NEWSLETTER

The Olive Tree Primary School

Key term dates:

08.07.20 Online transition for pupils - see page 3

09 &10.07.20 Parents return iPads and children's reading / library books - see page 2

09 &10.07.20 Parents collect children's learning packs - see page 2

13.07.20 End of year reports emailed to parents

17.07.20 School finishes for Summer

01.09.20 School reopens for staff

02.09.20 School reopens for pupils

Please also note the holiday calendar and uniform list at the end of the newsletter.

From 2nd September 2020, there will be an expectation from the Government that all pupils will attend school.

Further dates for the Autumn term will be provided once the situation regarding coronavirus and social distancing is made clearer by the Government.

Dear Parents and Carers,
Asalaamalaykum; I pray that this newsletter reaches you well.

As we approach the end of a very 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 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.

Sadly, the lockdown restrictions and social distancing requirements have meant that we are unable to end the year with the celebrations that would have ordinarily taken place - particularly the graduation ceremonies. With this in mind, I would like to wish all our pupils the very best of success for the next school year - **especially our Year 6 pupils** as they move on to secondary school.

I hope you find the information within this newsletter useful and I wish you a safe and restful summer break.

Kind regards,
Mr . H. Asghar
Principal

The return of iPads, reading / library books and the collection of learning packs
In readiness for the new academic year, parents must return all children's iPads and reading / library books as these will be prepared over the summer break. In return, you will be provided with a learning pack for your child to complete during the final week of term. Please note the dates for returning iPads, reading books, library books and the collection of learning packs is as follows:

EYFS / Y1 / Y6 / Keyworker pupils:
Thu 09.07.20: 9am - 12pm
Fri 10.07.20: 9am - 12pm
Please use the following exits
EYFS: Exit 1
Y1: Exit 3
Y6: Exit 2
Key worker pupils: Exit 2

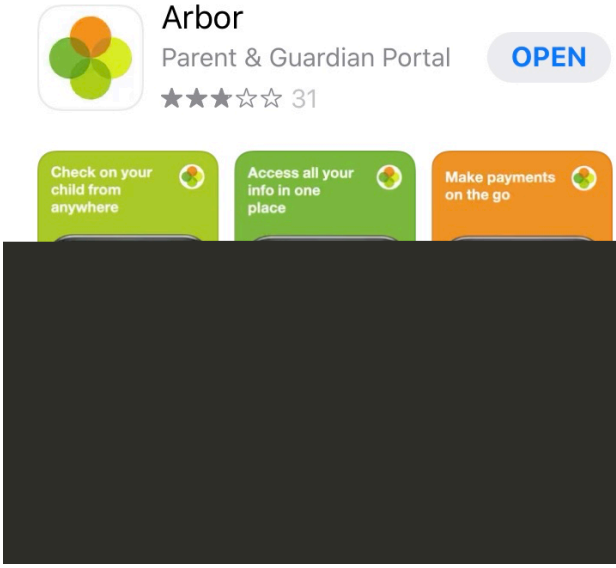
Y2 / Y3 / Y4 / Y5:
Thu 09.07.20: 1pm - 3pm
Fri 10.07.20: 1pm - 3pm
Please use the following exits
Y2 / Y3: Exit 1
Y4: Exit 3
Y5: Exit 2

Please note:
If you have several children in different year groups, you can drop all iPads / reading books at the same time - you do not need to come on separate days.

Relationships Education
Prior to lockdown, we were due to undertake a parental consultation regarding the statutory (legal) requirement for all schools to teach Relationships Education. Due to lockdown, the Government has extended the implementation date for this from September 2020 to Summer 2021. Consequently, we will be conducting a full consultation with parents when we return in the Autumn term. A date for the consultation will be provided nearer the time, once the Government's restrictions / arrangements related to coronavirus have been communicated to schools.

Arbor app:
From September, we will be using an app called 'Arbor' for a number of things, including:
¥Communicating with parents;
¥Cashless online payments for trips / lunches;
¥Booking parents' evening slots;
¥Accessing children's end of term reports;

To download the app, please visit the app store on your mobile device and search for the word 'Arbor'. The app you need to download is called 'Arbor Parent & Guardian Portal' and looks like this:



Please note, we will be unable to accept cash payments from September as payments will only be accepted through Arbor.

Full instructions for downloading and using the app can be found here:
https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/sections/201716749-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App-as-a-parent