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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammed ﷺ said:

"Beautiful Islam entails minding one's own business."

(Source: At Tirmidhi)

Teaching:

- To illustrate that not minding one's business develops negative characteristics that lead to impoliteness and disrespect.
- The Prophet (pbuh) taught his followers that believers are those that do not concern themselves with other people's business.
- Being intent on delving into others' privacy allows negative characteristics to take root such as slyness, suspicion, cunning and disrespect for the privacy of others.
- Privacy is considered as important as integrity as this protects a person from disrespect, dishonour, and slander.
- Islam places safety nets to ensure that people's privacy is not trampled upon. These safety nets take the form of ethical values that the Prophet (pbuh) exemplified in his behaviour.

Star Dhul Hijjah Charity Appeal

The final month of the Islamic calendar, Dhul Hijjah, will be upon us shortly. This sacred month is likely to commence on Monday 19 June. Dhul Hijjah is one of the holiest periods of the Islamic year. The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are better than all the other days of the year, the 10 best days with no exception.

In this month, we witness two very special events – Hajj (Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah) and Eid-ul-Adha (Eid of sacrifice).

We are launching a **special charity appeal** during the ten days of Dhul Hijjah. We encourage **each child** to raise **£10** to **provide an Eid gift pack for a poor child in Albania**. Through doing this, they will be reminded that while it is important that they enjoy Eid themselves, they also put a smile on the face of someone enduring abject poverty.

Online Safety

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. Pupils spend too much time online these days and it's important that pupils remember to look after.

Reception Induction Evening

Reception Induction evening will take place on **Thursday 22nd June 2023** between **5:00pm - 6.30pm**. This will take place in the Sports Hall. Please use the entrance on 32, St John's Church Road, London E9 6EJ.

Year 6- Secondary school offers

If your child is in Year 6, please could you email the admissions mailbox: admissions@olivehackneystaracademies.org to let us know where your child will be attending in September. Please could you send us an email by **Friday 23rd June**.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

It has been another hot and sunny week. Many thank to Year 1 and Year 4 parents for supporting their children through the national assessments this week. Pupils did really well! 😊 We have many more trips and activities next week. Please ensure your child is in school every day. I pray we are all able to make the most of the first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah. Ameen.

Attendance

The overall attendance is **95%**

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

It has come to our attention that some parents have expressed their desire to take their children on a pilgrimage to Umrah during the academic year.

While we understand the significance and spiritual importance of such a journey, we must inform you that, after careful consideration and consultation with the school trust, we have decided not to grant leave requests for Umrah or any other non-essential trips during term time.

As educators, our primary responsibility is to ensure the continuous progress and academic development of our students. Consistent attendance and engagement in classroom activities play a vital role in their overall growth and achievement. Missing valuable instructional time can have a significant impact on a student's academic performance and disrupt the learning environment for both the absent student and their classmates. We fully appreciate the religious and cultural significance of Umrah, and we encourage families to undertake this blessed journey during school holidays or vacation periods when it does not conflict with their child's education. We understand that scheduling can sometimes be challenging, but we firmly believe that maintaining regular school attendance should be a priority.

In exceptional cases, where the circumstances necessitate a leave request during term time, we request that you provide the school with sufficient documentation explaining the compelling reasons for the absence as well as completing a Leave of Absence (LOA) form. The Principal will review such requests on a case-by-case basis and determine the appropriate course of action. We greatly value your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Our aim is to ensure that all students receive a comprehensive education that prepares them for their future endeavours.

Trips

The trips and workshops that will be taking place for the week beginning Monday 19th June 2023 are:

Monday 19th June 2023

Year 4 Sports Day (AM)

Year 5 Sports Day (PM)

Tuesday 20th June 2023

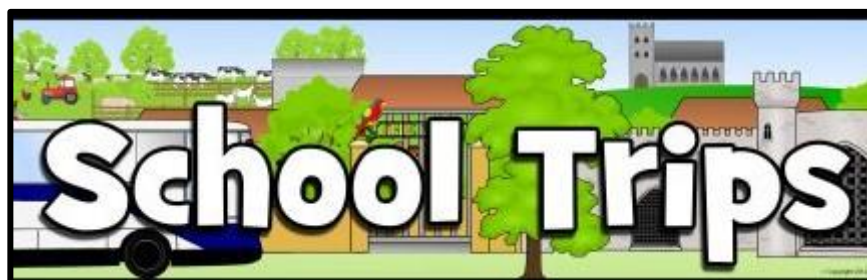
Reception Sports Day (AM)

Year 1 Sports Day (PM)

Year 3 – Little Angel Theatre

Year 5 – Ibn Al Awwaam to visit Mithraeum Museum

Year 6 – Knife Crime Workshop for Ibn Haarithah



Wednesday 21st June 2023

Year 1 trip to The London Eye

Thursday 22nd June 2023

Year 2 Sports Day (AM)

Year 3 Sports Day (PM)

