

# NEWSLETTER



## Key dates:

22/07/22 – School finishes for Summer at 12:20pm

01- 02/09/22 School reopens for staff (INSET)

05/09/22 School reopens for all pupils

08/09/22 SLT Meet and Greet sessions with parents / carers

12/09/22 Extra-curricular clubs begin

16/09/22 Additional Friday lessons begin (for invited pupils only)

13/09/22 EYFS Meet and Greet sessions (Classes RA and RB)

14/09/22 Y1 Meet and Greet sessions (Classes 1A and 1B)

15/09/22 Y2 Meet and Greet sessions (Classes 2A and 2B)

16/09/22 Y3 Meet and Greet sessions (Classes 3A and 3B)

20/09/22 Y4 Meet and Greet sessions (Classes 4A and 4B)

21/09/22 Y5 Meet and Greet sessions (Classes 5A and 5B)

22/09/22 Y6 Meet and Greet sessions (Classes 6A and 6B)

21/10/22 Finish for half term @ 12:20pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Asalaamalaykum, peace be upon you!

As the school year comes to an end, it gives me great pleasure to celebrate what has been an extremely successful year for our staff and pupils!

Across all year groups, our pupils have done **extremely** well in their end of year assessments - demonstrating their absolute readiness for the next stages of their learning. Although we are awaiting more detailed comparative data about the different statutory assessments completed, early indications of our end of key stage 2 data show that our pupils have achieved **better** than other schools locally and nationally across both English and maths! This is a **fantastic** testament to the hard work of our pupils, staff and parents! Thank you for supporting our pupils and enabling them to catch up, keep up - and achieve well!

By now, you will have received the announcement from our Trust Board about the change to my role. As well as feeling extremely grateful for this opportunity, I also feel reassured that the day-to-day operation of the school will continue in the reliable hands of our senior leadership team (SLT) - with Mrs Z Patel at the helm through her role as acting Head of School - supported by a strong team of senior and middle leaders to ensure the ongoing journey of success for all of our staff and pupils. The SLT will hold meet and greet sessions with parents and carers on Thursday 8th September. A letter will follow regarding this.

I wish you all a pleasant break with your families.

Kind regards,

Mr . H. Asghar  
Principal



**Summer building works:**

As part of our ongoing efforts towards providing a world-class environment for our pupils and staff, we have heavily invested in building works to:

- reconfigure our main reception area, and
- install wudhu (ablution) facilities for our pupils. This work is due to be completed by the last week of August to enable our staff and pupils to return to school safely at the start of September.

**Summer learning packs:**

Due to building works at the front and back of the school we have been unable to host a summer school on site. Additionally, as the summer break is when we reset all of the children's iPads, this has made it difficult to offer a virtual summer school option for our pupils. Instead, we have issued learning packs to all of our pupils from years 1 to 5. Please note: these are for children to work through independently if parents wish to provide their children with the opportunity for small bursts of learning during the six week break. The books do not need to be returned to school.

**School uniform:**

From September 1st, we intend to hold a supply of high-quality used uniform items in school. If you have any good quality uniform items that are no longer wanted, please do wash them and send them in to our school office where they will be greatly received.

**Changes to the school's Senior Leadership Team:**

Following Mr Asghar's appointment to the role of Executive Principal, our Deputy Principal - Mrs Z Patel - has assumed the role of acting Head of School with responsibility for the day-to-day management of the school. Mrs Patel will be supported by Ms N Chippendale - who has assumed the role of Assistant Principal, and Mr Harry Neville who will join us as Assistant Principal in September. Mr Abdul Musa will continue in his role as school business manager and our existing team of phase leaders will support the senior leadership team. I hope you will join me in congratulating Mrs Patel, Mr Neville and Ms Chippendale on their appointments and wish our team the best of success with leading the school forward.

**Transition for all pupils:**

Pupils from all year groups were able to take part in the transition days earlier this month. This included some of our lovely new EYFS pupils who attended the open day along with their parents. Once the new school year starts, the first few weeks of September will be focussed on ensuring the children are comfortable and settled, at which stage we will host a further 'Meet and Greet' session with all parents to discuss children's learning. The dates for these are included in the 'key dates' column on the first page. Please do try to attend if you can.

**Leavers:**

At the end of every school year, we come to the bitter-sweet moment when we have to say goodbye to members of our school community as they embark upon their journey towards new opportunities. We wish all of our lovely year 6 pupils the utmost success as they move on to high school! Children: remember to keep making your parents proud through your future successes and always remember to 'Believe you can'! In addition, we wish the very best to Mr Hussain Patel, Miss Amina Begum and Miss Wajeha Akhtar as they leave The Olive Tree in order to pursue other exciting opportunities in work and study. We will miss you all!

