

# The Al-Hijrah Times



Monday 18 June 2018

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## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*As-salaamu' alaikumwarahmatullahiwabarakatuhu*

On Monday 4th of June the school celebrated grand Iftar for the first time. It was a wonderful celebration of Ramadan and our amazing children. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed getting together and sharing some great food. There were some wonderful speeches, Qur'an recitation and Nasheed performance by our children and Aashiq Al Rasul group to remind us of the blessings of Ramadan. It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to the blessed month of Ramadan this week. May Allah SWT accept our efforts and bless us with His infinite bounties, Ameen. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Eid Mubarak and a wonderful time with your families. Please, take this opportunity to forgive and forget past altercations; renew or strengthen family ties, so that we receive mercy from our Lord. May Allah SWT give us the ability to overcome our weaknesses, Ameen.

We have received the final report from OFSTED that is due for publication on Monday, Insha'Allah. Alhamdulillah, it details many strengths of the school and areas for further improvements. A letter will be sent to all parents providing some details of the outcomes and how to get access to the latest report. I have written about the importance of regular attendance in the past and I would like to thank parents for helping us make improvements in this area. Attendance and punctuality are essential for the success of our children and we will be working very hard with parents to make this area exemplary for our children, Insha'Allah. There will be a major focus on attendance and punctuality starting next week and I look forward to working very closely with parents to make this a success, Insha'Allah. Finally, I would encourage parents to avoid taking term time holidays for the sake of our children. The examinations are almost at an end. The Early Years, Key Stage 1 and 2 Assessments are now complete, and we look forward to celebrating the success of our children soon, Insha'Allah. The GCSE examinations have a few more days to go and the arrangements and conduct of our children has been exemplary. Please, make Du'a for the success of all children. I would like to thank the staff and parents for their incredible support during this difficult and stressful time for our children.

Looking ahead, the children have some wonderful events planned for them. The Year 9 and 10 have DoE events early next week and the school is looking forward to Eid celebrations on Thursday, Insha'Allah.

Please keep us in your du'as as we keep you in ours; may Allah SWT protect, guide and grant us His Mercy, Ameen.

**Br. Arshad Mohammed**

## Get in Contact/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:

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

## Parents & Heads Coffee Afternoon

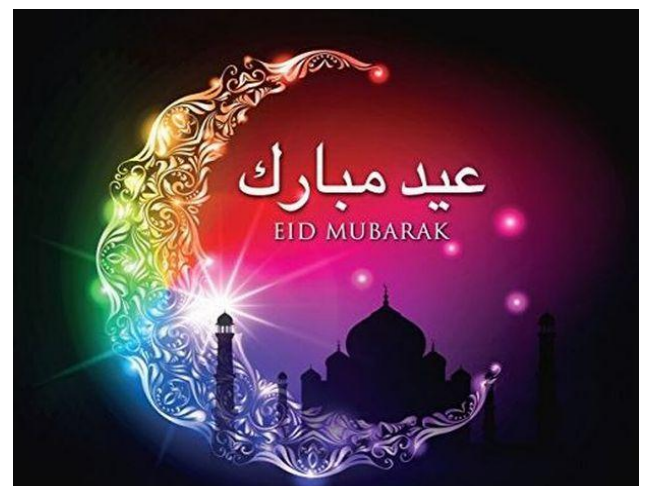
At Al-Hijrah we believe it is vital to know the thoughts of our parents. Following the success of previous years, we once again have dates for our Head's Coffee Afternoon (previously Morning). These will be held every second TUESDAY of the month. Parents are requested to email the school with topics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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 | Sunshine Room |  
2:30 - 3:30 pm**

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.

## Eid ul Fitr Holiday - Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

**June 2018**



## What is Safeguarding?



Safeguarding is a term that relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

At Al-Hijrah School, we ensure that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that all staff, visitors, parents and carers understand their roles and responsibilities in keeping children safe.

Staff at Al-Hijrah School have clear roles and responsibilities relating to keeping children safe within our care. Whether this is related to supervising children safely at break times, ensuring our behaviour policy is fully implemented, carrying out health and safety checks, reminding families about road safety or undertaking risk assessments, we are always on high alert to ensure that every child is safe.

Safeguarding encompasses everything that we do in school, so that children are safe, well, healthy and ready to learn.

There are a number of key concerns that staff are trained to look for including signs of neglect, abuse or mistreatment and also how to manage a disclosure that a child may make. We are continually checking issues like poor attendance and lateness as this can be an indication of other concerns.

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to the School so that we can provide support and guidance and, where necessary, access external agency support with the aim of keeping the young person safe from harm.

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL):

- Sr Saima Khan (AHT)
- Br Shawkat Chowdhury (DHT)
- Br Amjid Hussain (PL)

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the school holidays or out of school

hours and you need support, you are advised to speak to the Children's Advice and Support Services (CASS). CASS Telephone: 0121 303 1888



### School Day

### Ustad Naeem Hasson Ismail 1968- 2018

As Ramadan has now come to an end, on Monday insha'Allah all students will be going back to the usual time table. Therefore, please familiarise yourself and your child with the following timings of the day to ensure your child is punctual.

