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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"You must speak the truth for the truth leads to virtue and the virtue leads to paradise."

(Source: Bukhari & Muslim)

Teaching of the week: We should be honest and truthful.

Attendance

Attendance was better in most year groups this week. The overall attendance was **96%** this week. We are moving in the right direction. Well done to Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 who had the best attendance this week. The challenge is to keep the attendance high for the rest of the year.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	96%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	97%
Overall	96%

Lateness remains an issue. *Thursday* and *Friday* were particularly poor this week. Please ensure your child is in school no later than **8:30am** every day.

Day	Pupils arrived between 8:30am - 8:45am	Pupils arrived at 8:45am onwards	Total Pupils late
Mon	45	5	50
Tues	40	2	42
Weds	15	5	20
Thurs	56	11	67
Fri	54	4	58

Parents Coffee Afternoon (for Year 4 Parents)

Our weekly parent coffee afternoon will take place on **Monday 6th March at 1:30pm - 2:20pm**. Year 4 parents are invited to attend and speak with our Year 4 teachers. Please enter from the old Police Station entrance. You will not be able to enter after 1:45pm so please be on time.

Details about the Year 4 visit to the local church (on 8th and 9th March) will also be discussed.

SEND Parent Forum

We are launching a new *SEND Parent Forum* who will meet on the 3rd week of every half term. We will meet on **Tuesday 7th March, 1:30pm - 2:30pm**. We strongly encourage all parents who have pupils with SEND to attend, particularly those with an EHCP. Ms. Moses, Ms. Phillips and Mr. Mirza will be in attendance.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have had a good week.

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our coffee mornings, meetings, workshops and reading cafes over the past few weeks. I really appreciate the parent engagement. Together we will make Olive School a World Class School. 😊

National Careers Week

Next week, we will be marking **National Careers Week** with a range of activities for our pupils to take part in. Research has shown that early careers education is fundamental to encouraging children to aspire to a more diverse range of career pathways and professions. Thank you in advance to all the parents who will be taking part.

Pre-Ramadhan Bazaar

Our *Parent Shura Council* will be holding a pre-Ramadhan bazaar on **Monday 20th March 2023** at 1:30pm – 3:30pm in the school's Sports Hall. All proceeds will go towards our *Turkiye/Syria Earthquake Appeal*. We wish to encourage parents to run a stall at the pre-Ramadhan bazaar. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to express an interest in setting up a stall. We will then hold a meeting with you to discuss the planning.

Vetting of Books

Unfortunately, we have an increasing number of new children's books with language and content that is inappropriate for our pupils. Whilst we have asked all teaching staff to check books in class or any books that are given to pupils to keep, we would appreciate if parents also check any books that are brought home.

Toilet Training

Please can we request that all parents ensure that their children (especially the boys) are fully aware of the need to be careful and hygienic when using the toilets. Please ensure that your child knows how to clean themselves properly and that any mess must be cleaned up using the tissue provided.

Upcoming Events

Tues 7 th March	Year 5 Visit to Hyde Park
Weds 8 th March	Year 1 Trip to Local Masjid
	Year 4 Trip to Local Church
Thurs 9 th March	Star Awards (in Blackburn)
Mon 13 th March	Science Week begins
	Year 5 Parent Coffee Afternoon (PM)
	Year 2 Trip to Little Angel Theatre
Weds 15 th March	3 rd National Teachers' Strike
	(School will be fully open)
Thurs 16 th March	4 th National Teachers' Strike
	(School will be fully open)
	Year 3 Trip to British Museum