher (look at the teacher)

## Reading at Home

At Olive Hackney, we take pride in the provision we provide to promote reading. This practice must continue at home for pupils to fully benefit from our offer. Our vision is to promote 'World Class Book Culture'. Please make sure you listen to your child read for at least 20 minutes every day. Your child brings two books home. A book matched to their reading level and a book to read for pleasure. Please find the time to read with them. We want our pupils to move on from Olive as fluent, insightful, discerning and enthusiastic readers ready for secondary. Please support us with our vision.

## Winter Festive Gift Programme

We will be taking part in our annual 'Winter Festive Gift Programme'. This is a charitable project to provide support for our neighbours and our community who are struggling financially. We will be collecting the money donated by parents, and we will be buying non-perishable foods such as rice, sugar, flour, oil, tea, coffee, canned foods, UHT milk and juices. **Please donate via ParentPay. The deadline for these donations is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.**



## School Office

### Reporting Absences

- If your child has an appointment in the morning and will not be in for morning registration, please inform the office by either calling 0207 683 7436 or sending an email to [attendance@olivehackney.staracademies.org](mailto:attendance@olivehackney.staracademies.org)
- Please try to book all medical appointments after school however, if you need to collect your child from school early due to an appointment and you are aware beforehand either via letter from GP/ Hospital etc please inform the office and class teacher in advance. You can send in a handwritten note with your child to give to the teacher stating what time you will be collecting your child. If no note is provided, there may be a delay in your child coming to the office. Medical evidence will be requested to be seen by office staff before releasing your child.
- If an emergency has occurred and you need to collect your child, please call up the office whilst on your way. If you do not call-in advance, there may be a delay in your child coming to the office.
- If your child will be collected by anyone not mentioned on the Collection List, please inform the office by 1pm either via email/phone.
- Please note the correct school phone number is 0207 683 7436. Our general queries mailbox is: [info@olivehackney.staracademies.org](mailto:info@olivehackney.staracademies.org)

### Reception 2023 Admissions

- Parents of children joining Reception in September 2023 must complete their local authority's application form by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Please complete the form fully and include details of siblings and/or if you are employed at the school, where appropriate.
- If you are applying as a Staff member for your child to start school either Primary or Secondary, please could you let Ms. Juveriyah Bismillah know if you are applying for your child's admission into any of our (STAR) schools for admission in September 2023. Please include your full name, Position held in school and start date, your child's full name, date of birth, full address, and the name of the school for which you are applying and remember to submit this information before the deadline for applications (Primary- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023).
- The email address to contact or reply to is: [admissions@olivehackney.staracademies.org](mailto:admissions@olivehackney.staracademies.org).
- Please note, you need to still apply through your Local Authority's application forms clearly stating you are a Staff Member with 1<sup>st</sup> Preference for your chosen school.
- You will only be notified of the outcome of your application on National Offer Day. Any applications submitted after the deadline will be classed as late and will only be considered after all applications which were received within the timeframe stated above. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Juveriyah Bismillah in the school office.

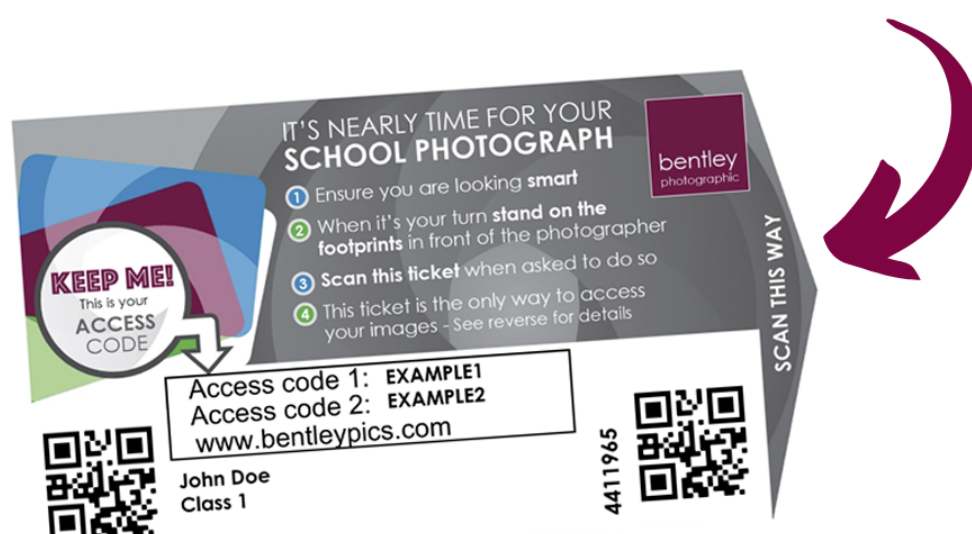
### General

Please avoid dropping off water bottles / breakfast items / forgotten packed lunches, PE shoes amongst other things to the school office to hand to your child(ren). Please ensure your child(ren) remembers everything for their school day in the mornings. We have had an increase in items being dropped off to the office. Office staff are unable to complete their tasks (which includes answering important telephone calls) when items are constantly being dropped off all day for them to hand to classes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

# HELLO!

Your child(ren) has had their **official school photograph** taken today, so look out for the unique ticket they were given by our photographer.

## IT LOOKS LIKE THIS



This ticket is the only way to access the images; simply use the details on the ticket to register and as soon as they are ready to view, you will receive a notification.

If you are having difficulty placing an order or have misplaced your child's ticket, please contact our helpful customer support team via email at [support@bentleyphoto.com](mailto:support@bentleyphoto.com)

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