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Dear Parents

Welcome back after the Christmas and New Year break! Thank you very much for all your thoughtful wishes and generous gifts; they are much appreciated. I hope you all had a lovely time, wherever you were and whatever the weather. This term sees many of our pupils taking entrance examinations to a number of independent secondary schools and we wish them all the very best of luck in their endeavours.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Vicki Huggins, our new SENDCo and Mrs Janet Michaels, who will be working in Lower Kindergarten in the mornings and in Transition Woodpeckers in the afternoons. We also have a new member of the lunchtime staff, Mrs Shirley Ford.

Snow!

Although we will always work hard to keep the disruption to the children's education to a minimum, parents should check the website for updates and announcements in the event of heavy snow. We will also aim to text parents by 7.15am.

Uniform

Please ensure that the children come to school wearing the correct winter uniform, **all** of which is clearly labelled. **At this time of year the children will need to bring a winter coat every day.** We are introducing a new games kit for both boys and girls which is available from Forest Casuals, Loughton as of now. The kit is not yet compulsory and can gradually be phased in.

Games shirt (Y3 to Y6):	school green long sleeved top with school logo
Games top (Y3 to Y6):	school green, long sleeved fleecy top with school logo
Games shorts (Y1 to Y6):	school green, football style shorts
Games socks (Y1 to Y6):	school green long socks

Parents' Survey 2015

You will shortly receive details of the Parents' Survey 2015, which can be completed online. It is designed to help us understand and improve the experience you and your child/children have with the school in areas of teaching and learning, wellbeing and the running of the school. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence. Thank you, in advance, for taking part in our survey.

'Drop-in Sessions' Spring Term 2015

We are introducing 'Drop-in Sessions' this term for Years 1 to 5. Year 6 are very involved in entrance examinations this term, so a time will be arranged after the half term break. The idea behind 'Drop-in Sessions' is for children to show off their work to their parents in a totally informal way. These are not formal 1:1 Parent/Teacher consultations. Parents are invited to the classroom first thing in the morning to have a look through their child's books and folders and admire the work on display.

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Please note the following dates and times when you are invited to your child's class.

Date	Year Group	Time
Thursday 15 January	Year 1T	8.30am – 8.50am
Friday 16 January	Year 1S	8.30am – 8.50am
Thursday 22 January	Year 2L	8.30am – 8.50am
Friday 23 January	Year 2S	8.30am – 8.50am
Thursday 29 January	Year Y3	8.30am – 8.50am
Friday 30 January	Year Y4	8.30am – 8.50am
Friday 6 February	Year Y5	8.30am – 8.50am

Formal Parents' Evenings for Lower Kindergarten and Garden Room is on Monday 9 February from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and for Transition to Year 6 on Tuesday 24 February and Wednesday 25 February from 3.30pm to 7.00pm.

Event Reminders

Coffee Mornings

Date	Year Group	Time/Place
Tuesday 13 January	Year 2	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Tuesday 20 January	Year 3	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Tuesday 27 January	Year 4	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Tuesday 3 February	Year 5	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Tuesday 10 February	Year 6	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Thursday 12 February	Lower Kindergarten (am children)	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Thursday 12 February	Lower Kindergarten (pm children)	1.00pm – 1.30pm in the Studio

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 7 January	KS1 Karate begins
Tuesday 13 January	Year 1 Lego workshop
Wednesday 14 January	KS2 Swimming starts
Tuesday 20 January	Forest School Swimming Gala at 4pm to 6pm
Friday 23 January	Year 4 Shakespeare's Globe Theatre trip at 8.15am – 3.30pm
Monday 26 January	Years 4 to 6 Football match v Coopersale Hall School 2.30pm at CHS
Monday 9 February	Lower Kindergarten & Garden Room Parents' Evening at 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 24 February	Transition to Year 6 Parents' Evening at 3.30pm to 7pm
Wednesday 25 February	Forest School Junior Science competition Transition to Year 6 Parents' Evening at 3.30pm to 7pm
Thursday 26 February	Years 4 to 6 Football match v Coopersale Hall School 2.30pm at Oaklands
Friday 27 February	Boys Choir Rotary Club Youth Makes Music at 7pm

HALF TERM – MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

I would like to wish all our families a very happy, healthy and successful New Year and I look forward to seeing many of you at our coffee mornings and other events this term.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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