

Newsletter



OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

Autumn has arrived with changing colours all around us, as well as dropping temperatures! Coats, hats, gloves and scarves are beginning to appear, reflecting these changes; please try to label these with your child's name.

Our pupils have settled into the new academic year and the new Year 1 pupils are fully immersed in all aspects of the school day - now spending playtimes, lunchtimes and assemblies with the rest of the school.

I really appreciate that our children have started to come to school on-time (at 8 a.m.) every day; please keep it up all the year long.

As usual, below you will find some information about key events and features of school life for the remainder of this half term. If you have any questions or queries about any of these, as always please pop into school and I would be happy to discuss them further.

Yours sincerely
Abu Hussain
Head teacher

Attendance News

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>September attendance %</u>
Y1	95.89%
Y2	95.27%
Y3	96.00%
Y4	99.07%
Y5	99.86%
Y6	98.60%

AL FALAH OVERALL ATTENDANCE RECORD 2018-19			
Month	Present %	Authorised Absence %	Unauthorised Absence %
SEPTEMBER	97.45%	2.47%	0.08%

Parents' day:

Parents' day took place on Thursday 18th October. It provided parents the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss important issues of academic progression in both National and Islamic Curriculum subjects. Parents were also provided with first half term reports for their children. May we say thank you very much for taking out the time to visit Al Falah.

Parent's Survey:

Your views count! Alhamdulillah! I would like to take this opportunity to feedback to you the outcomes of the parent surveys. Thank you to the parents for taking the time to complete the parent survey, your continued support is really appreciated. Our aim is to constantly strive to improve our partnership with parents so that all our children are well supported and parents feel confident in knowing what their child needs to do to move on in their learning and confident in supporting them in this process. We have received lots of positive feedback about the things we need to improve as a school. Below is a list of strengths that numerous parents commented on.

<u>Survey results categories</u>	<u>Excellent / Good</u>
National Curriculum Education	97%
Islamic Curriculum Education	99%
Communication between School and Parents	97%
Discipline	97%
Provided with sufficient homework	97%
Making good progress at school	96%
As a parent are you happy with the current school progress?	89%
Check your child's homework	96 %

In your opinion, what is the most important improvement Al-Falah School could make?

Provide school lunch, more play equipment in the playground, better communication between school and parents.

Keeping children safe in education:

All parents and carers and requested to read the 'Keeping children safe in education-2018' booklet, which can be found on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>.

Clapton clean up:

Thursday 18th October Al Falah children are going to participate in Clapton cleanup activities around our local area with Bsix College, Hackney council other local schools in our area. Our children always participate in cleaning up programme and its make them pride of being part of wider community and learn how to keep cleaning local area.

Parents' workshop:

We would like to invite all our parents and carers to a short workshop/information session to help you understand the best ways you can help your child with their reading and writing at home. We realised

that it is essential to involve parents in improving their children's reading and writing and supporting their learning process. Teaching staff will be available to answer any further questions and give more specific advice tailored to your child's year group.

Y1 Parents phonics workshop on Friday 16th November from 11 - 11.30am

You will receive letters informing you of the workshop dates and times for other year groups closer to the time.

Year 6 SATs workshop

There will be a workshop for parents on Friday 9th November 2018 from 10.45am - 11.30am. This session will provide parents with vital information about SATs, how to prepare your child and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. It is important that all parents try to attend this important workshop.

Students of the month September and October:

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Y1: Abdul Aziz Isarai	Y1: Fatima Patel
Y2: Hamza Ahmed	Y2: Aleesha Ermis
Y3: Abdul Hakim Isarai	Y3: Maryama Hussain
Y4: Yahya Balia	Y4: Aliyah Harare
Y5: Fatima Kolia & Haythm Saqr	Y5: Asiyah Isarai
Y6: Meryam Bouhanna	Y6: Rahma Mohamed



Messages from teachers

Year 1

Alhamdulillah, Year one have had a great start to Al falah and all children have settled in well. This term we have been focusing on letter orientation and number formation. Most children are able to write all the letters of the alphabet and numbers from 1-20 correctly.

In history, we have been exploring the difference between toys from the past and toys that are available today. In DT children designed and made their own fruit salad. Children enjoyed eating a variety of different fruits. Children have also been doing artwork to display around the classroom.

Please can I request all parents to continue to check your child's interactive diary on a daily basis. Please also continue to support your child's learning by making sure homework is completed on time. Have a great holiday!

Ms Noreen

Year 2

Year Two have made a brilliant start to the year by producing lots of work including some imaginative story writing with the use of similes. They have shown an excellent improvement in their reading,

writing and mathematics skills over this term which is evident in their improvement during independent work as well as assessments.

Keep up the good work and a huge thank you to all the parents for their continuous support. Please encourage your children to do lots of reading at home and continue practicing Handwriting. Enjoy your holidays!

