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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

As I write my final Headmistress's letter for 2018 following a lovely Christmas Fayre on Saturday, it feels as if this term has flown by. Having read through the latest set of school reports, there is much to celebrate in pupils' progress in class, and lots to praise in their achievements beyond the classroom in extra-curricular activities, sport, assemblies and of course in the excellent House Drama competition we enjoyed at Lopping Hall just over a week ago.

Christmas Lunches Thursday 6 December

The whole school will be enjoying Christmas lunch on Thursday 6 December, which will be a lovely occasion. The kitchen team are preparing a festive menu for us, with the usual vegetarian and Halal options available.

Infant Nativity Performance Friday 7 December 2.15 pm

Doors open from 2pm for the Infant Nativity performance at St James URC Church in Palmerston Road on Friday. Parents and families of the performers are most welcome to come and join us.

Carol Service Monday 10 December 2pm

Parents, family members and friends are warmly invited to join us for the Carol Service at St James' URC church in Palmerston Road. Pupils from Year 1 upwards will be taking part. I look forward to seeing you for this festive event.

Staff News

Junior Site

Mrs Doss, the Year 2 teacher, returns from maternity leave in December. After a handover with Mrs Doss, Mrs Thompson will move across to teach Year 1 from Monday 10 December for the duration of Mrs Satwick's maternity leave. We are delighted to say that Mrs Satwick had twin boys last week.

Congratulations also to Miss Harding, the Year 4 teacher, who was married in October. She is now Mrs Gadd.

Mrs Lesley Elder has been the Oak-Tree Group ICT Manager since 2001 and she has led the IT development and support across the schools throughout this time. She leaves us at the end of term for a new venture running her own teashop business. We thank her for the wealth of help and support she has given in school and we wish her the very best for the future.

Coffee Mornings with Mr Hagger and Mrs Osborn

Mr Hagger and I have enjoyed our coffee mornings with Braeside parents this term. We have valued the opportunity to speak to a large number of parents and to hear from you about school life.

Final Day of Term Wednesday 12 December

The last day of term is a charity 'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day', the details of which have been sent home to parents.

Please note that school finishes at **12 noon** on the last day of term. All pupils must be collected at this time and there are no after-school activities on that day on either site.

E-Safety Day – Tuesday 15 January 2019

As you will be aware, we consider the protection and safeguarding of children to be of the highest priority. With the expansion of social media websites and younger children having access to mobile phones, it is essential that all members of our community are aware of the need to act responsibly when using technology.

E-Safety is an integral part of children's education in today's digital world and is embedded in their learning at school. We also want to help our parents improve their own understanding of E-Safety issues so that children can learn to use the internet and all digital media in a safe and secure way.

For these reasons, we are organising an E-Safety Day on 15 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. We will be writing with full details in due course, but in the meantime you might like to visit The Two Johns' website <https://www.esafetytraining.org> for more information.

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 7.00am so that parents are informed about arrangements for the day.

Summer Ball Saturday 18 May 2019

The four Parents' Associations of the Oak-Tree Group will be coming together again to organise another joint Oak-Tree Summer Ball on Saturday 18 May 2019 from 7pm until 1am in the marquee at Chigwell Hall (Metropolitan Police Club) for parents, staff and friends of the schools.

This year there will be a *Casino Royale* James Bond theme with a jazz band, DJ, casinos, cocktail bar and much more. Tickets will be going on sale shortly after Christmas, but please do put the date in your diaries as this promises to be a fun event for us all.

Forthcoming Events

Tues 8 January	First Day of Term
Tues 8 January	Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams start
Tues 15 January	Safer Internet Day for pupils, staff and parents
Weds 16 January	Meeting for parents/pupils re Austria Ski Trip
Weds 16 January	FOBS Committee Meeting
Weds 16 January	Last written GCSE Mock Exams
Thurs 17 January	Year 6 and Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thurs/Fri 17/18 January	Art GCSE Mock Exam
Tues 22 January	Braeside 11+ Entrance Examination
Tues 22 January	Year 11 Mock Exam results sent home
Weds 23 January	Year 3 Science Museum Trip (joint with Normanhurst)
Thurs 24 January	Years 4 & 5 Thames Explorer Trip
Thurs 24 January	Year 10 Forest Careers Fair Visit
Thurs 24 January	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Sat 26 January	Loughton Young Artists Exhibition
Mon 28 January	Teenage Cancer Trust Assembly (seniors)
Mon 28 January	Year 9 DTP & Meningitis Vaccinations
Fri 1 February	Year 10 RS Conference Visit
Fri 1 February	Year 11 Full Reports published to parents
Tues 5 February	Young Voices Event at the O ₂
Weds 6 February	U11 & U13 Netball Rally at Redbridge Sports Centre
Thurs 7 February	Year 11 Parents Evening
Fri 8 February	Year 11 Science Live! Trip (Apollo Victoria)
Sat 17 – Sat 23 February	Joint Braeside/Normanhurst Ski Trip to Austria

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families every blessing for Christmas and the New Year. The Spring term begins on Tuesday 8 January at the normal start time, and breakfast club will be running as usual.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress



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