



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

## **TERM DATES**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2014**

#### **First day of term for pupils:**

Tuesday, 2nd September

#### **Eid –ul Adha Break:**

3rd to 6th October

#### **School re – opens:**

Tuesday, 7th October

#### **Half Term Break:**

27th –31st October

#### **INSET Days for staff:**

27th & 28th October

#### **School re – opens:**

Monday, 3rd November

#### **Term ends:**

Friday, 19th December  
(early closure)

#### **School holidays:**

22nd Dec - 2nd January  
2015

#### **Spring Term begins:**

Monday, 5th January  
2015

## **SCHOOL MEALS FORMS**

Parents have been asked to complete the free school meals eligibility forms to help the school to secure maximum funding possible.

Even if you do not think you are eligible or prefer to organise packed lunches, it is still very important that every family completes this form and returns it to the office.

**The government's provision for free school meals for ALL pupils from Rec-Y2 starts from this term.**

# Orchard Times

Interim Headteacher:  
Mr Hoosen Randeree

Friday, 5th September 2014  
10 Dhul –Qadah 1435 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 had a very good start to the new academic year at Orchard Primary. It was wonderful to welcome back all our pupils and parents on Tuesday, 2nd September.

Our teaching, support and admin staff were in school for some of the days during the break and on INSET day, in order to prepare the school for our pupils. It is our commitment to provide the best learning experiences to all our pupils in order for them to develop their skills and make a positive contribution as good citizens. A special welcome also, to all our new members of staff!

It was very pleasing to see our children dressed so smartly in their full school uniform and remembering our 'Orchard Code' of conduct which they shared with me during our first assembly!

We have an exciting term ahead of us. Insha'Allah the children will be focusing upon the month of Haj as this approaches us towards the end of September. Please do look out for a display of all their learning. On Friday, 26th September we will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Do come along and purchase a coffee / tea and pastry on this morning. All funds raised will be to support this very good cause, insha'Allah.

Our pupils will be presenting their learning on Friday assemblies. This provides a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their spoken language and confidence also. Class teachers will be informing parents when their class is presenting and you will be most welcome to come in to see your child taking part in their class assembly.

Since I have recently taken over as interim headteacher, I am keen to meet and work closely with all our parents. Should you wish to make an appointment, kindly call our office to arrange this. I am also at the school entrance area most mornings, should you wish to have a quick word. Our assistant headteachers and class teachers will also be holding curriculum meetings from the 15th of September where parents will be able to review the learning being covered by their children in different subject areas.

With salaams and request for Duas,

*Br Hoosen Randeree* (Interim Head teacher)

### **Our teaching staff for this year:**

Reception: Miss Rodene Roman-Stockwell

Year 1: Mrs Mehwish Mughal

Year 2: Mrs Farhana Suleman (Assistant Head Rec– Year 3)

Year 3: Mrs Maryam Rafique

Year 4: Miss Sarah Thistlethwaite

Year 5: Mr Kevin Umekwe (Assistant Head Year 4 to Year 6)

Year 6: Mrs Fatima Zara Ali