Ms Nosheen

Year 3

Year 3 have managed to memorise their times tables from 1 to 6. They must continue to practice them regularly. Reading is also a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen to their child read every day.

The children enjoyed relay racing during P.E. lessons this term and actively took part in the sessions. The majority of the kids showed an improvement in their spellings over the past seven weeks but regular practice is advised. Eesa and Yusra have been nominated as school councillors and we hope they are able fulfil this role successfully. Overall, it has been a busy term and the children have settled in well.

Ms Abedah

Year 4

Well done to year 4 for trying exceedingly hard this term. The first term back after summer is always a difficult one and the class have shown perseverance and zeal.

Enjoy the holiday, and I look forward to our next term which will be exciting with lots of new learning and a fantastic trip to look forward to.

Ms waheedah

Year 6

Alhamdulillah we've had a great start in year 6 and all the children have been working hard this term across all subject areas. This year will be quite challenging for the children due to their SATs but I really hope, at the same time, everyone will have an exciting and rewarding experience Insha'Allah.

On Monday 19th of November we will be visiting the Science Museum where we will visit the *Wonderlab: The Equinox Gallery* which enriches learning across the curriculum themes of Forces, Electricity, Light, Sound, Matter, Space and Maths.

Sir Alam



Islamic Studies

Dear parents, a very warm welcome back to you all, especially our new children. Alhamdulillah we all had a great half term, Students have settled in very well and started to enjoy learning the Quran and Islamic studies. Maashaa-Allah children have returned with great enthusiasm and excitement and we hope this continues throughout the year with the support of our lovely parents. Inshaa-Allah!

This term we have focused on 'Contribution to our community' in assemblies and through our 'Hadith a week program'. We want to reinforce children's understanding about diversity and how to be a strong member of a cohesive community.

Year six Islamic Studies

This term we focused on some of the pillars of Imaan, namely the belief in the messengers of Allah and in the divine books of Allah. We have also read from surah bani Israil to surah Hajj in our Quran lesson with brief explanation and mashaa-Allah the students love it. Enjoy the half term break and remember to pray your Salah.

Year five Islamic Studies

Alhamdulillah this term we have learnt a lot about all the pillars of faith. We have explored the belief in Allah, His angels, His books, messengers, last day and in Qadr and mashaa-Allah students showed a lot of interest and really enjoyed the units.

Year four Islamic Studies

It has been a positive start for Year 4 this year. They have shown tremendous interest in their education and can achieve targets within a set time. So far we have covered five Ad'iyaa (Duaa) with its meanings. We have learnt about salaah and the incident of Al-Miraj, we have learnt about Zakah and the benefit of paying Zakah. We have also learnt about Sawm and why we have to fast. Likewise, we have learnt the objectives of hajj.

In Quranic recitation, each student has demonstrated their ability to learn and reach their goal. A number of exceptional students have established their outstanding talent in excellent recitation. They are; Aliyah, Tasneem, Maryam, Zarah, Dawud and Sumaya.

Well done to Year 4 for a good start.

Hifz Class

Mashaa-Allah, have settled in well and most of the students have been working hard. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that your support and interest in your child's memorisation of the Quran is of paramount importance when it comes to making progress. Remember to revise during the holidays and have a great time!

School will be closed for half term holidays from Monday 22nd October to Monday 29th October 2018. We are reopening on Tuesday 30th October 2018.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUTUMN TERM 2018-19				
Events (2018)	Date (2018)	Time	Location	Comments
Autumn 1st term		Tues 4 Sep - Fri 19 Oct 2018		
Black History Month	01-Oct-18	Whole month	Al Falah school	All
Police workshop with year 6	10-Oct-18	11am - 12pm	Al Falah school	Year 6
Parents day	11-Oct-18	9am - 1pm	Al Falah school	All
Art competition deadline	18-Oct-18	12pm	Al Falah school	KS2
Clean up Clapton day	18-Oct-18	11am-12pm	Bsix College	Years 5 & 6
Half term holiday		Monday 22 Oct – Monday 29 Oct 2018		
Autumn 2nd term		Tues 30 Oct - Fri 21 Dec 2018		
INSET DAY		29-Oct-18	All Day	Al Falah school
Science Museum trip (Years 3 & 4)	07-Nov-18	9am - 1.30pm	South Kensington	Years 3 & 4
Year 6 SATs workshop	09-Nov-18	10.45-11.30am	Al Falah school	Year 6 parents
Anti-Bullying week	12 - 16 Nov 18	Whole week	Al Falah school	All
Universal children's' day	20-Nov-18	All day	Al Falah school	All
Science Museum trip (Year 6)	19-Nov-18	9am - 1.30pm	South Kensington	Year 6
Arabic Language day	18-Dec-18	All day	Al Falah school	All
End of term holiday		Monday 24 Dec 2018 – Monday 7 Jan 2019		
Red = Holidays				
Green = Term dates				
Orange = INSET days				