



My Lord! Increase me in knowledge (20:114)

Term dates and key events

Cluster INSET Day for staff:

5th January 2015

School re – opens:

Tuesday, 6th January

Half Term Break:

19th and 20th February

School re – opens:

Monday, 23rd February

Term ends

(early closure):

Friday, 27th March

Staff INSET Day:

Monday, 30th March

School Holidays:

30th –10th April 2015

School re – opens for

Summer Term 1:

Monday, 13th April

ADMISSIONS

A revised Admissions policy is now in the process of consultation for September 2016, for more information please visit the school website:

www.orchardprimaryschool.com.

ATTENDANCE

Alhamdulillah we have had an overall attendance of **97.11%** from the 1st of September 2014 until the 9th of December 2014. Well done to all our pupils and parents!

Please be reminded that requests for leave during term time, will not be authorised.

Orchard Times

Interim Headteacher:
Mr Hoosen Randeree

Monday, 15th December 2014
23rd Safar 1436 AH

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatahu

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear parents,

I pray that all of you are in the best of health and imaan.

Alhamdulillah, we have come to the end of the Autumn Term. This has been a very busy and productive term for all our pupils and staff. Our children have been working hard within all areas of our broader curriculum and early indications from our Autumn Term assessments indicate that we are in line to achieve school targets for progress and attainment.

We had a high number of parents attending our parent consultation evenings in November. Governors were also present during these evenings and surveyed parental views on the school. The feedback received from the parent questionnaire was very positive. Some of the comments made by parents are shared on page 2 of this newsletter.

The school has also had visits from our School Improvement Advisor and the Director of Children's services in Lambeth. Both of them visited classes, spoke to pupils and spent some time with the school leadership team. Overall they were impressed with the quality of our provision and the positive ethos of the school.

Pupils continue to develop their spoken language skills and this has been seen through their growing confidence in presenting our class led assemblies and during discussions in class. Masha'Allah to all our pupils for working hard on this school improvement objective!

Next term promises to be an equally exciting and enjoyable term for all our pupils and broader school community. Please note that there have been some changes to our key dates for this term. The key dates are shown on this page.

Sr. Maryam Rafique will be leaving Orchard at the end of this term, due to personal circumstances. We would like to wish her all the best for the future. May Allah (SWT) bless her and her family always.

Finally, I would like to wish all our pupils, parents and staff well over the December Holidays.

With salaams and request for Duas,
Br Hoosen Randeree (Interim Headteacher)

Enjoying and learning at Orchard Primary, this term!



Yr. 6 Maths workshop at Lambeth Academy



Yr. 2 Enjoying their Eid Party!



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We requested parents to answer a questionnaire during our parent evenings. Overall we received responses from 33 families who represented 62 pupils altogether. Some of the comments made about the school by parents who answered this questionnaire, are listed in the table below:

Questions that were put forward to parents

Some of the responses we had

Is your child enjoying school so far this year?

100% replied 'Yes'
1 parent replied 'Yes' for one child and 'No' for the other

Comments included:

'Happy to go to school this year'
'Child has many friends'
'Enjoys coming to school'

Would you like to share any positive comments about the school?

'Standard of teaching, very impressed', 'Teachers interact well with parents', 'Teaching has improved greatly',
'A listening school'
'Daughter has enjoyed the trips that the school has organised. Attitude of Headteacher very positive.'
'HT very approachable'
'Changes have had no negative impact'
Commending Al-Risalah trust and the senior management
'Eid dinner – well organised, good community feeling and good food!'

Do you have any suggestions you would like to give to the school?

'Islamic Studies to come back', 'More IS'
'stretching more able pupils would be great'
'Perhaps more support in upper Key Stage'
'Adult learning classes'
'Playground- more activities required'

School Assemblies

We have received very positive feedback from pupils, parents and staff on our 'theme based assemblies'. The children really enjoy presenting to the whole school during their class assemblies on Friday mornings! Parents are welcomed to attend!



Parents meeting with governors to answer our questionnaire on Parent Evenings



Our assemblies in action!