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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year; one which seems to have flown by. Senior pupils have their end-of-year examinations this week and juniors have their assessments over the next two weeks. The aim of these in both juniors and seniors is to review progress made, set next steps and recognise individual achievements.

Once exams are over there are a number of trips, activities and special events, dates of which are listed at the end of this letter.

At the beginning of the last week of term reports will be sent home for all classes up to Year 10. Reports will be uploaded onto the portal on Monday 6 July to allow time for you to read them and have conversations with staff, as required.

Request from the PE Department

The PE department requests that you email or phone the school office to inform the department if your child needs to miss their PE or Games lesson. This will avoid any confusion.

Early Years Foundation Stage End of Year Celebration Monday 29 June

All parents and carers of children in Kindergarten and Reception are invited to the EYFS Celebration at the URC in Buxton Road on Monday 29 June at 2.00pm. We are looking forward to celebrating all the pupils have enjoyed and achieved over the last year. Do come and join us! Mrs Fisher will provide details to parents, but all children are welcome to come along, even if they do not usually attend on a Monday.

Moving Up Day Tuesday 23 June

Pupils will spend the whole day in school with their new teacher on Moving Up Day. We are also inviting all of the new pupils who will be joining us in September so that they can meet their classmates.

We would like to invite parents to drop into the classroom from 2.30pm onwards to meet the teacher. Please come to the School Hall on arrival so that we can register who is on site and direct you to the right classroom.

The pupils who will be moving into the seniors in September have a Year 7 Induction Day on the same day. Current Year 6 pupils will meet the new pupils who are joining us from other schools in Year 7, and will find out which class they will be in. There will be a special programme of activities for the day including a team building activity in the afternoon.

Our current Year 6 parents and new parents are invited to have coffee in the hall in the morning for a short talk on life in the seniors, as detailed in the letter from Mrs McAuliffe.

There is also an NSPA Uniform Sale in the morning outside the library.

EYFS and Junior Class Teachers from September

Lower Kindergarten: Miss Shipley

Upper Kindergarten: Mrs Fisher and Mrs Bickford

Reception: Miss Smith and Mrs Prior

Year 1 Miss Greenin

Year 2 Mrs Willemse

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Miss Stone

Miss Grant

Miss Amiri

Miss Barnard

Mrs Bickford, Miss Greenin and Miss Stone are joining the staff in September and are invited for Moving Up Day, to meet the children and spend the day with them.

Mrs Bickford moves across from Oaklands School where she was Early Years' Coordinator, previously having been Early Years Phase Leader at St John's in Buckhurst Hill. Miss Greenin graduated from Middlesex University and has teaching experience at Avon House Prep, Theydon Bois and Blackmore primary schools. Miss Stone graduated from the Anglia Ruskin University and is currently a Year 3 teacher at St John Fisher primary school in Loughton.

Year 3 Oak-Tree Schools Adventure Camp 17-18 September 2015

The annual Year 3 camp, which forms part of our PSHE programme, takes place in September. We join with Oaklands and Coopersale Hall Schools for an overnight camp on the Oaklands field. Parents of current Year 2 children have an information meeting at 4.00pm on Monday 1 June in the school hall. The children have a full programme of activities; Miss Barnard and Miss Stone will be accompanying the pupils throughout and will also be camping overnight.

Extra-curricular Activities

The school office have sent home a clubs and activities booking sheet for the Autumn Term so that we can organise the programme and ensure that staffing ratios are appropriate. There is a number limit to some of the clubs, which may mean that we have to operate a waiting list. Please would you complete and return the form to the office at your earliest convenience. We will then be able to confirm the places before the summer break.

Summer Holiday Activity Programme

Parents will be receiving a letter detailing the summer holiday programmes being offered across the three Oak-Tree Schools for pupils up to Year 6, including an Early Years programme on the Normanhurst site. If you would like to sign up for any of the activities on offer, please do so at your earliest convenience, as these are proving extremely popular with Oak-Tree parents.

Pupil Heads of School

The time in the school year has come when the Leadership Team and the staff consider which pupils will be the next Head Boy, Head Girl and Heads of House and Senior Prefect team. Year 10 may nominate a fellow pupil, or may put themselves forward for consideration for the roles. After receiving the nomination letters, I interview each of the nominees. Following our decision, as is the custom, the new Heads of School will be announced at Speech Day. We also select House Captains and Vice Captains for Year 6 from the current Year 5 pupils.

Speech Day and Prize Giving Thursday 2 July 6.00pm

Speech Day is compulsory for all pupils from Year 1 up to and including Year 11. Together we celebrate pupils' many achievements, but we also look back on the year that has passed and recognise the significant landmarks within it.

The office will be sending out letters shortly indicating how parents can request tickets using the text back service, and also about the procedure for prize winners.

There will be a number of musical performances during the evening, alongside an exhibition of Art work. The formal part of proceedings will be followed by a short reception with refreshments. I do hope that many parents will be able to attend and share in this special occasion.

Uniform and Presentation Reminders for Speech Day and Prize Giving

Please ensure your children are well-presented for Speech Day. Boys should have short, neat hair styles, without any cut-in designs. Fringes should not hang over the eyes and the use of any hair products like wax should be minimal.

