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**Issue 1**

**Friday 9th September 2016**

**WELCOME BACK**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all pupils, families and staff to the new academic year at Old Ford Primary A Paradigm Academy.  I have visited all classrooms this week and it has been an absolute pleasure to see pupils dressed smartly in their school uniforms, smiling and ready to get on with their learning. I am excited about the new academic year and I am looking forward to working with all of you!

Kevin Jones

Principal

**PHONE NUMBERS**

Please make sure that the administration team have your correct mobile/home phone number.  We use a text service called Groupcall to send out important messages and unless we have your correct details, you will not receive them!

**STAR PUPILS**

As you know, every week at Old Ford we celebrate the achievements of our pupils in our Monday assemblies.  This can be highlighting a pupil who has worked hard, has produced excellent work or has shown particular regard to our school values.

From next week, we are changing the way we run our star pupil reward system.  We will still hand out our awards in Monday assemblies but we would like YOU to come along and see your child receive the award!

If your child is due to receive an award, you will receive a text the previous Friday inviting you to Monday's assembly. Please **do not** tell your child that they are due to receive an award as we want it to be a surprise!

All assemblies start at 10.30am so if you are able to attend, please be prompt for the start! We really hope you will be able to join us in celebrating the achievements of our wonderful pupils!



**SCHOOL CLOSURE**

**MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - EID-UL-ADHA**

Tower Hamlets Council of Mosques/East London Mosque has informed the Local Authority that the festival of Eid-ul-Adha will take place on Monday 12th September 2016. Therefore school will be closed to all pupils and staff on Monday 12th September 2016.

**All pupils are to return to school on Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 8.55am.**

**PE KITS**

To ensure your child/ren have their PE Kit on the correct days, we advise that you give them their PE Kit every Monday morning which will ensure they have it in school and for the PE sessions when they need it.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please could all parents/carers ensure that they label their child's clothing.  Unless it is named, it is very difficult to find the owner and the item ends up lost! Please also check the lost property box which is located outside the ground floor hall.

**Old Ford Primary Academy**

**Term Dates 2016/17**

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| **Term** | **Start** | **End** | **Half- term holidays** | **Start** | **End** | **End of term holiday** |
| **Autumn 2016** | Thursday 1st September 2016 **(Staff only)** | Friday 21st October 2016 | Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2016 | Monday 31st October 2016 | Friday 16th December 2016 | Monday 19th December 2016-Monday 2nd January 2017 |
| **Spring 2017** | Tuesday 3rd January 2017 | Friday 10th February 2017 | Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017 | Monday 20th February 2017 | Friday 31st March 2017 | Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April 2017 |
| **Summer 2017** | Tuesday 18th April 2017 | Friday 26th May 2017 | Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017 | Monday 5th June 2017 | Wednesday 26th July 2017 | Thursday 27th July 2017 |

**INSET**

X3 further INSET training days for the 2016/17 academic year will be announced as soon as we have confirmed the dates.

**EID**

Tower Hamlets have advised the x2 provisional dates below for school closures for the celebration of Eid.

* Eid Al-Adha – 12th September 2016 **(CONFIRMED DATE)**
* Eid Al-Fitr – 26th June 2017

**Bank Holidays – 2016/17**

* Christmas Day – 25th December 2016.
* Boxing Day – 26th December 2016.
* New Year's Day – 1st January 2017.
* Bank Holiday – 2nd January 2017
* Good Friday – 14th April 2017.
* Easter Monday – 17th April 2017.
* May Bank Holiday – 1st May 2017.
* Spring Bank Holiday – 29th May 2017.
* Summer Bank Holiday – 28th August 2017.