



# Norman Hurst School

68-74 Station Road, North Chingford  
London E4 7BA  
Tel: 020 8529 4307  
Fax: 020 8524 7737

## HEADMISTRESS

MRS CLAIRE OSBORN MSc., B.A. (HONS), PGCE

E-mail: [info@normanhurstschool.co.uk](mailto:info@normanhurstschool.co.uk)  
Website: [www.normanhurstschool.co.uk](http://www.normanhurstschool.co.uk)

November 2014

### Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable mid-term break and that you are looking forward to the forthcoming half-term with its special events as Christmas approaches. You will find out more about all that is happening later in this letter and, of course, by looking on the parent portal and the website. As we return to school, may I remind you that all pupils should now be in the winter uniform.

#### Spanish Trip to Andalucia

Senior pupils enjoyed an excellent cultural tour to Spain over the half-term break organised by Mrs Kimpton, the Languages teacher. Over thirty students visited Andalucia and the beautiful towns of Ronda and Granada, with the stunning Alhambra Palace. The staff team and the tour organisers were very impressed with our students who were a credit both to the school and to their families. I am very grateful to all the staff involved: Mrs Kimpton, Mr Christou, Mrs Antoniadis and Mr Permale. Photographs and an article will be in the next Norman Hurst newsletter.

#### Oak-Tree Holiday Clubs

I hope our younger pupils up to Year 6 enjoyed the Multi-sports Courses at Coopersale Hall School in the half-term break. The Oak-Tree holiday activity courses are becoming increasingly popular and we aim to broaden the range on offer during the Easter holiday in 2015. Look out for further details nearer the time.

#### New Lunch Menus

Paul Stiles, our Chartwells Chef, has updated the school menus for the next half-term. These are available to see on the website and via the parent portal. If you have any questions about the lunches, please do contact the team.

There will be a special themed lunch to celebrate Guy Fawkes Day on Wednesday 5 November. The menu includes: barbecue bangers, fire cracker potatoes, bonfire beans, Guy Fawkes flame burger, smouldering vegetable stew, warm fiery soup and toffee apples.

#### Charity Updates

##### Harvest Festival Donations

Mrs Prior received a lovely email from Ray Carrig, the Soup Run Coordinator, thanking Norman Hurst for our contributions of food and supplies. By 12 November, these will all have been handed out to people who need them. Moreover, our financial donation of £160 has enabled Dr Moffat to purchase two new lights to improve safety when people are being served, as well as additional sleeping bags and winter emergency kits to be distributed over the winter months.

Mr Carrig commented, 'To see 100+ people walking away with smiles on their faces and carrier bags full of essentials makes it all worthwhile'. Thank you to Mrs Prior for organising our Harvest charity project and to all those families who contributed to such a good cause.

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal**

We launched the annual shoe box appeal before the half-term break, with a target of collecting 100 boxes to send overseas to children who would not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas. Last year we reached the target, so we are hoping to get there again in 2014. It is possible to buy a ready-decorated shoebox provided by the charity for 50p, which can then be filled in the normal way. The deadline for boxes to be given to Mrs Fisher is Friday 7 November. Information was sent to all parents in October, but please do contact the office, or your child's form teacher, for more information if you need it. All finished shoe boxes are being collected by Mrs Fisher and Mrs Prior in the Early Years classrooms.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Poppies will be on sale in school this week in commemoration of lives lost in war and in recognition of the centenary of the start of WW1. We have our special Remembrance Assembly, led by Mrs Kleinfeld the Head of History, on Monday 10 November. I hope to see all our pupils wearing a poppy for the act of remembrance.

### **Christmas Card Competition**

Mr Beint launched the Christmas card design competition last term: all pupils are invited to submit a design by Friday 7 November 2014. Two winners, one from the juniors and one from the seniors, will be announced in assembly on Monday 17 November. These winning designs will be printed and used as the school's official Christmas card.

### **Special Events before Christmas**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award presentations take place on Tuesday 25 November in the Chingford Assembly Hall. Mr Beint and I are very proud of the senior pupils who successfully completed the Bronze Award this year. In the New Year we will launch the award to current Year 10 pupils with an information evening for pupils and their parents.

The GCSE Presentation Evening takes place on Friday 28 November. We welcome back last summer's leavers for a special evening when we present their certificates and celebrate their many successes. I am grateful to Mr Henderson-Jones and to the musicians who will be performing on the evening.

