Olive School

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Friday, 9th September, 2016

Attendance

As you are aware, we expect the highest standards of attendance and punctuality. Research evidence and national statistics link good attendance to the achievement of academic and social potential. Attendance and punctuality also reflect pupil and parent commitment to achievement and to our school ethos. A minimum attendance target of 97% per year is needed for any pupil to attain the Tauheedul Mini Baccalaureate. We encourage all children to work towards 100% attendance. Excellent attendance is celebrated and recognised at the end of each term at our awards assembly.

Drop Off/Pick Up

A huge 'thank you' to all parents for your patience and understanding during our first week of opening. Your support has been incredibly helpful to us. There are still a few issues we need your help with, but I am sure that, working together, we will very soon have things running smoothly – IA!

- Please be patient when turning into our site from Meins Rd. Do not overtake cars and do not try to enter the site and block oncoming traffic
- Please drive very slowly down the slope from Meins Rd. We will be installing a speed bump
- Please ensure your child is wearing a seatbelt
- Please turn left onto Preston New Rd
- Please, wherever possible, could parents organise 'car sharing'. We still have lots of cars with just one child in them
- Reception parents may park up in the morning if their child is reluctant to be 'dropped off'
- Reception and Year 1 parents, please do not arrive in the afternoon before 2:05pm
- Year 2 and Year 3 parents, please do not arrive before 2:10pm
- Year 4 and Year 5 parents, please do not arrive before 2:20pm
- From Wednesday 14th September, 2016, Year 4 are to be picked up from the left hand side of the main school entrance at the black gates.

PE Kits

Now that we have our wonderful facility, there will be lots of opportunity for the children to take part in physical activity. It is, therefore, essential that children have their PE kit in school at all times. Please could you also make sure that all kit, including PE bags, is named.

School Buses

Again, we are grateful for the patience of parents whilst we get our children used to the journey from school to the bus. This is getting quicker every day and we are now more or less meeting the original time schedule. Please ensure your child has weather-appropriate clothing. If parents wish to use the bus service, please contact the School Office.

School Lunches

Attached is the menu for this half term. Please discuss this with your child each morning so that they are able to tell their teacher at registration their chosen main course.

As a school we actively promote healthy eating. We request that children on packed lunches are provided with healthy food options. Please also ensure that the lunch boxes/bags are clearly named.

Eid-ul-Adhaa Holiday

School will be closed on **Monday 12th September & Tuesday 13th September** for Eid.

School will re-open on **Wednesday 14th September.**

Lost Property

Please note, there are several coats in the school office belonging to children which have not been claimed. Please contact the school office if your child has lost their coat.

The office opening hours are between 8.00am and 4.00pm.