

Parent Bulletin

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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammed ﷺ said:

"God is Kind and likes kindness in all matters."

(Bukhari and Muslim)

Teaching of the week: Kindness is a central virtue in Islam and many of the names and attributes of God endorse kindness as a sublime quality that is immensely rewarded by God. God's kindness is limitless and boundless, and creation is immersed in God's kindness in ways we can and cannot fathom. Kindness should be a standard of behaviour that regulates our motives, speech and action.

Attendance

The overall attendance since the beginning of the academic year for the first 2 terms was **94%**.

The table below breaks down the attendance percentages for each year group since this last week.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	93%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	97%
Overall	95%

At the Olive School our overall target for attendance is **97%** and we are currently falling short of that. We need to all work together and push for an improved attendance in this last Summer Term. Reception in particular needs to make an extra effort to improve.

The class register is taken promptly at 8.45am each morning, so please ensure your child/ren are in school on time. Please ring the school or e-mail by 9am to inform us of any absences. There are children who are regularly coming to school late and this is resulting in them missing valuable learning time. There is a growing number of children who are also being picked up late at home time. Please ensure you arrive promptly at home time so your child/ren and staff are not kept waiting around unnecessarily.

Healthy snacks

Please make sure your children have a healthy snack in school. Some children have brought in chocolates and crisps to school please be aware that these are not healthy snacks and therefore they are not allowed in school.

Summer Term Lunch Menu

Please click on the following link to see the new Summer Term lunch menu; <https://bit.ly/40GVBob>

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

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Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have had a good first week back. Thank you to parents who took part in the reading cafés this week. Although we have included parents before in reading cafes for Rec, Year 1 and 2, this is the first time we have included parents for Year 3 – 5. At Olive School Hackney, we have a World Class Book culture, and part of that is involving parents as much as possible. We know that the children were very excited to read with their parents. We hope it was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all.

Thank you also to the Reception parents who attended the parent coffee afternoon on Tuesday. We will continue to hold these weekly coffee afternoons which gives parents an opportunity to meet with teachers and senior leaders for their child's year group.

Our choir performed at the first ever Eid celebrations at Hampton Court Palace on Monday evening and at the official Hackney Eid celebrations at Hackney Town Hall on Wednesday evening. They will also be performing at the London Eid Festival (Westfield Shopping Centre White City) on *Sunday 30th April* at 2pm. Join us at this free event.

I am very pleased that we have managed to keep the school open and ensure that the learning of all pupils has not been interrupted during all of the National Teacher Strike days.

I hope you all have an enjoyable long weekend. School will be closed on *Monday* and will re-open on *Tuesday 2nd April 2023*.

Cost of Living Crisis

The impact of the cost-of-living crisis has affected us all. Here are some useful links that can offer helpful advice and support which we hope you will find useful.

General Advice: The MoneySavingExpert '[Cost of Living Crisis Survival Guide](#)'

Support Service Locator ([Hackney](#))

Parenting Resources ([City of London](#))

Domestic Abuse Support in [City of London](#) and [Hackney](#)

Council Tax Rebate in [City of London](#) and [Hackney](#)

Foodbanks: The Trussell Trust '[Find a Food Bank](#)'

(includes a [Hackney](#) specific page)

Search 'food bank' on the City of London [Family Information Service](#) directory

Hackney money help and advice [webpage](#)

Important Dates

- 1st May Bank Holiday - School Closed
- 8th May Bank Holiday - School Closed
- 9th May – 12th May - KS2 SATS Week
- 15th May – 19th May - KS1 SATS Week

FREE School Uniform 2023-24

The Olive School will provide free school uniform, which includes a school uniform, P.E uniform, P.E bag and a book bag, free of charge to each child who is entitled to Free School Meals.

<https://bit.ly/3ANOS1f> to complete a form to claim for your child's free school uniform voucher. The voucher will be a fixed amount of £70 per child. You can use this voucher with our uniform provider Stevensons. www.stevensons.co.uk
Please complete and hand in the form by **26th May 2023**.

Coronation

Our school will be taking part in Coronation celebrations.

Star Coronation Big Lunch

This will take place on *Thursday 4th May*. Pupils will be served a themed lunch (fish n chips and trifle).

Star Big Help Out Challenge

- All pupils will be encouraged to take part in at least 30 mins out of school volunteering. An online form will be sent to parents on Monday to record the volunteering.
- We have set up a dedicated email address for parents to share pics of their children completing their Big Help Out Challenge:
coronation@olivehackney.staracademies.org .

Coronation Themed Lessons

All classes will have lessons learning about the Coronation.

Coronation Assemblies

We will have special assemblies which will be based on the Coronation.

Coronation displays and decorations

All classes, corridors and playground will be decorated with Coronation themed bunting.

