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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

I hope your children have enjoyed the first few weeks of term, particularly if you joined us for the first time in September. Normanthurst School is a community and you, our parents, are very much part of that community. I was delighted to see a good number of you at the Parents' Association AGM last week and to hear your thoughts about the school. I very much appreciate your support and I was encouraged to hear you talk about the community values and sense of belonging that you have found here. These are at the heart of what we do.

Last week I read the settling-in reports for new pupils and I met the parents of the Year 7 classes. I have seen how impressed the staff is with how well new pupils have settled in. The first junior parents' drop-in morning has been held, Year 10 pupils and parents have had an introduction to GCSE meeting and Year 11 pupils and parents met to consider life after Normanthurst, including where to study for A Levels and further education.

Staff News

At the end of this half-term Mrs Purton, one of the Early Years team who teaches the Lower Kindergarten children, will be starting a new role at Benyon Primary School in Thurrock. We wish her the very best as she begins this new challenge. Miss Shipley, who already knows the children and works in our Early Years department with the Kindergarten classes, will become the Lower Kindergarten main teacher from November. In addition, we also welcome Miss Chaudry to the team; she will be joining Mrs Fisher in the Upper Kindergarten class.

Open Evening Thursday 9 October and EYFS Open Morning Friday 10 October

Open Evening is a highlight in the school year, as I am sure you will agree if you have been able to attend one. We are using a large number of pupils on the evening chosen from Year 6 up to Year 11. Some will be touring prospective families; others will be volunteering in classrooms. Whatever job each pupil is doing, I am sure they will be wonderful ambassadors for the school: their enthusiasm for school life, the articulate way in which they talk about school, their friendliness and good manners are the best expression of what Normanthurst School is all about.

If you have not yet confirmed your son or daughter's attendance, please email the school to let us know, or send in the tear-off slip from the letter sent out last week. As parents, you too are welcome to visit on Open Evening and to see around the school. In particular if your child will be moving from Reception to Year 1, Year 2 to Year 3, or from juniors into seniors in the next year or so, this can provide an opportunity to see and hear more about the different parts of the school.

School Production Auditions

The Drama and Music departments will be holding auditions for the school production on Wednesday 15 October after school in the hall. Pupils from Year 3 upwards may audition. The school production is always a highlight and pupils in the juniors and seniors gain enormously from the experience. Performances take place over three nights beginning on Monday 9 February 2015. Rehearsals replace the Wednesday Drama Club from November until the show, as explained in the extra-curricular activities letter.

House Music Competition 2014

I hope that your children have been talking to you about House Music. Each House is preparing their three items for the competition which takes place on Monday 13 October in the final week of this half term. Look out for pictures in the next newsletter!

Christmas Card Competition 2014

Mr Beint will be launching the Christmas card competition this week in both junior and senior assemblies. Juniors and seniors are invited to design an image for the official school Christmas cards which we send every year. Images may be drawn, painted or graphically designed but should be without any written text. Entries need to be brought into school straight after the half-term holiday, when judging will take place on Friday 7 November. The winning entries will be announced in the following week. Please do encourage your son or daughter to take part.

Forthcoming Events

- Saturday 4 October Junior Saturday morning Sports Courses begin
- Monday 6 October Launch of the Christmas Shoebox Appeal
- Thursday 9 October Open Evening 6.00-8.00pm
- Friday 10 October EYFS Additional Open Morning 9.15-10.30am
- Monday 13 October NSPA meeting 7.00pm
- Tuesday 14 October Junior Parents' Meetings by appointment from 4.00pm
- Tuesday 14 October Year 7 Parent Info Meeting: supporting at home 5.00pm
- Wednesday 15 October School Production Auditions 3.30-5.00pm
- Friday 17 October Short Reports for Year 11
- Friday 17 October Last day of half-term – school ends at normal time
- Monday 20 October Spanish Trip departs (return on Thurs 23 October)
- Monday 20 October Holiday Junior Multi-Sports Courses begin at Coopersale Hall
- Monday 3 November Return to school at normal time for second half-term
- Monday 3 November 'Poppy Appeal' week
- Wednesday 5 November School Production rehearsals begin
- Friday 7 November 'Phil the Bag' collection
- Sunday 9 November Oak-Tree Schools Joint Fireworks Display at Oaklands School
- Wednesday 12 November EYFS-Y2 Celebration of Music Assembly (parents invited)
- Thursday 13 November Senior Gifted trip to British Museum
- Thursday 13 November Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm (to be confirmed)
- Friday 14 November NSPA Bingo Night 7.00pm
- Monday 17 November Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm
- Tuesday 18 November Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm
- Friday 21 November Junior Parents Drop-in Morning 8.30-9.00am
- Tuesday 25 November Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Evening 6.00pm
- Friday 28 November Year 11 Science Live Workshop
- Friday 28 November GCSE Presentation Evening 6.00pm
- Tuesday 2 December EYFS-Y2 Christmas Play 2.30pm
- Wednesday 3 December EYFS-Y2 Christmas Play 9.15am
- Monday 8 December Christmas lunch followed by Junior party
- Wednesday 10 December Christmas Carol service 2.00pm
- Thursday 11 December Last day of term – school ends at 12.00pm

As always, if you have any concerns or questions you would like to discuss, please contact your child's form teacher or telephone the school office to arrange an appointment.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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