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Dear Parents

Re: June 2024 Headmistress's Letter

We have had a busy term so far with frequent communications at this stage in the year regarding different trips, events, exams and performances. I must thank you in advance for reading the communications and for supporting the variety of activities we have to enhance the learning experience in every stage across the school.

Staff reminders

Mrs Gadd, who returned from maternity leave in March, will be moving across to Oaklands School from September 2024 to take up a part-time position as Science teacher. Mrs Gadd has been a Junior teacher for a number of years and has been instrumental in introducing Philosophy to the Junior curriculum. She is also the PSHE and Humanities subject lead for the Juniors. Mrs Gadd will be missed and we wish her all the best 'down the road'!

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Adams (who covered Mrs Gadd's Maternity Leave) will become a full time member of staff across the school in September. Mrs Adams remains the Junior French teacher as well as being a class teacher.

Teachers and form tutors

I usually let parents know at this point what staff will be teaching your child next year. Moving Up Day is on 26 June and this is an opportunity for pupils and parents to meet the class teacher. You have been sent separate communication about this event to support transition. Teachers are as follows:

- Lower Kindergarten – Mrs Patel
- Upper Kindergarten – Miss Tucker
- Reception – Mrs Doss
- Year 1 – Mrs Thompson
- Year 2 – Mrs Barr
- Year 3 – Miss Ali
- Year 4 – Mrs Adams
- Year 6 – Miss Hearn
- Year 7 Form Tutors – Miss Barrett and Ms Egharevba
- Year 8 Form Tutors – Miss Jemal and Mrs Eaglestone
- Year 9 Form Tutors – Mrs Rodway and Mrs Razzak
- Year 10 Form Tutors – Mrs Wroblewski and Ms Chalmers
- Year 11 Form Tutors – Mr Masood and Miss Coleman

End of Year and INCAS exam preparations

Please be aware that Senior pupils will have their End of Year Exams the week after May half term. This will be 3-7 June and the revision lists are available on Show My Homework. The expectation is that pupils will use May half term to revise for these exams. The End of Year Exams and INCAS testing for Juniors will be 10-14 June.

We have written to each year group that has exams. Senior pupils are expected to have a clear plastic pencil case with black ball point pens, ruler, eraser, pencils and a maths set for every exam. These exams will be in test conditions and the dates of the exams have been published to your portal. The feedback from these exams is very valuable.

Teachers will be giving feedback to your child in the lessons after the exams. Pupils are expected to respond to this feedback by making targets and re-modelling answers, if needed. Please discuss this feedback with your child to encourage them to learn from their areas of improvement.

If your daughter is in Year 10, please be aware that some Sixth Forms ask for a copy of their End of Year report with their Year 10 exams results on. I did state this in the End of Year Exam letter and this message has been conveyed by teachers to the pupils.

Uniform reminders

A reminder that junior pupils should be in their Summer Uniform. For Juniors this will be shorts (rather than trousers) and the blue checked summer dress. Socks for junior girls should be white short or long. Socks for boys must be short grey ankle socks or the long uniform socks from Forest Casuals. Year 6 to Year 11 should be in their kilt, shirt, blazer. Year 6 may wear tights or white socks. **Year 7 to Year 11 will be wearing black tights as usual. We will notify you when socks can be worn.**

The PE uniform remains the same. We do now have PE shorts for sale at Forest Casuals for the warmer weather. Please ensure that your child has ample uniform (especially for PE) so that they can be equipped for the different activities that we have coming up in the summer months.

Please ensure that all nail varnish, nail extensions and eyelash extensions are removed before your child returns to school. Make-up must not be worn. Please ensure that your child does not apply make-up before school. They will be asked to remove make-up if they are wearing it.

Uptake of clubs

We have added two new clubs to the existing diet of clubs already on offer: multi sports and a specialist sports club. These clubs add variety to the already wide-ranging offer of after school provision. This was based on feedback from Junior coffee mornings in the Autumn and Spring Term. It is, therefore, disappointing to see that pupils were not then signed up to these clubs. Staff members have spent time finding a provider, interviewing them and then arranging the administration around these new clubs. As a result of the low uptake, we have run the club at a loss and will not be providing these in the future.

Year 3 Camp September 2024

If your child is attending the Year 3 Camp at Oaklands School in the Autumn term, you will be invited to a short meeting on 14 June. Please do read the communication and bring along any questions that you may have about this event.

