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Winter School Holidays

The Winter school holidays have now started. It is important for all parents to make a note of when school re-opens for the Spring term. School will re-open for all pupils on

Wednesday 4th January 2023. Please ensure that your child(ren) returns to school on time as any term time absences could lead to a significant fine.



Attendance

This week's overall attendance was **85%**. The overall attendance for this half term (HT2) was **93%** and the overall attendance since the start of the academic year was **94%**.

Whilst we are aware that many pupils and adults have been unwell with flu/cold and the weather has been particularly challenging this week, it is important that we avoid any unnecessary or casual absences which ultimately harms your child's education. Pupils must return to school as soon as they are well enough. Any unauthorised absences could result in a significant fine.

Our end of year attendance target is **97%** which means attendance needs improve significantly next term.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	81%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	84%
Year 3	89%
Year 4	88%
Year 5	79%
Year 6	83%
Overall	85%
Autumn 2 Term overall	93%
Autumn term overall	94%

Winter Holiday Homework

Following feedback from our *Parent Shura Council*, we have changed the holiday homework to allow pupils to be a little more creative. The Winter holiday homework includes:

- A theme for each year group where pupils design, draw or building something useful based on the theme.
- Watching a video based on the theme.
- Learning the meaning of a list of vocabulary based on the theme.
- Creating a colourful poster which includes the top 5 facts about the companions of the Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) who our classes are named after.
- A poster competition helping to promote the importance of being visible during the darker Winter months.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the homework for all year groups.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

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Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you). We have all made it to the final day of the Autumn term. It has been a challenging yet productive term. Thank you for your support and encouragement as we collectively ensure that our children benefit from the best possible education within a safe and nurturing environment.

Today we say farewell to our site supervisor, *Mr. Abdulqadir Mukadam* and our Year 3 teacher, *Ms. Shazeda Begum* who will be leaving our school after a combined service of 14 years! I wish to thank them both for their hard work and dedication over the years and wish them every success in the next stage of their journeys and careers.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your tremendous efforts this term and I wish you all an enjoyable and restful winter break. Wa'assalam. 😊

Starlight Magazine

We are pleased to share the latest issue of Starlight, Star Academies magazine for colleagues, parents, governors and friends of the Star community. Starlight shares news of some of the key achievements, innovative initiatives and local activities from across the Star community.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the latest Starlight Magazine

End of Term Letter from CEO (Mufti Hamid Patel)

[CLICK HERE](#) to read a letter that was sent out earlier this week from our Chief Executive (*Mufti Hamid Patel*) with an end of term message for all parents.

Consultation on New School Timings

- A reminder that we have launched a consultation to extend the school week following statutory DfE guidance to ensure our school is open for 32.5 hours a week.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for download the consultation pack.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to provide feedback on the consultation.
- We have launched a dedicated email address should you wish to share any additional feedback on the proposal: consultation@olivehackney.staracademies.org
- The consultation is about hearing from all stakeholders (parents, staff, governors and the community).
- Please avoid sending your feedback directly to the Principal or Star Academies. Please only use the links above.
- The consultation ends on **Monday 9th January 2023.**

Hackney Stars Awards

Do you know a brilliant teacher or wonderful member of support staff? Hackney Council has recently opened nominations for Hackney Schools Stars 2022/23 and we would like you think about spending a short amount of time nominating your fantastic staff. For more information and the categories, please [CLICK HERE](#). Deadline: **31st January 2023.**