December is busy as usual with a number of seasonal highlights: Festive Fun Day takes place on Monday 1 December for children in Kindergarten and Reception classes. Mrs Fisher will be writing to you with more information about how we like to celebrate the season with families bringing in their traditional foods for this time of year.

The infant Christmas play is on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 December with a dress rehearsal on the Monday; the junior pantomime trip is on Thursday 4 December for children from Kindergarten up to Year 6. This year they are seeing Mother Goose at the Hackney Empire.

Christmas lunches and the junior Christmas party are on Monday 8 December and the Carol Service is on Wednesday 10 December at 2.00pm in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul. Parents and relatives are warmly invited to join us for the Carol Service, to which pupils contribute in music, singing, readings and drama.

### **Staff News**

Two members of staff are leaving Normanhurst at the end of the autumn term: Mr Permale and Miss Scobie. Both have contributed to the life of the school in a rich variety of ways, for which I am very grateful. We wish them both the very best as they move on to new positions. I am delighted to announce the appointment of two experienced teachers to continue to build on their success. Mr Jonathan Walwyn becomes the new Head of Science and Mrs Sinem Kazim becomes the new Head of Drama, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator and Senior Head of House for Connaught.

We also have a new member of staff joining the Early Years team from the start of November: Mrs Amina Chaudry will be a key worker in the Kindergarten.

### **ISA Autumn Conference**

I shall be out of school on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 November at the Independent Schools Association Autumn Conference. As a board member and trustee for ISA I contribute to the association's work with over 300 independent schools in the UK. This year the conference focus is 'Learning that works'.

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 3 November	'Poppy Appeal' week
Monday 3 November	Perform drama workshop for EYFS, Y1 and Y2 2.00-3.00pm
Friday 7 November	Y8 and GCSE Drama Trip from 1.00pm
Sunday 9 November	Oak-Tree Schools Joint Fireworks Display at Oaklands School
Monday 10 November	NSPA Meeting School Hall 7.00pm
Wednesday 12 November	EYFS-Y2 Celebration of Music Assembly (parents invited)
Thursday 13 November	Senior G&T Trip to British Museum
Friday 14 November	NSPA Family Bingo Night 7.00pm (tickets available now)
Monday 17 November	Book Fair week School Hall 3.30-4.00pm
Friday 21 November	Junior Parents Drop-in Morning 8.30-9.00am
Friday 21 November	Holocaust Trust visit to Y6 from 1.00pm
Tuesday 25 November	Duke of Edinburgh Presentations Assembly Hall 6.00pm
Friday 28 November	Y11 Science Live Workshop all day
Friday 28 November	GCSE Presentation Evening 6.00pm
Monday 1 December	EYFS Festive Fun Day
Tuesday 2 December	EYFS-Y2 Christmas Play 2.30pm
Wednesday 3 December	EYFS-Y2 Christmas Play 9.15am
Thursday 4 December	Junior Trip to the Pantomime pm
Friday 5 December	Kindergarten new pupils 'Stay and Play' session
Monday 8 December	Christmas Lunches and Junior Christmas Party pm
Wednesday 10 December	Carols at The Spinney 9.30am
Wednesday 10 December	Carol Service at Parish Church of St Peter and Paul 2.00pm
Thursday 11 December	Last day of term: school ends at 12 noon
Monday 5 January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6 January	Start of Spring Term: school begins at normal time 8.40am
Tuesday 6 January	GCSE Mock Examination Week for Year 11

I look forward to seeing you at the various events taking place over the term.

As always, if you have any questions you would like to raise with the school please contact your child's form teacher or telephone the school office to arrange an appointment.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn  
Headmistress



**OAK-TREE SCHOOLS** is the group name of:

COOPERSALE HALL SCHOOL, EPPING    OAKLANDS SCHOOL, LOUGHTON    NORMANHURST SCHOOL, NORTH CHINGFORD  
ADMINISTRATIVE/ACCOUNTS ADDRESS: 6-8 ALBION HILL, LOUGHTON, ESSEX IG10 4RA

GROUP MANAGING PRINCIPAL: MR MATTHEW HAGGER B.A.(HONS), M.ED., PGCE    SCHOOLS PRINCIPALS: MR NICHOLAS HAGGER M.A. (OXON)    MRS ANN HAGGER CERT.ED.

Normanhurst School is owned in partnership by Mr N.O.Hagger M.A. (OXON)    Mrs M.A.Hagger CERT.ED.    Mr M.O.Hagger B.A. (Hons), M.ED., PGCE

