



## Al-Ashraf Primary School

Newsletter Term 4- March 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

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Alhumd..., we have completed another exciting term here at Al-Ashraf. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few school matters.

### Full Attendance

Congratulations to the following children who achieved full attendance in terms 3 & 4.....

<u>Year 1</u> Yusuf Akrouf	<u>Year 3</u> Mehjabeen Ahmed Umaymah Patel
<u>Year 2</u> Hifza Anez Aisha Bharoocha Zainub Ghazafi Maryam Hassan Omar  Maria Ouiles	<u>Year 5</u> Tahmid Ahmed Aaminah Motala Aliya Patel
<u>Year 4</u> Yakub Berkouk Abdullah Girach Umair Iqbal	<u>Year 6</u> Yasmine Bouchireb Eshal Piperdy Maryam Sahrif Muhammad Veshmia

### Sport Relief

Well done to everyone who joined in the fun and turned up in sports gear to support Sport Relief 2018; MA we raised an impressive **£97.00**.

### Late Collection of Children Policy

The school has now issued a Late Collection of Children Policy. Please ensure children are collected by 3.40pm to avoid an administrative charge being imposed. This policy is available on our website at <http://primary.al-ashraf.org.uk/policies/LateCollectionOfChildrenPolicy.pdf>

### Scholastic Book fair

Al-Ashraf Primary held a successful Book Fair in collaboration with Scholastic. JZK to all parents who came and supported us; Alhamdulillah, we have been overwhelmed with your outstanding support. I am pleased to say that this opportunity has instilled a love of reading amongst our pupils. We made a staggering grand total of **£1983.73**, rewarding us with **£1190.24** to spend in rewards with Scholastic which can be used towards getting books for our school.

Well done to all the children who took part in our school competition held before the book fair. Please join me in congratulating the winners':

- Reception: Taha Shera
- Year 1: Hani Harman
- Year 2: Atiya Jadwat & Adnan Moosajee
- Year 3: Yusairah Patel
- Year 4: Muhammed Daya
- Year 5 : Hafsa Saleem
- Year 6: Amena Saleem

MA and a huge well done!

### School Car Park

Parents are urged to heed caution when driving into the school car park. Recently, we have had a couple of incidents whereby children's safety has been endangered due to reckless driving.

Additionally, we kindly request parents not to park in front of parked cars in the car park; this causes disruption in both the car park and on Stratton Road too. If the car park is full, please park on neighbouring streets.

### Children Crossing Stratton Road

It has been noticed that some children are being very careless when crossing Stratton road resulting in near misses occurring. Parents are advised to teach their children the 'golden' rule:

#### **STOP! LOOK! AND LISTEN!**

This is the number one rule when crossing the road. Always remember to stop, look both ways and listen for oncoming traffic. Never attempt to cross a road without first looking in both directions. It is important not only to look for moving vehicles but also pay attention to parked vehicles on oncoming bikes and motorcycles. As much as is possible, parents should practice the crossing of roads with their child/children.

### Football Sessions

We have re-arranged last terms football sessions kindly sponsored by the FA Lidl Skills Programme. Please ensure children bring in trainers on the following days:



- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

## Attendance Policy

Once again I would like to draw your attention to our attendance policy.

The Government has made clear that parents do NOT have an automatic entitlement to time off during school time to go on holiday. Any authorisation for absence during term time is at the discretion of the Head teacher and the request will need to be made in advance in writing. Please do not make any bookings before leave is granted.

We will NOT agree leave during term time under the following circumstances:

- ❖ When a pupil is just starting school. This is a very important time as your child needs to settle into their new environment as quickly as possible.
- ❖ Immediately before and during assessment periods.
- ❖ When a pupil's attendance rate is already below the school's target of 95% or will fall below that level as a result of taking leave.
- ❖ If the child is in year 2 or year 6, as during this year they are preparing and taking SATS assessments.

In summary, requests for leave will ONLY be granted in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis. If parents fail to comply with the above and take unauthorised leave or extend their leave beyond the authorised limit:

- ❖ Each child will be charged an unauthorised leave fine of £100 and an additional £10 p/day for every day late past the approval period, except in unforeseen circumstances.
- ❖ The pupil will be removed from the school enrolment register and dropped to the bottom of the waiting list, thereby risk losing their space at the school and incurring an additional admission fee. The school also has the right to drop the child down a year if teachers feel they are not capable of continuing in their enrolled year group due to the work missed.

Please refer to our attendance policy for more details.

<http://primary.al-ashraf.org.uk/policies/AttendancePolicy>

### Ramadan Timetable

As the blessed month of Ramadhan approaches, I would like to advise you that this year IA we will be running the usual school timetable. Lessons will commence at the normal time of 8.30 am and end at 3.30 pm (3.25pm for Reception).

I would also like to advise you on a couple of matters with regards to children fasting. Due to the problems we experienced in previous years, the younger children (Reception - Year 3) will not be permitted to fast this year during school times. If an older child struggles excessively during the fast or becomes unwell, the school will inform parents immediately. In the event that parents cannot be contacted we will use our discretion to advise your child to break their fast.

### Parents Evening

Parents' Evenings will be held on Thursday 26th April 2018. Class teachers will arrange appointments nearer the time. Please be reminded that school will close at the earlier time of 1 pm on this day.

### Upcoming Events

Monday 16th April 2018 – School re-opens

Thursday 26th April 2018 – Parents Evening  
(School closes at 1pm)

Monday 7th May 2018 – Early May Bank  
Holiday

We hope that you and your family have a restful spring holiday.

We thank you for your continued support which is much appreciated by all. IA we hope to see you bright and early on Monday 16th April at 8.20am.

# Spring

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DAFFODILS  
FLOWERS  
GRASS  
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RAINBOW  
SEEDS  
SPRING  
TULIPS  
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