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Dear Parents

We have two weeks before the half term break and I daresay many of you are looking forward to a well-earned break. Year 6 has been working extremely hard; the majority of whom have sat challenging entrance examinations for the various senior independent schools. I have been impressed by the way the Year 5 pupils have been applying themselves this term; they have their heads down and are really focusing on their work, be it in English, Maths, topic related work or RE. Year 3 have really enjoyed their Science topic on rocks especially when it came to making 'sedimentary sandwiches' – you'll have to ask them about that lesson!

'Drop-in Sessions' Spring Term 2015

The 'Drop-in Sessions' have proved to be very popular with many positive comments. The children have enjoyed showing off their work and I hope you have found them useful too.

Coffee mornings

Thank you to those of you who found the time to come along to one of our coffee mornings. We value your comments and thoughts on the education we provide. It is pleasing to hear that the children are happy in their learning and enjoy coming to school.

Snow!

In cases of snowy weather, we always work hard to keep the disruption to the children's education to a minimum. We aim to keep the School open by clearing paths and ensuring that the school is safe and warm for the children and staff. However, please remember to check the website for updates and announcements in the event of heavy snow. We will also aim to text parents by 7.15am.

Parents' Evenings

On Monday 9 February we will be holding a Parents' Evening for children in Lower Kindergarten and Garden Room and on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 February it will be the turn of the parents and class teachers for those children in Transition to Year 6. Please make sure you book your time slot.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

I hope the children have enjoyed looking after their daffodil bulbs and raising money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Please bring your donation envelopes to either the School Office or the classroom by Friday 27 February 2015. We will be holding a special assembly on Monday 2 March and on that day, I would be very grateful if the children could bring in the daffodils they have grown. Thank you in advance for your generous donations to this very worthy charity.

Lateness

Doors to school open at 8.30am. Registration for Transition to Year 6 is at 8.45am and at 8.55am for Lower Kindergarten and Garden Room children. It is very important that the children arrive at school on time. There have been several children who are arriving after the register has been taken at 8.45am; these pupils will receive a 'late after registration mark'. Should your child arrive after the 9.00am watershed, they will receive a 'late' mark. These will be shown on the end of year reports.

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Lateness (continued)

Being late means a bad start to the day with the possibility of vital explanations of work having been missed. It is also distracting to other children who are trying to get on with their work.

I do understand that there may be, on rare occasions, be exceptional circumstances, which make arriving late unavoidable but I do ask you to make every effort to ensure that your children are in school on time on a regular basis.

Parking

Unfortunately we do not have a school car park and we rely very much on parents following road safety guidelines and procedures. Please do not park on the zigzag lines outside the main gate or block driveways. **Please be considerate of our neighbours.** Last week we had a complaint by one of our neighbours. **On Friday 30 January 2015 a male driver parked actually in the driveway of 9 Albion Hill in order to drop off his son.** The neighbour was ignored by the driver when politely asked not to park on private property.

We ask that you park in the side roads on the other side of the High Road and cross the road with our lollipop man. In the mornings, for the older children (Y1 to Y6), you might like to take advantage of our 'drop and go' system. We operate an unofficial one-way system by driving up Warren Hill, along Nursery Road and down Albion Hill. Ed, our caretaker, is at the main gate ready to receive the children. He will ensure that the children are safely on the premises and you do not need to park up. In this way we can try to keep the traffic flowing at our peak morning times. Thank you.

Event Reminders

Coffee Mornings

Date	Year Group	Time/Place
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 4 February	GR Parents Meeting 'Ready to Read' in the Hall OPA Meeting in the Studio at 9am
Friday 6 February	Year 5 Drop in session
Monday 9 February	KS2 Girls Music Festival at St Mary's Church Lower Kindergarten & Garden Room Parents' Evening at 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 10 February	KS2 watching an English Play at 9am in the Hall Year 2 Music Festival at St Mary's Church at 10am 16 pupils ISA London North Cross Country Championships at 10.15am – 4.15pm
Thursday 12 February	Curriculum Day
Friday 13 February	Curriculum Day
HALF TERM – MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY	
Monday 23 February	Back to School
Tuesday 24 February	Transition to Year 6 Parents' Evening at 3.30pm to 7pm TR – Year 6 OPA movie afternoon in Hall at 3.30pm
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
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day Cross Country Relay Race 1pm at Coopersale Hall School
Friday 6 March	Netball Team to ISA London North Tournament 9.30am – 2.30pm

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Forthcoming Events (continued)

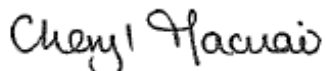
Thursday 12 March	Open Morning 9.15am – 11.15am
Wednesday 11 March	Netball at Bancrofts 1.30pm – 4.30pm Lower Kindergarten Assembly to Parents at 11am Eight pupils ISA London North Tag Rugby Tournament
Friday 13 March	All Red Nose Day – dress up
Monday 16 – 19 March	Travelling Book Fair
Wednesday 18 March	KS2 Last Swimming of Spring Term Year 2 Play to Parents in School Hall at 2pm
Thursday 19 March	GR Foxes/Moles/Rabbits Assembly to Parents 9am in School Hall Football match v Roding School away at 2.30pm
Friday 20 March	GR Badgers/Hedgehogs/Squirrels Assembly to Parents 9am in School Hall
Thursday 26 March	End of Term No afternoon sessions

EASTER BREAK FRIDAY 27 MARCH – MONDAY 20 APRIL 2015

SUMMER TERM BEGINS TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2015

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



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