

NEWSLETTER



Key term dates:

- 02/04/21 Spring break begins
- 12/04/21 1st Ramadhan (TBC)
- 16/04/21 Spring break ends
- 19/04/21 School reopens
- 03/05/21 Bank holiday
- 13-14/05/21 Eid ul Fitr holidays*
- 31/05/21 Half term break
- 07/06/21 School reopens
- 12/07/21 Reports to parents
- 13-14/07/21 Parents' Meetings
- 16/07/21 Summer term ends
- 06/09/21 School reopens

Please note:

*Eid holidays may be revised slightly depending upon sighting of the new moon.

(The holiday calendar for (2021-22) is on the school website. See 'Term Dates & Holiday Calendar' page.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Asalaamalaykum;

I pray that this newsletter reaches you well.

As we approach the end of another strange term, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all parents, pupils and staff members for your patient perseverance whilst we have faced the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown. Through our strong learning infrastructure and collective efforts, we have once again enabled children's learning to continue and I hope you feel a strong sense of pride in our achievements as a community during this difficult period.

When we return, on 19th April, the special month of Ramadhan will be upon us. In order to make this even more special for our pupils, we are launching our 'Good Deeds' competition - of which more information can be found in this newsletter. Please do encourage your child(ren) to take part!

On behalf of The Olive Tree community, I wish you all a restful break and a blessings-filled month of Ramadhan. May Allah subhanuatallah accept all of our fasting, worship and good deeds. Ameen!

Kind regards,
Mr . H. Asghar
Principal



Ramadhan

As we approach the blessed month of Ramadhan, letters have been sent to parents of KS2 pupils to establish which pupils will be fasting. Whilst we believe it is for parents / carers to decide whether or not their child(ren) will fast, **only children in KS2 – years 3 to 6 - will be permitted to fast while at school.**

In doing so, the school will support your children in the best way we can, however to make this more manageable for us, please ensure you have returned the slip to confirm whether your child will be fasting or not.

In addition, if your child usually has a school meal and chooses to fast, please contact the school office to change their meal pattern to a packed lunch, for the full duration of Ramadhan.

Good Deeds Competition:

As Ramadhan approaches, we are launching a competition to encourage children to perform a good deed every day and to record these on the template provided on Showbie using text / video / photo / sound clips. The competition is open to all pupils and small prizes will be awarded to all children that take part, with special, larger prizes for two children per class. Winners will be chosen by the school's Junior Leadership Team at the end of Ramadhan. Please do encourage your child(ren) to take part!

Relationships and Health Education (RHE)

Thank you to those of you who contributed to the school's consultation on RHE. This has now been concluded and our Board of Trustees has approved the RHE Policy - which has been formulated in consideration of the Islamic ethos of the school and in light of feedback from our school community. The approved RHE policy will shortly be uploaded to our designated RHE page on the school website and the teaching of RHE will commence from the Summer term. Should you have any questions or queries about the teaching of RHE at any stage, please email our RHE lead - Mrs. R. Ahmed at:

RHE@theolivetreeprimary.com

Staff leaving:

As we approach the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to Miss Divelli and Mrs Amar. Miss Divelli has been at The Olive Tree for a number of years and having recently got married, is moving from Bolton, whereas Mrs. Amar has decided to broaden her horizons through a career change. We would like to thank both Miss Divelli and Mrs. Amar for their service and wish them the best of success in their future endeavours.

Coronavirus rules / restrictions:

Despite some relaxation of the coronavirus rules, the risk of infection still remains something we all need to continue to take seriously. The government has changed their message from 'Hands, Face, Space' to 'Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air'. Please help us to continue to keep our community safe by adhering to the rules regarding:

- Washing hands regularly;
- Wearing face masks when in crowded places;
- Adhering to social distancing;
- Following the rules about indoor / outdoor gatherings.



SATs / End of year assessments:

Although the government has cancelled all statutory assessments due to coronavirus, we will be conducting our own assessments for all pupils in the second half of the summer term. Please do continue to support your children with their learning, home reading and completion of homework.