

The Al-Hijrah



Weekly Times

Friday 16th September 2016

Al-Jum'aa 14th Dhul Hijjah 1437

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as-salaamu' alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

EID MUBARAK AND WELCOME BACK! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and that your child has had a good start to the new academic year – Subhan'Allah, 2 weeks completed! We look forward to working together for another successful year for our children, Insha'Allah.

As always, please keep us in your du'as as we keep you in ours; may Allah (SWT) protect, guide and grant us His Mercy, Aameen.

**Br. Arshad
Mohammed**

Parents & Heads Coffee Morning

At Al-Hijrah we believe it is vital to know the thoughts of our parents. Following the success of last year, we once again have dates for our Heads Coffee Mornings. These will now be held every second MONDAY of the month. Parents are requested to email the school with topics and these will Insha'Allah be addressed by Br Arshad Mohammed (Head Teacher) and Br Shawkat Chowdhury (Deputy Head Teacher). The next Coffee Morning will be:

Mon 10th Oct 2016 | Main Hall | 9:00 – 10:00 am

Entrance and exit will be from the Main Office (Burbidge Road) and parents must kindly sign in on arrival – please kindly note that parents will not be granted access to the main school building due to safeguarding and will be escorted at all times.

A New Start

May we take this opportunity to welcome all pupils and parents who are new to the school. We look forward to working with you during your association with us. A warm welcome also to all new members of staff and we pray that your time with Al-Hijrah is blessed and beneficial for all, Insha'Allah.

For parents who are new to the school, we send out a newsletter every 2 weeks. They are an important form of communication and will give you information about current and forthcoming events, curriculum activities within each year group, diary dates, riddles and more. The newsletter will be posted on the school's website and on the school's Facebook page.

We have had two very short weeks in school but it has been enjoyable as well as very productive. The Reception and Year 7 pupils have settled in well into their new classes. It was also nice to see all the children looking very smart in their school uniform. We would like to thank all the parents for your support with this, Masha'Allah.



SACRE

For number of years we have chosen to teach Religious Education in collaboration with the Birmingham agreed syllabus. On Thursday we had a visit from Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) to establish how we deliver our RE lessons and Collective Worship (Prayer). The visitor was very impressed with our progress and we look forward to a positive report, Insha'Allah. To learn more about how RE is delivered please visit the website below:

<http://www.faithmakesadifference.co.uk/landing>

Eid-al-Adha 1437

On Wednesday, the school was awash with vibrant colours as the children and staff came into school in their Eid clothes, Masha'Allah. In the afternoon, Primary enjoyed class parties and the Secondary students took part in an exciting quiz set by the teachers. Children and teachers had to work collaboratively to answer challenging and fun questions which got their brains working overtime, Al-hamdu'lillah!







Free School Meals (FSM)

If you have not already done so, please register for FSM. Remember, even if your child is not having free school meals, it will still mean funding for the school so please take some time to check if you are eligible. The link is available on our website.

School Website & Social Media

Please find below the links on our website for social media forums:

-  Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/alhijrahschool/>
-  Instagram – <https://instagram.com/schoolalhijrah/>
-  Twitter – <https://twitter.com/SchoolAlHijrah>
-  YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/> Please logon and subscribe!



Important Dates!

- **GY11 DofE Practice Expedition:** Thu 22nd – Fri 23rd Sep 2016, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm (2 days).
- **Y7 Wales Residential Parent Presentation:** Tue 27th Sep 2016, 3:45 – 4:30 pm, Main Hall.
- **Y6 Houses of Parliament Trip:** Thu 29th Sep 2016, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm.
- **Y10 DofE Parent Presentation:** Thu 29th Sep 2016, 3:45 – 4:30 pm, Sisters' Hall.
- **Parents & Head Teacher Coffee Morning:** Mon 10th Oct 2016, 9:00 – 10:00 am, Main Hall.
- **Term Dates:** Fri 21st Oct 2016 School Closes 3:30 pm | Mon 31st Oct 2016 School Reopens 8:30 am.

Riddle of the Week!

QUESTION: Which weighs more, a pound of feathers or a pound of bricks?



Share your answer with Br Shawkat. Due to the huge number of children responding, first 3 correct answers will now receive 10 E-Praise points, Insha'Allah.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance is very important and all schools are judged on this. The national target is 95%.

Gates open from 8:30 am as usual, Insha'Allah. Please kindly continue to encourage children to arrive on time. School gates close at 8:45 am and pupils are late if they arrive after this time. Secondary students are issued with a break time detention for lateness.

Book Donation

We kindly request parents to donate any books which are in good condition for reuse that you or your children will no longer be using. Books should not be ripped or marked and can be both fiction and nonfiction. They can be sent in with your child or can be left in the Main Office.

Parental Email

If you have access to email and you would like to receive correspondence and the School Newsletter via email, you can now register your email address with the school. If you wish to register more than one email address you can do so and any communications will be sent to each address on the form. Please complete the form (sent home) and return to school. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Uniform Contribution

We kindly request parents to donate any Al-Hijrah School uniforms which are in good condition for reuse that your children will no longer be using. These will be used to help raise funds for the school which will benefit the learning of your children. Uniforms should be washed before donating and can be left in the Main Office, Insha'Allah.

Open Door Policy/Parent Matters

Your first point of call is the Class/Form Tutor. After this, a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) or Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will deal with your query/concern. Please kindly note:

Br. Amjid Hussain	Pastoral Lead & DSL
Sr. Saima Khan	Assistant Head & DSL
Br. Shawkat Chowdhury	Deputy Head & DSL
Br. Arshad Mohammed	Head Teacher

Parking

A reminder: please park safely when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please be conscious of our children and park safely. Help us to help you keep your child safe, Insha'Allah.

