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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

This is the last Headmistress's letter of the academic year. Last week we had an excellent Moving Up Day when pupils enjoyed spending time with their teachers for next year. The new Year 7 senior pupils also had an Induction Day meeting their form tutors, having some taster senior lessons and getting to know each other in a team building afternoon. The pupils joining after 13+ spent the day in school with their classes too. It was a super day and lovely to meet all our new pupils.

I am pleased that we have been able to run a number of trips over the last three weeks, which the pupils of all ages have thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone in school has one final trip before the end of term; the Early Years and Year 1 are visiting Old Macdonald's Farm, the juniors are going to Whipnade and the seniors have their annual House Trips. We also have the whole school sponsored walk on Tuesday 11 July to look forward to.

Thank you for supporting the recent NSPA Summer Barbecue so enthusiastically. It was a lovely afternoon, characterised by a sense of community and family fun. The Parents' Association worked extremely hard to pull it all together and I'm very grateful for all they did.

Early Years Celebration on Monday 3 July

The Kindergarten and Reception children have been preparing for their End of Year Celebration, which takes place on Monday at 2.00pm in the URC church in Buxton Road. I am looking forward to presenting the children with their certificates of achievement after another very successful year for our youngest pupils.

Every pupil in Reception is either exceeding or has met every one of the areas of learning in the Early Years framework. This is a wonderful achievement for all of the children.

Speech Day on Thursday 6 July

As you know, school finishes after lunch at 2.00pm for all pupils from Year 1 upwards on Thursday. Kindergarten and Reception have school as usual in the afternoon with after school club, but there is no after school club on that day for any other year group.

Parents will have received a letter informing if your son or daughter is collecting a prize this year. A number of pupils are also performing in the evening. All parents are welcome to join us. There is no cost for the seats and there is a maximum of two seats per family.

I do expect all pupils from Year 1 upwards to attend and parents should contact me if this presents a problem. We obviously hope that all prize-winners will be there to collect their prizes and to be photographed. You will be able to purchase photographs on the evening from DE Photos, or online afterwards.

Our Guest of Honour this year is Hannah Newman MSc, BSc. Hannah is currently studying for a PHD, having completed two Masters Degrees in Psychology and the Psychology of Sport. She was Head Girl at Normanhurst in 2007 and I am delighted she will be presenting the prizes this year.

The formalities begin at 6.00pm, so we request that all pupils arrive by 5.45pm so that they can be seated in the correct place either with the prize winners, performers or with their form group.

It is a formal event and so we expect all pupils to be looking their smartest in the summer uniform, which means school grey shorts and hooped socks for boys up to Year 4 and summer dresses for girls up to Year 6. Hair should be tied back neatly. Senior girls should wear blue opaque tights, not socks, if they are collecting prizes, but juniors may wear white socks with their summer dresses.

Pupils who are collecting prizes or performing will have a rehearsal on Thursday morning at the Assembly Hall from 11.00am, returning to school for lunch at 1.00pm. Members of staff will escort them to and from the venue.

Thursday 13 July – Last Day of Term

As usual school will close at 12 noon for all pupils on the last day of term, following a whole school assembly when certificates will be presented and we will reflect on the year.

Pupils need to take home all of their belongings on or before the end of term. This includes seniors emptying their lockers and taking home all bags and PE kits.

Lost Property

Any items left in school after the end of term will be collected up by the caretakers and put into black sacks. We will attempt to return named items to pupils in September but if items are not reclaimed at the start of term, they will be recycled or donated to the Normanhurst School Parents Association.

End of Term Reports

Reports are going home for all pupils on Monday 10 July. We hope you find them informative and helpful. All pupils have progress targets on which to build next year. If your child is leaving Normanhurst this summer, please ensure you have downloaded the reports and any other information from the portal you would like to keep by the end of term.

GCSE Examination Results

GCSE results are published on Thursday 24 August. Mr Christou and I will be in school in the morning for pupils to come into school to collect their results from 8.30 - 10.00am. They need to be collected from the School Hall.

Staff news

Four members of staff are leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Burgess, one of our Maths teachers, is leaving to support her husband in his work as a church minister; Mr Henderson Jones, who has been at Normanhurst for four years, leaves to go to teach in a primary school in London; Mrs Zieba, who has been at school for seven years, is taking a career break to travel and Mrs McAuliffe, who has been working in the school office since September 2000 is also leaving after doing a fabulous job as our Admissions Registrar.

Mrs Willemse, the Assistant Head and Junior teacher, and Mrs Savage, one of the Early Years Key Workers, begin their maternity leaves in September. We look forward to sharing the news of their new arrivals in the Autumn term.

I am pleased to say that we have appointed Mr Jahan Malik to the Maths post, Miss Myeong-jae Kim to the Music post, and Mr Aiden Locke to the English post. All three are experienced subject specialists and they are looking forward to joining the team in September.

Mrs Stephanie Miller, who has been working in the Normanhurst Office on Mondays, becomes the new Admissions Registrar from September.

Mrs Caroline Keane, an experienced infant and junior teacher, will be teaching Year 1 from September for the duration of Mrs Willemse's maternity leave. Mrs Marianne Papa is joining the Early Years Team to be the Upper Kindergarten Lead Keyworker from September.

Key Dates through to the End of Term

Tue 4 Jul	09:00 – 15:00	KG-Y1 Old MacDonald's Farm trip
Wed 5 Jul	08:20 – 15:30	Selected Gifted & Talented trip to Forest School
Thu 6 Jul	18:00 – 20:00	Speech Day – School Closes at 2.00pm for Y1-Y11 (EYFS have a normal length day) Speech Day and Prize Giving at Chingford Assembly Hall
Fri 7 Jul	09:00 – 15:30	Y10 Careers Day
	09:00 – 15:30	Y2-6 Whipsnade Zoo trip
Mon 10 Jul		KG-Y10 Long Reports published
Tue 11 Jul	13:00 – 15:30	Whole School Sponsored Walk
Wed 12 Jul	08:45 – 15:10	Senior Connaught House trip to Lambourne End
	09:30 – 16:00	Senior Warren House trip to Harlow Activity Centre
Thu 13 Jul	11:15 – 12:00	Whole School Final Assembly
	12 noon	School ends for all pupils

Final Thoughts

To all those parents whose children are leaving Normanhurst this July, I wish you and your children the very best for the future.

As another school year draws to its close, I hope you all have a restful summer break and are able to enjoy time with family and friends. Thank you for all your support this year, and for the many positive comments, letters and emails I have received. It continues to be both a privilege and a joy to lead the school and to see the many ways in which your children are developing and achieving.

The New Term in September

I look forward to seeing 7C and 7W for the second part of their induction on Tuesday 5 September at 9.00 - 11.00am. All other classes return for the new term on Wednesday 6 September at the normal times for an 8.40am start.

With my very best wishes for a happy holiday.

Yours sincerely



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