



24th June 2023

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaykum (may peace be upon you),

I hope and pray you are in the very best of health. I am writing to inform you on the activities that are taking place over the next coming days to mark the special month of Dhul Hijjah and the upcoming Eid Holidays.

To mark **Dhul Hijjah** and the **Hajj**, the school has a number of activities for the pupils during the next few days. These include opportunities to:

- See live pictures of pilgrims gathering in Makkah, Mina and 'Arafah.
- Participate in a special assembly on Hajj.
- Learning about the story of Prophet Ibraheem (AS), the story of the ZamZam well and the importance of the day of Arafah.
- Take part in a whole school 'Mini Hajj' role play. EYFS and KS1 will have their mini hajj experience on Monday afternoon and KS2 will have theirs on Tuesday. The children can bring **in Jubbah and Hijabs to wear for their role play day**.
- In school, listen to the Takbeer (Magnifying the Almighty) recited by pilgrims during the Hajj days.
- Make a small donation to our Albania Appeal (outlined below).

Albania Appeal

This year, we have launched a special appeal during the sacred days of Dhul Hijjah. Working in partnership with Shine Charity, we will be providing 'Eid Gifts to children in Albania. It gives us the opportunity to help hundreds of Albanian families and bring a smile to the faces of thousands of children on Eid day.

Eid ul Adha Holidays

After confirmation of the moon sighting, the 'Eid holiday has now been confirmed.

School will remain closed for 'Eid ul Adha on **Wednesday 28th June and Thursday 29th June**, and re-open at 8am on Friday 30th June.

Finally, 'Eid Mubaarak' (in advance) from all of us at The Olive School; many thanks for your continued support in all aspects of the school. Please continue to remember us all in your du'aas (prayers) during these very special days and nights of Dhul Hijjah.

Kindest regards,

Mrs S Riaz

Principal