Time	Lesson
8.30- 8.45am	Gates Open
8.45 – 8.55 am	AM Reg
8.55 – 9.50 am	P1
9.50 – 10.45 am	P2
10.45 – 11.00 am	Boys Break
10.45 – 11.45 am	P3 Girls
11.00 – 12.00 pm	P3 Boys
11.45 – 12.00 pm	Girls Break
12.00 – 1.00 pm	P4
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 3.00pm	P5
3.00 – 3.30 pm	PM Reg/Tut

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rejoin, our brother Ustadh Naim was a teacher in Al-Hijrah, who sadly passed away on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018. He



toured with Aashiq Al Rasul on numerous occasions and was dearly loved by all. He was committed to family, served humanity and devoted to God. "A generous, happy, uplifting, honest person." "Always smiling and being thankful to his Lord." We will remember him forever.

## Farewells

**Br. Muneeb (Yr3 Teacher)** will be dearly missed. In the short time that Br. Muneeb has spent at Al-Hijrah, he has moulded into the great spirit of Al-Hijrah and shown real love for our School, we wish him the very best for the future. We welcome back the return of Sr. Zara from maternity.

**Br Anwar Khan (Science Teacher)** has been an enthusiastic and supportive Science Teacher and has won the heart of many pupils and staff. We wish him all the best for his future, he will be missed. We welcome back Sr. Aneesa Simjee, from maternity.

## Grand Iftar 2018

As you are all aware on Monday 4th June 2018 a Grand Iftar was held at Crown Banqueting for all our students, families and community.

Alhamdu'lillah we had a great turnout and the event ran successfully with many performance and speeches which were thoroughly enjoyed by all! It was a great opportunity for everyone to get together and enjoy a lovely meal as Al-Hijrah family.

Jazak'Allah hu khairun to all those who attended the event and to the dedicated staff for organising the event! We will be holding another Iftar during next year's Ramadhan insha'Allah and again we will be very happy to share this special evening with you all.



### Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance is very important, and all schools are judged on this. The national target is 95%. Gates open from 8:30 am, Insha'Allah. 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.

### Consent Forms

**Could all consent forms for Photographs and videos please be returned to the Main Office/ Class Teacher as soon as possible.**

**If you do not have one, please collect a letter from the Main Office.**

### Riddle of the Week!

**Last week's answer:**

Post office

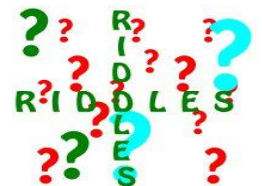
**Last week's winners:**

Abdullah 2B

Isa 4B

**QUESTION:**

What gets bigger the more you take away from it?



**PRIZE:** First 3 correct answers to Br Shawkat will be rewarded!

## Premier- Morning and After School Club

We are pleased to announce there is a range of Early Morning and After School clubs arranged for the Primary by Premier. Their enthusiastic and driven community of over 1,000 Activity Professionals are passionate about creating memorable experiences that young people will carry with them and reflect on, for the rest of their lives.

To book your child's place follow these simple steps! 1. Visit [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)

2. Search your postcode in 'Find an activity' and your school will appear
3. Click 'Book Now' on the appropriate course and complete your details
4. Once booked, email confirmation will be automatically sent through



## Important Dates!

- **Parent Teacher Association Meeting** - Fridays. 2.30pm-3.30pm, with Br Amran
- **Eid ul Fitr Holiday** - School closed on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018- Open for all Year 11 Pupils
- **School reopens** - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 8.30am
- **DofE-Practice Expedition** - Mon18<sup>th</sup> June- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- **Eid Celebration** - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018, non-uniform day and special lunch menu including fun activities
- **DofE-Day walk** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018
- **Year 6 Mini Business** - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 9am-4pm
- **Spring Clean-up** - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 2pm-3pm
- **Trip** - Reception Classes to wonderland, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 9am-3pm.

## Focus of the Week

### 34. Being thankful

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ "لَا يَشْكُرُ اللَّهُ مَنْ لَا يَشْكُرُ النَّاسَ"

Narrated Abu Hurayrah:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: He who does not thank the people is not thankful to Allah. (Abu Daud)

### 35. Remembering Allah in conversations

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "لَا تُكْثِرُوا الْكَلَامَ بِغَيْرِ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ كَثْرَةَ الْكَلَامِ بِغَيْرِ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ قَسْوَةٌ لِلْقَلْبِ وَإِنَّ أْبَعَدَ النَّاسِ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْقَلْبُ الْقَاسِي"

Ibn 'Umar narrated that the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) said:

"Do not talk too much without remembrance of Allah. Indeed, excessive talking without remembrance of Allah hardens the heart. And indeed, the furthest of people from Allah is the harsh-hearted." (At-Tirmidhi)