**Seeking help for domestic violence and mental health:****Domestic violence:**

Sadly, the holiday periods sometimes bring with them added pressures on families which result in them facing challenges. In order to support victims of domestic abuse, we are involved in 'Operation Encompass' - the purpose of which is to safeguard and support children and young people who have

been affected by domestic abuse incidents. This involves working in partnership with the police and social services. Should you experience issues related to domestic violence, these can be reported as follows:

- If you are in immediate danger phone 999 or get someone else to phone on your behalf.
- Move to a safe place, avoiding kitchens or stairs, and stay near a door for a quick escape. If in doubt, get out.
- If the situation is not an emergency, but you still need the police, call 101.
- Further non-urgent advice and support about domestic violence is available from: [www.boltonathome.org.uk](http://www.boltonathome.org.uk) or by calling 01204 329636, 01204 327997, 01204 328008 during office hours; <https://fortalice.org.uk> or by calling their 24 hour helpline on 01204 365677

### Support with mental health for adults and children:

Kooth & Qwell are online mental health services, providing free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing support in Bolton. Kooth.com is available for ages 11-25, while Qwell.io is available for those aged 26+. There are no costs, no waiting lists, no referrals and no criteria required to access the service, which is accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) and delivered by Kooth plc, the UK's largest digital mental health provider. Users can access peer to peer support through moderated discussion boards, and self help resources including magazine articles and activities. They also offer online text-based counselling and support from qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners, who are available from 12 noon - 10pm on weekdays and from 6pm - 10pm on weekends. You can access this support today: [www.Kooth.com](http://www.Kooth.com) or [www.Qwell.io](http://www.Qwell.io).

### School uniform list - Reminder:

Adherence to our school uniform policy is expected of all pupils. Please ensure you support your child(ren) with this by purchasing the correct uniform items as follows:

Boys	Girls
Navy V-neck sweater / cardigan with Olive Tree Logo	
Charcoal grey trousers	Charcoal grey pinafore dress/skirt or charcoal grey trousers
White polo shirt with The Olive Tree logo	
Grey socks	Grey socks/tights
Smart black shoes (no boots/trainers)	
A navy blue book bag with the school logo is needed to keep reading books, homework and activity sheets safe (purchase from the school office)	
Additional Uniform Options	
White topi	Short white or navy scarf
P.E Kits	
Green P.E t-shirt (with school logo), plain black joggers, black pumps (indoor)	
Black trainers (outdoor)	
Optional (for winter months): Plain navy blue hoody jumper	

**Exciting new curriculum for Religious Education:**

In the last newsletter, we stated we would be holding a meeting with parents and carers to share our curriculum plans to enhance our provision for Religious Education. Shortly after this, our Religious Education lead - Mrs Chandia - received the exciting news that her application for Hajj had been approved! With this in mind we made the decision to postpone the meeting until the Autumn term once Mrs Chandia has returned. This is a really exciting milestone for the school and further details of this will be provided in September.

**Term dates for 2022/23 (holiday pattern)**

**INSET:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

**Autumn Term Total 75 days in term**

Term begins: Monday 5th September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022

Term ends: Friday 23rd December 2022

**Spring Term Total 55 days in term**

Term begins: Monday 9th January 2023

Half Term: Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February 2023

Term ends: Friday 31st March 2023

**Summer Term Total 60 days in term**

Term begins: Monday 17th April 2023

**\*Eid-ul-Fitr** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

**\*Eid-ul-Adha** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Term ends: Friday 21st July 2023

**Additional Information:**

- Children will be in school for 190 days.
- Staff Insets: two full days and remainder to be worked through twilight / Friday CPD sessions
- There is a 6-week summer break leading into this year with a 6 week break at the end.
- Start of next academic year for pupils is Monday 4th September 2023.

**Bank holidays for this year are:**

- o 27th and 28th December 2022 (*for Christmas Day and Boxing Day*)
- o 2nd January 2023 (*for New Year's Day*)
- o 7th and 10th April 2023 (*Good Friday and Easter Monday*)
- o 1st May 2023 (*May Day*)
- o 29th May 2023 (*Spring Bank Holiday*)
- o 28th August 2023 (*August Bank Holiday*)

**\* Please note –** \_'Eid holidays may be revised slightly depending upon sighting of the new moon