

Parent Bulletin

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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"A kind word is charity." (Source: Bukhari and Muslim)

Teaching of the week: Using kind words is like giving charity.

Faith & Character Education Homework on the theme of Planting Trees: [CLICK HERE](#)

National Teachers' Strike

Whilst there will be a National Teachers' strike on **Wednesday 1st February 2023** and some of our teachers will be joining the strike action, our school will be able to cover any teacher absences and therefore **SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN AS NORMAL** for all pupils on that day. The only part of the day that will be cancelled is breakfast club and after school clubs / boosters on that day. Please ensure you send your child into school.

Attendance

Unfortunately, our attendance this week fell to **93%**. Attendance was lowest in *Reception, Year 2, 3 and 4*. We are aware that a number of pupils have been unwell. Please ensure that you send your child back to school as soon as they are well enough.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	90%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	95%
Overall	93%

We have restarted monitoring pupils who have been late to school. Any child who arrives to their classroom/first lesson after **8:30am** will be marked late. Here is a breakdown of lates from this week.

Day	Lates
Monday	77
Tuesday	71
Wednesday	54
Thursday	41
Friday	28

We sent out a letter on Monday reminding all parents of when the school day begins. The school day begins at **8:30am** and not any later. Please ensure your child arrives on time.

Parents Coffee Afternoon (for Reception Parents)

Our weekly parent coffee afternoon will take place on **Monday 30th January at 1:30pm - 2:20pm**. Reception parents are invited to attend and speak with our Reception teachers. Please enter from the old Police Station entrance. You will not be able to enter after 1:45pm so please be on time.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

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Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have all had a good week.

Please accept my apologies, as I have not been at school for most of the week. Unfortunately, I have been very unwell with some type of virus. Alhamdulillah, I am on the mend and hope to be back at school on *Monday*. I will get back to any parents who have sent me queries or issues to address.

Consultation on New School Timings

Apologies for the delay in sending out details for the new consultation. We are still in discussions with Star Academies and hope to launch a new consultation next week. A letter with full details will be sent out to all parents and staff shortly.

Ride/Walk to School

Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to ride or walk to school this week. Here is a breakdown of journeys taken. Well done to Year 3 and 5 for the highest number journeys by bike, scooter or walk. Participating pupils will receive certificates next week if they have not yet received them already.

Year Group	Ride/Walk
Reception	124
Year 1	126
Year 2	100
Year 3	260
Year 4	136
Year 5	208
Year 6	74
Overall	1028

SEND Ambassadors

We are looking for a group of parents who would be willing to become SEND ambassadors for the school. They will be provided with training to support other parents in our school who have children with Special Educational Needs. If you are interested, please can you email our SEND team on: send@olivehackney.staracademies.org

School Office

Please can Reception & Year 1 parents return their dental fluoride forms by **9.00am** on *Wednesday*.

Year 6 Mock SATS

All Year 6 pupils will be taking practice SATS papers for Reading and Maths next week. Please ensure that your child is fully focussed, on time and attends school every day.

Please note that over 75% of all Year 6 pupils have been receiving regular boosters and extra intervention from our school. We have 16 booster classes and extra intervention classes taking place before school, after school and on Saturdays, providing our Year 6 pupils with the best possible opportunity to succeed.