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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

By now you will have read the letter from Matthew Hagger about my forthcoming retirement in July 2016 and I would like to congratulate Sue Belej on becoming Headmistress from September 2016. I know that I am leaving Oaklands School in very caring and capable hands.

Mrs Slater will be going on maternity leave shortly. Her last day will be Friday 29 January and 1S will be taught by Mrs Hamid. Mrs Hamid is a very experienced Key Stage 1 teacher who has previously taught at Oaklands School and is familiar with our routines. Parents in 1S will be able to meet Mrs Hamid at Parents' Evenings which for 1S only, will be held on Wednesday 20 January and Friday 22 January. Further details to follow. There will also be a handover period from Wednesday 27 January to Friday 29 January when Mrs Hamid will get to know the children and work with other members of the team to ensure a smooth handover. I'm sure you would like to join me in wishing Mrs Slater all the very best and we look forward to seeing her new baby.

I'm pleased to say that Miss Creedon has agreed to run Art Club while Mrs Slater is on maternity leave.

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.** Girls, please remember to bring socks for PE/Games.

Coffee Mornings

Just a quick reminder of dates for the coffee mornings which start on Tuesday 12 January. Please check the table below for your class times:

Class	Date	Time	Place
Year 1	Tuesday 12 January	8.45am to 9.30am	Studio
Transition	Tuesday 19 January	8.45am to 9.30am	Studio
Garden Room	Tuesday 26 January	8.45am to 9.30am	Studio
Lower Kindergarten	Tuesday 2 February	8.45am to 9.30am	Studio

Parents' Evenings

Formal Parents' Evenings for Transition to Year 6 will be held on Tuesday 23 February and Wednesday 24 February from 3.30pm to 7.00pm and Parents' Evening for Lower Kindergarten and Garden Room will be on Monday 14 March from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

Oak-Tree Summer Ball

The joint Oak-Tree Summer Ball will be held on Saturday 21 May 2016 at Chigwell Hall (the Metropolitan Police Club in Chigwell). Please put the date in your diary and I'm sure that the OPA would be grateful for any help regarding the organisation of this event.

Please contact either the OPA on oaklandsparentsassociation@gmail.com or your class representative.

OPA Summer Fete

There has been a change to the date of this year's Summer Fete. **It will now be held on Saturday 18 June 2016 (one week later than previously advertised) at the earlier time of 12 noon until about 3.00pm.**

Dance Displays

These will be held on the playground as usual, but please note the following dates and times:

Transition to Year 6	Tuesday 14 June	3.30pm to approx 4.15pm
Lower Kindergarten and Garden Room	Tuesday 28 June	2.30pm to 3.00pm

Dates

The following list provides an update of events planned for the term:

Monday 11 January	Y1 Lego Workshop 9am – 11.30am in hall
Wednesday 13 January	Y3 + Y5 Swimming starts
Thursday 14 January	Under 11's ISA Football Tournament (boys) tbc
Tuesday 19 January	Forest under 11's Swimming Championships 3pm – 6pm
Thursday 28 January	Y5 + Y6 Young Voices at the O2 Arena – 12pm – 9.15pm
Thursday 11 February	Transition to St Alban's Abbey 9.15am – 2.45pm
Friday 12 February	Percussion Workshop in School
	Y6 British Museum Trip

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 22 February	Start of the second half of Spring Term
Tuesday 23 February	TR - Y6 Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Wednesday 24 February	Y4 + Y6 Swimming begins
	TR - Y6 Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 3 March	Coopersale Hall Cross Country relays
Friday 4 March	ISA Netball Redbridge Sports Centre 8.30am – 3pm tbc
Wednesday 9 March	Bancrofts Netball Tournament 12pm
Thursday 10 March	Open Morning
Monday 14 March	LK + GR Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 16 March	KS2 Swimming Gala
Thursday 17 March	Quantum Theatre Maths Show tbc
Wednesday 23 March	End of Spring Term

TUESDAY 19 APRIL – START OF SUMMER TERM 2016

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.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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