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Dear Parents

What an excellent way to start the term with brilliant results from our Year 6 pupils who sat for a number of selective independent senior schools! There is an intensive exam preparation programme in place, which starts at Year 3 with the introduction to verbal and non-verbal reasoning practice. By the end of Year 5, most aspects of the curriculum will have been covered and practice papers are introduced. During the Autumn Term in Year 6, various types of exam papers are used extensively to consolidate learning and practise exam techniques.

The class achieved 7 offers to Chigwell School with 1 waiting list, 6 offers to Forest School with 2 waiting lists, 6 offers to St Edmund's College including 1 scholarship, 5 offers to Bancroft's School, 3 offers to Braeside School and 2 offers to Normanhurst School. Six pupils have 3 or more offers so far and have the luxury of several choices to make when considering their next steps. State school places are being announced this week. So far we have 1 offer to Woodford County High School and others include Davenant and Trinity.

The children have worked incredibly hard under the tuition, guidance and support of Mr Arrowsmith and Mrs Booth. Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils, you are a credit to yourselves and the School!

### Text Back Service

We have introduced a new 'Text Back' service whereby parents can text to confirm whether they are attending an event. We trialled it with some of the parent coffee mornings and it worked well. We hope this new service will be helpful for parents and reduce the amount of paperwork.

### Sporting activities

We have scheduled a large number of sporting fixtures this term, which include football and netball matches; cross country and swimming events. Unfortunately the football match against Coopersale Hall School last week had to be postponed due to the extremely wet weather. We are looking for another date for this.

### World Book Day

Thursday 5 March is World Book Day. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please remember school coats and sensible shoes as they will still go outside at break and lunchtimes.

### Open Morning for current and prospective parents

You are very welcome to attend our Open Morning on Thursday 12 March from 9.15am to 11.15am. I will be giving a short presentation at about 9.30am, after which there will be an opportunity to take a tour of the school. The children in Years 5 and 6 act as guides and will give you a pupil's perspective of life at Oaklands.

We have yet another busy half term ahead. Please remember to check this letter for dates and times of the various events and, of course, the website.

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## Event Reminders

### Forthcoming Events

Thursday 5 March	World Book Day – Dress as favourite Book Character
	Cross Country Relay Race 1pm at Coopersale Hall School
Friday 6 March	Netball Team to ISA London North Tournament 9.30am to 2.30pm
Monday 9 March	Woodpeckers to Loughton Library 1.30pm
Wednesday 11 March	Lower Kindergarten Assembly to Parents at 11am
	Netball at Bancrofts' School 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday 12 March	Open Morning 9.15am to 11.15am
Friday 13 March	Whole School Red Nose Day – dress up tbc
	Year 3 to Cuffley Camp 9am to 3.15pm
Monday 16 March	Travelling Book Fair at School for 4 days
Tuesday 17 March	Football Match (home) v Coopersale Hall School at 3.45pm
Wednesday 18 March	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 (away) v Roding School at 2.30pm
Friday 20 March	GR Badgers/Hedgehogs/Squirrels Assembly to Parents 9am in School Hall
Monday 23 March	Years 4 and 5 PGL Meeting for Parents at 3.30pm
Tuesday 24 March	OPA Easter Bunny
Wednesday 25 March	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Swimming Gala at Loughton Swimming Pool 9.30am to 12noon
	Lower Kindergarten to Year 6 OPA Easter Disco at Wesley Hall 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 26 March	End of Term - no afternoon sessions
<b>EASTER BREAK FRIDAY 27 MARCH – MONDAY 20 APRIL 2015</b>	
Tuesday 21 April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 April	Bancrofts Swimming Gala at 1pm to 3.45pm
Wednesday 22 April	Years 4 and 5 Three Day Residential Trip to PGL, Liddington
Tuesday 28 April	Year 6 to Battle Abbey, Sussex 9am to 3.30pm
Wednesday 29 April	KS2 Swimming starts

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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