Girls' long hair must be tied back securely with a plain blue or black hair band. Any 'Alice bands' or hair slides should be plain navy or black, not ornate or colourful.

Shoes should be plain black or navy leather, with a proper sole. Trainers are not permitted and shoes should not have any visible logos or colourful design features. Pupils should wear the correct summer uniform. Juniors should wear white socks with summer dresses and long hooped socks with grey shorts. Senior girls must wear navy opaque tights on Speech Day.

Year 10 Careers Education

There will be a focus on Careers Education for the Year 10 students towards the end of term, with a week of Work Experience beginning on Monday 22 June, and a Careers Day on Friday 3 July, with talks from a number of professionals and mock interviews in the afternoon. Year 10 pupils come into school in business attire on that day.

We hope Year 10 will enjoy these experiences and gain much from them as they look ahead to their futures beyond school.

Normanhurst Summer BBQ Saturday 20 June 4.00-8.00pm

The Normanhurst School Parents' Association is organising the annual Summer Barbecue, this year with a Wild West theme. It will be a fun-filled event for the whole family, so please do come along. There will be an information flyer sent home to all parents this week.

In particular: any keen bakers among the parents and pupils are invited to enter the Normanhurst Bake-Off, which will be judged after the Talent Show. There are 2 categories: large cakes and small cakes. There is also a glittering talent show at 6.00pm when our pupils (and possibly some keen parents or staff!) will be performing, with prizes for the winning acts. Mr Henderson-Jones is coordinating the show, so please do encourage your children to sign up and take part.

All parents, their families and friends are welcome to join us. There will be food, a bar, music, stalls, competitions, a bucking Broncho, bouncy castle, prizes and much more, including the ever popular 'Sponge-the-Teacher'.

All junior aged pupils must be accompanied by a parent or adult who takes responsibility for them for the duration of their stay.

Staff News

As you know, Mrs Jerrom retires as Head of PE and Games and member of the Leadership Team in July, after nearly 30 years at Normanhurst School. Mrs Taylor, who has been with us for a number of years, becomes the new Head of PE and Games.

The Leadership Team roles change from September: Mr Beint continues to be Head of Art and Design but now becomes Deputy Head (Pastoral) looking after the pastoral care and personal development of pupils; Mrs Willemse joins the Leadership Team as an Assistant Head, whilst continuing to be the Year 2 teacher. Mr Christou continues as Deputy Head (Curriculum) as does Miss Barnard in her role of Head of Juniors.

Mrs McAndrew, one of the Early Years classroom assistants also retires in July, after over ten years at the school, to enjoy time with her new grandson.

Mr Goldsmith leaves at the end of this year and Ms Butler joins us in September as Senior IT and Computing Coordinator. She graduated from the University of Hertfordshire and has taught at Beal High School and previously at Heathcote School.

Building Work over the Summer

Parents were sent a letter before the beginning of the half-term break with information about the ambitious building project we are undertaking over the summer holiday. This includes extending the 'New Block' to give the music department a new, purpose-built room, as well as extending our provision for Technology and Graphic Design. Alongside this we are remodelling the toilet facilities and changing rooms for pupils, providing a PE office, Drama office, small teaching room and creating more storage space for pupils' belongings.

Forthcoming Events for the Diary

Monday 1 June	Examinations Week for Seniors Current Y2 Camp meeting 4.00pm
Monday 8 June	Assessment week for Juniors
Tuesday 9 June	Y6 trip to Crucial Crew 9.00-11.30am Y2 and Y5 trip to Florence Nightingale Museum 10.00am-3.00pm
Monday 15 June	ISA National Athletics Competition – Birmingham
Tuesday 16 June	Rec and Y1 trip to Suntrap Centre 12.00-4.30pm
Thursday 18 June	Junior School dress-up day

Friday 19 June	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Leavers' Prom at Chigwell Hall Junior ISA Rounders
Saturday 20 June	Summer barbecue, with 'bake-off' competition and talent show 4.00-8.00pm
Monday 22 June	Y10 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 23 June	Moving-Up Day and Y7 Induction Day
Wednesday 24 June	Y2 class assembly – parents invited
Thursday 25 June	LAMDA Examinations on site
Monday 29 June	EYFS Celebration of the Year for Kindergarten and Reception – URC Church 2.00pm
Wednesday 1 July	Y6 class assembly – parents invited
Thursday 2 July	Speech Day and Prize Giving at Chingford Assembly Hall 6.00pm – School closes at 2.00pm for Y1-Y11
Friday 3 July	Junior Summer Trip all day
Friday 3 July	Y10 Careers Day – careers talks and individual interviews
Monday 6 July	Y9 Diphtheria Polio Tetanus booster Injections
Tuesday 7 July	Whole School Sponsored Walk pm
Wednesday 8 July	Senior House Trips all day
Friday 10 July	Last day of term – school ends at 12 noon

I will be out of school from Tuesday 9 June until Friday 12 June on an inspection team with the Independent Schools Inspectorate. As always, please do contact the school office, your child's form teacher or a member of the SLT, if there is anything you would like to discuss during that week.

With my best wishes for the final half-term.

Yours sincerely



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