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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

January has raced past and the half-term break is nearly upon us. I hope our youngest pupils are excited about the NSPA 'Princesses and Superheroes Party' for Kindergarten children up to Year 3 taking place on Friday. Tickets are still available from the school office, if you have not yet purchased yours.

We are looking forward to the ski trip which departs for Monti Della Luna on Saturday 11 February. Miss Barnard will be sending out a final letter this week with the final pieces of paperwork to return to us by Monday 6 February, and with the school emergency contact number for parents to use if needed during the trip.

The school production of Shakespeare's '*The Tempest*' takes place over two nights in the first week back after the holidays. The pupils have been rehearsing hard, the set has been designed and costumes are taking shape. Mrs Kazim is dedicating many hours of her time to the preparations, as I know your children are. Please do buy tickets and come to see your children perform in the play: tickets sell out quickly so please respond to the email from Mrs Powell and use our new online booking service to reserve your tickets.

There is a junior film night in the diary for the Year 4 to Year 6 children on Friday 24 February after the half-term holiday, which will be a fun way to end our first week back at school with a big screen showing of '*Zootropolis*' with pizza. Look out for information about how to purchase your tickets.

Parent Coffee Mornings

It has been pleasure to meet with many parents on Wednesday mornings this term to discuss school life and to hear your feedback. Mr Hagger and I have the final two coffee mornings for juniors and seniors over the next fortnight.

Parking Reminders

May I politely request that parents do not park on business properties along Station Road when dropping or collecting their children. The frontages are reserved for clients. We aim to have harmonious and positive relationships in the locality, so I ask for your cooperation please.

11+ Exams for Senior Entry

We had a record number of applicants for places in the seniors at Normanhurst this year. The admission process finishes before half-time and offers and scholarships are sent out. Our own Year 6 pupils were excellent ambassadors for Normanhurst on the examination day. They welcomed the prospective pupils warmly, as well as approaching the exam papers with determination and focus. I was very proud of them.

Year 11 Easter Academy

Year 11 should now be committed to working towards their GCSE exams in May. They have received their mock examination results and are receiving full reports at the end of this week. We are providing as many opportunities as we can for our pupils to make progress and succeed, but as I am sure you appreciate, there is no substitute for hard work and persistence.

As always we will be offering revision days as part of our annual Easter academy programme. I urge all parents to make every effort to ensure that their children attend the revision classes on offer. Teachers voluntarily give up part of their holiday to provide opportunities to support the students in revision and it is essential that as many pupils as possible attend.

The programme is being finalised and will be released after the half-term break.

Dates for the Forthcoming Term

Fri 3 Feb		Y11 Full Reports published to parents
	08:30 – 09:00	KG-Y6 Parents' 'Drop In' Morning
	18:00 – 19:30	KG-Y3 NSPA Disco
Tues 7 Feb	12:30 – 21:00	Y5&6 Young Voices Concert at O2
	16:00 – 18:30	Y11 Parents' Evening
Weds 8 Feb	08:45 – 10:00	Y7-11 Parents' Coffee Morning
	09:00 – 15:30	Y3&4 trip to Science Museum
Thurs 9 Feb	10:00 – 17:00	Y4-11 ISA Cross Country
Fri 10 Feb	14:00 – 15:00	Junior G&T Workshop (hall)
11 – 19 Feb		Half Term holiday
11 – 18 Feb		Ski Trip to Italy
Mon 20 Feb	17:00 – 17:30	Training Session EYFS-Y2 Parents (information to follow)
Tues 21 Feb	19:00 – 21:00	Loughton Young Artists Prize Giving at Loughton Gallery
Weds 22 Feb	09:00 – 12:00	Y9 DPT Vaccinations
	19:00 – 20:15	School Production 'The Tempest'
Thurs 23 Feb	19:00 – 20:15	School Production 'The Tempest'
Fri 24 Feb	17:30 – 20:00	NSPA Event: Y7-9 Movie and Pizza Night
Mon 27 Feb	19:15 – 21:15	NSPA meeting (library)
Tues 28 Feb	16:00 – 18:30	Y7 Parents' Meeting
Thurs 2 Mar	12:30 – 15:30	Y3-6 Annual Cross Country Relays at Coopersale Hall School
Fri 3 Mar	08:30 – 15:30	U11&U13 ISA Netball, Redbridge
	08:30 – 15:00	Y5&6 Tag Rugby at Chingford RFC
6 – 10 Mar		Junior Assessment Week
Tues 7 Mar	09:00 – 14:30	Y1-6 Workshop at Braeside
	17:00 – 18:30	Y9 GCSE and Options Parents' Evening
Weds 8 Mar	09:00 – 13:00	13+ Entrance Exams and catch-up 11+ Entrance Exams
Thurs 9 Mar	12:00 – 15:00	Y3-6 Key Steps Gymnastics, Park Side Primary School Chingford
Fri 10 Mar	09:00 – 11:30	Open Morning
13 – 17 Mar		Science Curriculum Activity Week
Tues 14 Mar	17:00 – 18:30	Y9 Parents' Evening
Weds 15 Mar	09:00 – 15:30	KG-Y6 What Life was Like Long Ago Workshop
	12:00 – 16:00	Y5&6 WGPS 5-a-Side Football Tournament, Woodford Green Prep School
Thurs 16 Mar	09:00 – 15:30	Y1 trip to Natural History Museum TBC
Fri 17 Mar	08:30 – 15:30	U11 ISA Hockey, Old Loughtonians
	09:00 – 15:30	Y1 trip to Natural History Museum TBC
Sun 19 Mar	11:30 – 13:30	NSPA event: Early Easter Walk and Egg Hunt followed by lunch
Tues 21 Mar	09:00 – 15:45	Y10 Badminton Tournament
	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening

Weds 22 Mar	13:00 – 15:30	Y4-6 Cross Country, Woodford Green Prep School
Fri 24 Mar	09:00 – 15:00	Y5 trip to London Aquarium
Mon 27 Mar		Short Reports published for Seniors
Weds 29 Mar	18:00 – 20:00	Oak-Tree Festival
Thurs 30 Mar		Final Day of Term - school ends at 12 noon
Fri 31 Mar		Office Open pm
Easter Holiday		Easter Academy for Y11 pupils – dates tbc

Form tutors, members of the leadership team and I are always happy to meet parents, so do ask for an appointment if there are any issues you would like to discuss with us.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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