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Dear Parents

I can hardly believe that the end of term is nearly upon us: time has flown by! School is a busy place and we have achieved a considerable amount since September. Assessments show that very many pupils are making excellent progress, thought-provoking class assemblies have reminded us of important values to live by and trips, sports fixtures and house events have added a breadth of experience to school life.

I hope your children have enjoyed the term and that they are looking forward to the special events that bring it to a close.

Christmas Events

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions to the shoebox appeal. This year we collected over sixty boxes and they are being taken to the distribution centre by Mrs Prior. You may have seen a photograph of Normanhurst children with their boxes in the local paper two weeks ago.

Infant Christmas Play

The Nativity play this year was called 'Straw and Order' and gave us a Christmas story with a twist. Judge Grumps sorted out the dispute between the cows and the donkeys in the stable, and in the meantime discovered the true meaning of Christmas. The Kindergarten, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children were wonderful; singing and dancing, learning their lines and enjoying performing to a full house on all three performances. I was very proud of them all. I am deeply grateful for the dedication of the staff whose hard work, creativity and care made it all possible.

Junior Pantomime Trip

The panto trip for Upper Kindergarten to Year 6 takes place on Thursday 3 December. Details have already been sent to parents and I know the children are excited about their visit.

Carol Service Tuesday 8 December 2.00pm

Parents, family members and friends are warmly invited to join us for the Carol Service at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul next Tuesday at 2pm. The whole school community will be taking part. The school day ends at normal time and After School Club will run as usual. Junior parents may collect their children from the church at the end of the service or from school as usual. Seniors will walk back to school to collect their belongings before going home.

Christmas Lunch and Festive Fun Day

As well as having Christmas lunch and the junior Christmas party on Wednesday, we are also having a Christmas themed non-uniform day as part of our fundraising for the Dream Factory charity.

Donate a Toy for the Hestia Refuge Centre

Malachi in Year 5 has asked if we can help to support the work of the Hestia Refuge Centre in Tower Hamlets by donating a toy. The centre supports children who have experienced domestic abuse. If your son or daughter would like to take part by bringing in a second-hand toy (still in good condition) can they please take it to Miss Amini in the Year 5 classroom.

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Coffee Mornings with Mr Hagger and Mrs Osborn

After the Christmas holidays, Mr Hagger and I would like to invite parents for coffee to provide an opportunity to hear your views and to discuss school life. The coffee mornings take place in the library from 8.45-10.00am on Fridays, beginning with Kindergarten parents on Friday 8 January. Dates for the each year group are at the end of this letter.

Car Parking on Station Road

I have received several emails lately requesting that our parents show more consideration when parking to collect their children from school. We are part of the local community and we want to maintain positive relationships with local businesses and residents. I ask you to avoid blocking driveways or storefronts and to ensure that you are not causing a traffic hazard where you park. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Behaviour at the Bus Stop

May I take this opportunity to ask you to remind your children that they should behave sensibly at the bus stops and on public transport on their way home after school. Pupils should cross Station Road carefully, wait sensibly and ensure that they do not inconvenience or disturb other people. Local people frequently compliment me on the civil behaviour of our youngsters and their good manners, which is something we wish to continue.

Sports Bags and PE Kits

There have been several occasions recently when pupils have taken the wrong sports bag home, or picked up items of someone else's PE kit. If your son or daughter brings home the wrong items, please return them to the school office the next day so they can be given back to the correct owner. To facilitate this, please ensure all items of uniform and kit are labelled.

The Normanhurst School Parents' Association (NSPA)

The NSPA have a Facebook Group which parents can join by following this link:

www.facebook.com/Normanhurst-School-NSPA-1494146197580715/.

They hope this will provide an opportunity for parents to become more connected to the NSPA. In the New Year, the NSPA will be inviting parents to take part in a short survey.

Forthcoming Events

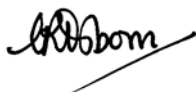
Thursday 3 December	Junior Trip to the Pantomime pm
Monday 7 December	Early Years and Y1-Y6 Festive Fun Day
Tuesday 8 December	Carol Service at Parish Church of St Peter and Paul 2.00pm
Wednesday 9 December	Charity Non-uniform Day, Christmas Lunch and Junior Christmas Party
Wednesday 9 December	Concert at The Spinney
Thursday 10 December	Last day of term: school ends at 12 noon
Friday 11 December	KG-Y10 End of Term short reports published
Monday 4 January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 January	Start of Spring Term: school begins at normal time 8.40am
Tuesday 5 January	Y11 GCSE Mock Examinations begin
Friday 8 January	Kindergarten Coffee Morning Library 8.45-10.00am
Monday 11 January	NSPA Meeting Library 7.00pm
Tuesday 12 January	Y5 Curriculum Trip to the Ragged School
Tuesday 12 January	Y10 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Wednesday 13 January	Rec-Y6 'World of Maths' curriculum workshop
Thursday 14 January	U11 ISA Boys Football competition
Friday 15 January	Reception Coffee Morning Library 8.45-10.00am
Friday 15 January	Visiting speaker for Y6 and Historians: Holocaust Survivor

Friday 15 January	U11 High Five Netball Competition Redbridge
Friday 22 January	Y1 and Y2 Coffee Morning Library 8.45-10.00am
Tuesday 26 January	11+ exam for Y6 and for external candidates
Tuesday 26 January	Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Wednesday 27 January	Y3 Food Technology Trip to Pizza Express
Thursday 28 January	Y9 DPTs and Meningitis ACYW injections
Thursday 28 January	Y10 Forest School Careers & HE Fair 2.00-4.00pm
Friday 29 January	Rec-Y6 Drop-in Morning 8.30-9.00am
Friday 29 January	Y3-Y6 Coffee Morning Library 8.45-10.00am
Friday 29 January	Y11 Full Reports sent home
Tuesday 2 February	Y1&2 Food Technology Trip to Frankie & Benny's
Tuesday 2 February	Y11 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Friday 5 February	Y7-Y11 Coffee Morning Library 8.45-10.00am
Tuesday 9 February	School Production Alice in Wonderland
Wednesday 10 February	School Production Alice in Wonderland
Thursday 11 February	School Production Alice in Wonderland
Thursday 11 February	Y10&11 G&T Trip to Welcome Foundation, Euston
Friday 12 February	NSPA Disco for KG-Y6

As always, if you have any questions you would like to discuss, please contact your child's form teacher or the school office to arrange an appointment with a member of the Leadership Team.

With my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Yours sincerely



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