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## Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year. I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and that you are looking forward to the new term.

Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts you gave me at the end of term. I really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

This is a busy term with parents' evenings, mock GCSE exams, 11+ and 13+ entrance exams, and Year 9 options evening. We have parent coffee mornings, junior class assemblies and the school drama showcase evenings. Forty pupils from Normanhurst and Braeside will be heading to the Austrian ski slopes in half-term, a trip that we are all very much looking forward to. There is a trip meeting for all participating pupils and their parents on Monday 14 January at 5pm in the hall. Please remember to bring your passport and European health card with you.

### Coffee Mornings with Mr Hagger and Mrs Osborn

All parents are invited to a coffee morning over the course of this term. They provide a chance for parents to come and meet me and Mr Hagger to discuss school life. Please do come to talk over a cup of coffee, share your views or ask questions. The coffee mornings take place in the library from 8.45-9.45am on Monday mornings; dates for each year group are at the end of this letter.

### A new Oak-Tree Group ICT Manager

Mr Mo Molaei joins the Oak-Tree group as the ICT Manager. He will be working across the four schools with the two ICT technicians to ensure our systems and technology continue to serve our needs and provide an excellent service to our parents.

### Safer Internet Training Day

As you know from my December letter, we have organised an E-Safety Day on Tuesday 29 January with workshops for all pupils from Year 3 upwards. Staff will also be trained after school. The training will be run by John Woodley and John Staines (also known as the 'Two Johns'), who are both qualified Police Trainers and CEOP Ambassador trainers who trained every Youth Officer within Essex Police. They deliver training within schools and specialise in pupil, parent and teacher events.

The day will finish with a session for parents from 6pm in the school hall to raise awareness about E-Safety and so that you are aware of the content of the earlier pupils' session. Parents will receive an email from the school office inviting you to text back and indicate if you will be able to attend the session.

### Snow and Wintry Weather

Our aim is always to stay open even in snowy weather, unless there is a health and safety concern in doing so. The maintenance team arrive on site early to clear paths and to make the site safe, and an update will be posted on the website by 7am so that parents are informed about arrangements for the day.

During the winter months, please ensure your sons and daughters wear the appropriate plain hats, scarves and gloves, according to the uniform list. If boots are worn to school in snowy weather, shoes should be brought to change into on arrival.

### **The Oak-Tree Challenge Award**

As you know, we introduced the Oak-Tree challenge last term and we have been delighted with the number of pupils in the juniors and in Year 7 who have decided to take part. If you have any questions about the award please ask Miss Barnard, Mr Clair or me for clarification.

The Senior Leadership team, which comprises me, Mr Clair, Miss Barnard, Mrs Coates and Miss Stone will look at the award booklets and evidence at May half-term and the awards will be presented in the final assemblies. Any Gold Awards for Year 6 or Year 9 will be awarded at Speech Day.

### **Speech Day and Prize Giving 2019**

An advance date for your diaries: the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving will take place on Thursday 4 July at Chingford Assembly Hall at 6.00pm. As last year, Speech Day and Prize Giving is for pupils from Year 1 to Year 11. Please do add this special date to your diaries, as all pupils must attend and all parents are welcome to join us.

### **Early Years Celebration**

The Kindergarten and reception children will have their Celebration of the Year on Monday 1 July at 2pm at the URC Hall in Buxton Road.

### **Parents' Evenings this Term**

I look forward to seeing you at the parents' evenings this term, when you will be able to discuss your son or daughter's progress and achievements so far this year with their teachers. As previously, we will use the online booking system for the meeting slots and parents will receive a notification from the school office when these are available to book.

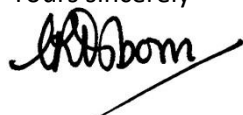
### **Forthcoming Events**

Tue 8 Jan		Start of Spring Term: school begins at normal time 8.40am <b>Y11</b> GCSE Mock Examinations commence
Fri 11 Jan	09:30 – 14:30	<b>Y3-11</b> School Council Houses of Parliament trip
Mon 14 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	<b>EYFS</b> Coffee Morning (library)
	09:00 – 09:55	<b>Y7&amp;8</b> Drug Alert Workshop
	09:55 – 10:50	<b>Y9</b> Drug Alert Workshop
	11:10 – 12:05	<b>Y10</b> Drug Alert Workshop
	17:00 – 18:00	Ski Trip Parent meeting
Tue 15 Jan	09:30 – 15:30	<b>Y10</b> GCSE Art National Gallery trip
	16:00 – 18:30	<b>Y8</b> Parents' Evening
Mon 21 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	<b>Y1&amp;2</b> Coffee Morning
	19:15 – 20:30	NSPA meeting
Tue 22 Jan		<b>11+</b> Entrance Exams
Wed 23 Jan	09:00 – 15:30	<b>Y3</b> Science Museum trip
	09:00 – 15:30	<b>Y1</b> Colchester Zoo trip
Thu 24 Jan	14:00 – 17:30	<b>Y10</b> Forest School Careers Fair
Mon 28 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	<b>Y3-6</b> Coffee Morning
Tue 29 Jan		<b>Y3-11</b> E-Safety training day
	18:00 – 20:00	Safer Internet Parents' Workshop
Thu 31 Jan	11:00 – 15:30	<b>Y7</b> Globe Theatre trip
Fri 1 Feb		<b>Y11</b> Full Reports published
Mon 4 Feb	08:45 – 09:45	<b>Y7-11</b> Coffee Morning

Tue 5 Feb	08:30 – 15:30	Y5&6 Young Voices at O2
	08:30 – 09:00	KG-Y6 Parents' Drop In Session
	16:00 – 18:30	Y11 Parents' Evening
Fri 8 Feb	18:30 – 20:00	EYFS-Y3 NSPA Themed Disco
Tue 12 Feb	16:00 – 18:30	Y10 Parents' Evening
Sun 17 – Sat 23 Feb		Ski trip to Austria
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Feb		Half Term
Tue 26 Feb	17:00 – 18:30	Y9 Options Evening
Wed 27 Feb	19:00 – 20:00	Drama Showcase to parents
Thu 28 Feb	19:00 – 20:00	Drama Showcase to parents
Fri 1 Mar	19:00 – 20:00	Drama Showcase to parents
Mon 4 Mar		Junior Assessment Week
Tue 5 Mar	16:00 – 18:30	Y7 Parents' Evening
Mon 11 Mar		Junior Science Week
	08:30 – 15:00	KG-Y6 Sublime Science Workshop
	19:00 – 20:30	NSPA Meeting
Tue 12 Mar	09:30 – 15:30	Y7-9 ICT trip TBC
	16:00 – 18:30	Y9 Parents' Evening
Wed 13 Mar		13+ Entrance Exams
Tue 19 Mar	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening
Thu 21 – Thu 28 Mar		Scholastic Book Fair
Fri 22 Mar	09:30 – 15:30	DofE Bronze Award Training Day at Lambourne End
Sun 24 Mar	11:00 – 13:00	NSPA Easter Egg Hunt
Mon 1 Apr		Y7-11 Short Reports published
Wed 3 Apr		Whole School Charity Non-uniform Day

With my best wishes for the term.

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn  
Headmistress



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