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**Issue 2**

**Friday 16th September 2016**

**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. 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!

**RETIRED HMI (HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORS) VISIT**

Every year, all schools in Paradigm Trust invite retired HM Inspectors into our school to conduct a review of all aspects of our teaching, learning and school organisation. Feedback from these visits is used to make us a better and more effective school. This year, our visit will be taking place on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Our pupils always do us proud on these visits and we always receive comments on their excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning. Please could all parents/carers ensure that their children are wearing full school uniform next week, are on time and ready to show our visitors what a fantastic school we have!

**PARKING**

The school has received a number of complaints from local residents about parents/carers who park outside their houses, blocking access to their driveways.  One resident on the Old Ford Housing estate said that a parent had parked in their allocated bay and they were unable to reach their house!

Please:

* **DO NOT stop on the double yellow/zig zag lines outside the school to drop off or collect your pupils**
* **DO NOT drive onto the pavement in front of the staff parking area - this is very dangerous**
* **DO NOT park in residents' parking bays or block access to their driveways**

We are working with Tower Hamlets council parking enforcement to stop these dangerous practices.  Our priority is the safety of your children.

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**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 x1 provisional date below for school closure for the celebration of Eid.

* 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.

**REMINDER OF MORNING PROCEDURES**

Parents/carers are reminded that if pupils arrive to school morning after 9.00am, you **must** come to the administration office and sign your child in. If you do not sign your child in, there is a risk of your child not being marked in on their register which can be extremely dangerous if there were to be a fire.

If you are running late, please inform the school before 10.30am, so that your child/ren can be booked in for lunch. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.