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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

Feedback from Parents

It has been good to meet with many parents on Monday mornings this term to discuss school life and to hear your feedback. Mr Hagger and I have the final meeting with senior parents this coming week. I hope you have found these meetings useful. We certainly value the opportunity to meet with parents and to talk together.

E Safety Day

Pupils from Year 3 up to Year 11 have given us very positive feedback about the e-safety day we held on Tuesday 29 January. The two Johns were very complimentary about how the pupils engaged with the sessions and how well they participated.

I was pleased to see that many parents were able to attend the parent session in the evening. I know that those who came found it challenging, illuminating and helpful. Mr Hagger sent home a follow-up letter to parents on Thursday which contains a summary of what the two Johns presented, as well as very useful links to provide information and support for parents. I recommend that all parents read it.

Parking and Road Safety Reminders

Once again, may I politely request that parents do not park on business properties along Station Road when dropping or collecting their children, nor block in other cars which are already parked. We aim to have harmonious and positive relationships in the locality, so I ask for your cooperation please.

I appreciate that parking can be difficult, but please would parents also stop letting children out of their cars in front of the school while they are still in traffic. This is potentially dangerous and sets a poor road safety example.

Midday and Playground Supervisors

We have a new member of staff joining the Midday Supervisor team after half-term, Mrs Sarah Smith joins Mrs Lorraine Hall and Mrs Angela Parkes to supervise the children at break and lunch time. In addition to these members of staff Miss Barnard and Miss Stone have duties every day in the juniors and Mr Clair and Mrs Coates in the seniors. There is also a rota of teaching staff who supervise the breaks and lunchtimes for the senior pupils.

NSPA Special Events

We have two NSPA events in the coming week for the children and families: the first is the annual 'mini-disco' for Kindergarten up to Year 3 on Friday 8 February at 6.30pm and the second is our Easter egg hunt on Sunday 24 March from 11am for families throughout the school. Please do come along!

Another special event is the Oak-Tree James Bond themed Summer Ball on Saturday 18 May at Chigwell Hall. Letters and invitations will be sent out shortly. It is an excellent event for parents and friends. Some people come with friends, some with a partner or family members (but not the children on this occasion!). You can request who you'd like to be seated with and we make sure that people are with a group from the school. The NSPA is happy to tell you more about it, so do ask one of the committee members if you would like more information.

11+ Exams for Entry into Year 7

It has been lovely to meet so many excellent 11+ candidates this year who have applied to join Normanhurst in September. As well as writing their exam papers, I have met each of them for an interview and had the opportunity to talk to them about our school. The offers for places will be sent out at the end of this half-term and this includes the scholarship offers. Pupils who are currently in Year 6 can apply for scholarships as well as the external candidates and I shall be interviewing each of applicants over the next week. Our 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 maturity, determination and focus. I was very proud of them all. If our new pupils joining the school are as well-mannered and positive as them, we will be very happy indeed and have a lovely two classes for Year 7 in September.

Year 11 Easter Academy

Year 11 should now be committed to working towards their GCSE exams in May and working hard. They have received their mock examination results and full reports are published on Friday 1 February. 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 time spent on hard work and exam practice.

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 their time in school holidays to provide opportunities to support the students in revision and it is essential that as many pupils as possible attend.

The programme for the Easter Academy is being finalised and will be released shortly.

Dates for the Forthcoming Term

Fri 1 Feb		Y11 Full Reports published
Mon 4 Feb	08:45 – 09:45	Y7-11 Coffee Morning
Tue 5 Feb	08:30 – 09:00	KG-Y6 Parents' Drop In Session
	12:30 – 21:00	Y5&6 Young Voices at O2
	16:00 – 18:30	Y11 Parents' Evening
Wed 6 Feb	08:45 – 09:00	Y3 Class Assembly to parents
Fri 8 Feb	18:30 – 20:00	EYFS-Y3 NSPA Themed Disco
Mon 11 Feb	09:30 – 15:00	Y2 Epping Forest Field Centre trip
Tue 12 Feb	16:00 – 18:30	Y10 Parents' Evening
Wed 13 Feb	08:45 – 09:00	Y4 Class Assembly to parents
Fri 15 Feb	09:00 – 15:30	Y5 British Library trip – Making a Book
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	08:45 – 09:00	Y5 Class Assembly to parents
	09:00 – 17:00	Y10 GCSE Science in Action trip
	19:00 – 20:00	Drama Showcase to parents

Thu 28 Feb	16:00 – 17:45	Oak-Tree Mental Maths Challenge at Oaklands
	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
Wed 6 Mar	08:45 – 09:00	Y1T Class Assembly to parents
Mon 11 Mar		Junior Science Week
	08:30 – 15:00	KG-Y6 Sublime Science Workshop
	19:00 – 20:30	NSPA Meeting
Tue 12 Mar	09:00 – 15:30	EYFS-Y6 Forensic Workshop URC Church
	08:00 – 15:45	Y7&8 Bletchley Park trip
	16:00 – 18:30	Y9 Parents' Evening
Wed 13 Mar		13+ Entrance Exams
	08:45 – 09:00	Y2A Class Assembly to parents
Tue 19 Mar	08:00 – 15:45	Y9 Bletchley Park trip
	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening
Wed 20 Mar	08:45 – 09:00	Reception Assembly to parents
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
Wed 27 Mar	08:45 – 09:00	Kindergarten Assembly to parents
	09:00 – 15:30	Y5 British Library trip – What is Writing?
Mon 1 Apr		Y7-11 Short Reports published
Wed 3 Apr		Whole School Charity Non-uniform Day

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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