Reception and Year 1 Red Riding Hood Theatre performance in school

School Uniform



The advertisement features a dark blue background with a large, faint 'STEVENSONS' watermark. At the top left is a pink star logo. The text 'Star' is in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, 'THE OLIVE SCHOOL, HACKNEY' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The main headline 'FREE DELIVERY BETWEEN 26TH JUNE & 9TH JULY' is in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Below this, a small line of text reads: '*UNIFORM SUPPLY FOR 2023/24 - FREE DELIVERY BETWEEN 26TH JUNE AND 9TH JULY ON ORDERS OF £25 AND OVER'. A globe icon is centered below the text. Underneath the globe, 'ON-LINE:' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. This is followed by a paragraph: 'It's easy to shop on-line, www.stevensons.co.uk, with low-cost postage and FREE returns. Once registered you will be able to browse by year group to know exactly what items are relevant.' Below this, '180 DAYS RETURN' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. This is followed by a paragraph: 'You can always buy with confidence, knowing that you can take advantage of our unrivalled 180 day returns policy to exchange unwanted items free of charge, if a child has a sudden growth spurt before starting school.' Below this, a line of text reads: 'To see your schools uniform price list, scan the QR code below'. A QR code is centered below the text. Below the QR code, 'THIS OFFER IS EXCLUSIVE TO STAR ACADEMIES NO CODE IS NEEDED' is written in a small, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'STEVENSONS' is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Below this, 'EST. 1925' is written in a small, white, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, 'SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTFITTERS' is written in a small, white, sans-serif font.

We wanted to address the matter concerning the dress code at our school, specifically regarding the wearing of the abaya.

Firstly, I would like to emphasize that we highly value and respect cultural and religious diversity within our school community. We strive to create an inclusive environment that fosters mutual understanding and appreciation for various traditions and beliefs. However, it is essential to balance this with the safety and well-being of all our students.

After careful consideration, we have determined that wearing the abaya as part of the school uniform presents certain health and safety hazards that we cannot overlook. The abaya, being a loose and flowing garment, can pose potential risks, such as tripping, entanglement, or interference with movement, particularly during physical activities, sports, or in crowded areas.

We have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all our students, and as such, our school uniform policy has been designed with these considerations in mind. The current uniform provides a balance between comfort, practicality, and safety, allowing our students to engage in various activities without hindrance or unnecessary risks.

We kindly request that all students adhere to the approved school uniform policy, as it has been established to maintain a conducive learning environment and promote the well-being of our students. The prescribed uniform has been carefully selected to meet the necessary standards while also encouraging a sense of unity and identity among our students.

We understand that cultural and religious practices are important to many of our families, and we encourage you to express and honor these traditions outside of school hours. However, during school hours, we kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your child is dressed in the approved school uniform.

We are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive environment for all our students while ensuring their safety and well-being.

Breakfast Club

We are now accepting bookings for next year's Breakfast club.

Please collect a form from the office.

Year 6 Coffee Afternoon

The Year 6 Team are pleased to invite all Year 6 parents to a coffee afternoon on Tuesday 20th June 2023 1:30pm- 2:20pm. We will discuss our upcoming events.

The Olive School Bike Club

We are delighted to announce the launch of our exciting new initiative, the Olive School Bike Club, which will take place on a weekly basis. We invite children in Year 6 who have successfully completed their Bike Ability to join us for these engaging sessions.

The club sessions will be held every Monday until 4:15pm, allowing participants to develop their riding skills and gain confidence. Our dedicated coach, Mr. Ibrahim, a qualified British Cycling Coach & Ride Leader, will guide the children along carefully planned routes in the vicinity. While the majority of the routes will be off-road, there will be short sections where the children will navigate live traffic areas. Rest assured that these sections will primarily consist of residential streets, serving as connecting routes between bike paths and parks.

To ensure fairness and maximize participation, a different group of eight pupils will have the opportunity to take part each week, in case the demand exceeds the available spaces. On the preceding Friday, a slip will be distributed to inform the children who have secured a spot for the following Monday.

In order to participate, your child must have a working bike and a helmet. We also recommend that they bring a water bottle and apply sunscreen for their comfort and safety during the sessions.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Ibrahim, who will be more than happy to assist you.

Bike Around the Borough

We are thrilled to announce the highly anticipated return of Bike Around the Borough!

This fantastic event, hosted by Hackney, will see the roads closed to traffic, creating a safe and enjoyable environment for hundreds of school children. Mark your calendars for Wednesday 5th July 2023, as this is when the event will take place.

To participate in Bike Around the Borough, your child must be in Year 6 and have either completed the Bike Ability course or be enrolled in the upcoming course.

It is essential that your child brings a fully functional bike and a helmet on the day of the event. Additionally, on Friday, June 23rd 2023, please ensure that their bike and helmet are in school, as they will be checked for safety and functionality.

The ride will be led by qualified ride leaders from Hackney, ensuring a well-organized and enjoyable experience for all participants. As spaces are limited, we encourage you to register your child as soon as possible to secure their spot. Spots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If your child is successful in securing a space, they will receive a slip with further instructions.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ibrahim. He will be more than happy to assist you. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity for your child to be part of Bike Around the Borough.

<https://forms.office.com/r/CGu6FvGcLe>

Bike Ability Training

We are thrilled to introduce the exciting Bike Ability Training program for Year 5 and 6 pupils. This fantastic opportunity aims to enhance your child's riding skills and boost their confidence on the road. The training sessions are scheduled to take place from Monday, July 3rd, to Friday, July 7th. Led by experienced instructors from Hackney Council, this program is specifically designed for children who already know how to ride a bike.

Please note that the number of available spots is limited, and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Upon acceptance, your child will receive a confirmation letter.

To participate, your child will need a functioning bike and a helmet for the entire duration of the week. You can safely leave the bikes at school throughout the program

(please bring a lock). Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for your child to improve their biking skills and gain confidence on the road. Register today to secure a spot in the Bike Ability Training program!

<https://forms.office.com/r/iXJpCQqhRL>

Walk/ Ride to School Week

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling actively to school and is a simple way to boost their physical and mental health.