Parking at the front of school

Please do not park in spaces allocated for staff when you are dropping your child at Breakfast Club in the morning. Pull forward adjacent to the mini bus space to allow staff to access the car park so that they can start their day promptly. Please also turn off your engines when dropping off your child or picking them up.

I have had complaints from local residents again this term about parents parking on the double yellow lines in Ardmore Lane. Yellow lines are there to protect pedestrians and to keep traffic moving. Please adhere to these signs to keep children safe at drop-off and pick-up.

FOBS events

I am very grateful to FOBS who have run a pre-loved uniform sale this term, have paid for the Year 11 Leavers' Brunch and have paid for the seedlings for the Early Years Garden. In order to generate more income to support events and activities across the school, FOBS have organised the Summer Festival (disco) for pupils, which will be on 26 June. They have also organised another pizza making kit for June. Please read the communications from FOBS as last time we had a pizza making activity, some pupils were upset that they didn't have a pizza kit to take home as parents chose not to participate.

Culture Day

For the first time, Braeside School will be holding a **Day of Culture on Friday 28 June**. Pupils across the school requested this day through School Council meetings. Mr Masood will be organising this day and will be asking pupils for their ideas. If you have any artefacts, recipes, cultural dress or stories that you would be willing to share with groups of pupils, we would love to hear from you! We had a great representation of careers from parents back in the Spring Term and it would be lovely to see parents sharing their knowledge once again. Please do get in touch with Mr Masood (or the Office Team) if you would like to come into school to support this event.

End of term events

There are several activities, events and visits coming up including the Aladdin performance at a local theatre. Please do read the communications carefully so that your child is adequately prepared for trips including a re-fillable bottle of water (especially now that the weather is warming up). A list of the activities and trips can be found at the end of this letter.

Sports Day will be on Monday 24 June. Full PE kit must be worn on this day. It would be lovely to see parents supporting this day as we have added more sporting events to the schedule.

Speech Day and the Early Years Celebration will be on Friday 5 July and pupils have already been rehearsing for this event. Full school uniform (not PE) must be worn. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clean and presentable for this event. Please ensure that they have clean shoes and that hair accessories are appropriate for a formal event.

Social media, gaming and controls

I did send this useful link out in a previous Head's letter, however, I thought it would be useful to share again. Essex Police to have a very useful information page with help on how to control the settings to ensure that devices used at home have appropriate apps and games on for your child to use: <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/sort-your-settings/>.

Dates for the Diary

Please make a note of the following dates for this term:

W/C	03 Jun	Year 7-10	Exam Week
Tuesday	04 Jun	Year 9	Lifesaving with First Aid
Wednesday	05 Jun-07 Jun	Year 5 & 6	Stubbers Residential
Thursday	06 Jun	Year 2	3 Tees Cricket
W/C	10 Jun	Junior	INCAS & Base Exam Week
Monday	10 Jun	Years 6 - 9	House Swimming Gala
Tuesday	11 Jun	Year 2	ISA Sports Skills Festival @ Willesden Sports Centre
Thursday	13 Jun	KG	Trip to Harlow Park
Friday	14 Jun	KG – Year 10	Sponsored Walk
Friday	14 Jun	Current Year 2	Year 3 Camp meeting
Wednesday	19 Jun	All Year Groups	Flu vaccination catch up
Thursday	20 Jun	Years 1 – 6	Aladdin @ Redbridge Drama Centre
Monday	24 Jun	KG-Year 10	Sports Day
Tuesday	25 Jun	U10 & U11	Quadletics Athletics
Wednesday	26 Jun	All Year Groups	Moving Up Day
Thursday	27 Jun	Rec – Year 2	Paradise Wildlife Park
Friday	28 Jun	Whole School	Lockdown Drill
Monday	01 Jul	By invite	Wimbledon
Tuesday	02 Jul	Years 3-10	Chessington World of Adventures
Friday	05 Jul	Whole School	Speech Day
Monday	08 Jul	KG & Rec	Strawberry Picking
Tuesday	09 Jul	Whole School	Summer Sports Fest
Wednesday	10 Jul	12pm Last day of Summer Term	

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Miss Wood. We are all looking forward to welcoming your children back into school tomorrow.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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