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## Headmistress's Message

Welcome back after the long summer break and a very special welcome to our new pupils starting at Oaklands School this term. I hope you were all able to relax, enjoy the holiday and are now ready for the Autumn Term 2012.

During the summer, we have had various building works and maintenance carried out. We have a new resources room and SEN room situated next to Lower Kindergarten. Year 1 and Year 5 classrooms have had a lick of paint and the cleaning staff have ensured that all rooms have had a thorough clean ready for the new term. I would like to thank the maintenance team for clearing the site so efficiently. The teaching staff have also been working hard to ensure that we have a smooth start to the academic year; rooms look bright and welcoming and resources in order.

Well done, team!

Best wishes for the new term.

**Cheryl Macnair**

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## First Day at Oaklands School



### Electronic Registration

We are moving with the times and pupils will now be registered on line. **Registration will close at 09.00am.** Your child should arrive in their classroom between 8.30 and 8.45am in order to receive a 'present' mark when the register is taken at 8.45am. If your child arrives at school between 8.45 and 9.00am he/she will receive a 'late before registration closes' mark in the register. If your child arrives after 9.00am, he/she should report to the school office and will receive a 'late after registration closed' mark in the register. The number of late marks for individual pupils will be shown on their reports at the end of the academic year. It can be quite disruptive for the children if they arrive after registration has closed.

Should you need to collect your child earlier or later for example for a dental appointment, please advise the class teacher or key worker accordingly and report to the School Office as before. The usual signing in/out system will be used.

If your child is in Year 1, you are welcome to accompany him/her to the new classroom in the first few days, but we would respectfully ask that you allow the children to develop their independence and leave them at the main door. I can assure you that they will not get lost!!!

### Supervision

Please remember that pupils should wait at the bottom of the steps to the main door, rather than at the door itself. Once the children have been dismissed at the end of the school day into your care, please ensure that they are with you at all times. They should not be roaming the site unsupervised.

### Uniform - leotards

For dance lessons, the girls are asked to wear bottle green leotards (Transition to Year 6). We have been advised by 'Arabesque' in Buckhurst Hill that they can no longer supply these and can only be obtained from Forest Casuals, Loughton.

### Lates in Art Room

Pupils who are waiting in the Art Room should be collected from the door nearest the kitchen and Transition classes.

### We have moved!

Mrs. Chernoff and Mrs. Donoghue's learning area has moved! They are still in Oak House, but on the ground floor next to Lower Kindergarten. Please feel free to pop in and say hello.

### Authorised School Absence

Occasionally, parents may request absence for pupils from school due to a family holiday but this leave needs to be authorised by Mrs Macnair, Headmistress. To ease the administration process, we have introduced a standardised form which needs to be completed in advance of the period of absence for which permission is being sought. These forms are available from the School Office.

### Car Parking

Whilst we appreciate that Oaklands School does not have a designated car parking area, we do trust and rely on your consideration for our neighbours. We are only in the first few days of term and I have already had a neighbour in Albion Hill complain that a car has reversed in his drive and other cars have parked inconsiderably. When dropping or collecting your child from school, please ensure that under no circumstances you block neighbours' driveways or on the corner of junctions obstructing views.

### Forthcoming Events

Monday 10 September		All Clubs Start
Wednesday 12 September		Swimming Years 3, 4, 5 Starts
Monday 17 September	6.30pm	Read, Write Inc. Information Evening for Transition Parents
Wednesday 19 September		Yrs 3 & 4 Activity Day at Gilwell
Thursday 20 September	8.50 - 9.10am	Yr 2 Information Meeting in School Hall
Thursday 27 September		KS1 Parents Maths Information Evening
Monday 1 October	8.15am - 3.45pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Harlow Activity Centre
Wednesday 3 October		Transition - Yr 2 Drama Workshop in School
Thursday 11 October		Yr 3 World Challenge Camp
Friday 12 October		Yr 3 World Challenge Camp