



Friday 17th February 2017

It hardly seems possible to be sitting writing this newsletter at the end of another half term; the time is passing so very quickly here in school. I would like to say a big Thank You to the children for all their hard work this half term. We recently had a visit from a representative of Tauheedul Trust to see how the school was doing. I was so proud of the children. Their excellent behavior and positive attitudes to learning were noted by our visitor. The wonderful thing is that this is what happens every day here at The Olive. Well done everyone! I would like to share some news about some changes to our compliment of staff. Sadly we are saying Good Bye to one of our founding members today. Mrs Shaghuftha Ahmed has decided to move to pastures new. Although we are sad to see Mrs Ahmed leave us, we understand her decision to leave. I would like to thank her personally for her contribution to The Olive School; I know that she will be missed by us all. I would like to welcome two new members of staff to The Olive Team: Miss Taylor, who has recently joined us to provide cover in the afternoons in Ibn Salamah and Mrs Akhtar who is our new School Business Support Officer and Receptionist.

We are holding an Open Event on Wednesday 29th March at 1.30pm and 5.30pm for any parents who may still be interested in a place for Reception Class 2017. If you know anyone who may be interested in a place, please ask them to contact the school office if they wish to attend.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March**. The celebrations will include a costume parade, bring your favourite book to school, buddy reading and a spelling bee. A separate letter has been sent home with full details.

The Parent Shurra has been busy planning their next fundraising event for school which is to be a "Ladies Night" on Saturday 1st April. More details will follow nearer the time. If you would like to be involved in this event, the next meeting is on the **9th March at 2.30pm in school**.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. These vouchers will give us the opportunity to purchase exciting resources for school. If you have any vouchers, please send them into the school office.

Star of the Week Award

The following children have received Star of the Week Awards since the start of the term, well done!

Bint Muhammed: Mohammed Bilal Ali, Abdul Hadi Rasul, Anwar Abdulwasi

Ibn Zubayr: Amina Noor, Huzefa Patel, Umaymah Patel

Ibn Salamah: Abeera Hussain, Khadijah Patel, Muhammad Umer Hatia

Bint Qays: Zara Kaduji, Hani Kanchori, Muhammed Hilaal Ahmed

Class Assemblies

During the next half term, each class will be holding a class assembly which will follow the STAR values of the school. Parents will be welcome to attend their child's class assembly and details will be sent home in due course.

A meeting will be held at school on Tuesday 28th February at 5.30pm, to share with you the details and plans of the proposed permanent site of the Olive School. This is a very exciting time for us as we plan our new exciting school building and we look forward to your support.