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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; every time I have looked into the Year 5 classroom, they have their heads down and are really focusing on their work. Keep up the good work!

'Drop-in Sessions' Spring Term 2016

The 'Drop-in Sessions' have proved to be popular with many positive comments. The children have enjoyed showing off their work and I hope you have found them useful too. Please note below dates and times for the rest of the sessions.

Date	Time	Class
Thursday 4 February	8.30am – 8.50am	2L
Friday 5 February	8.30am – 8.50am	2S
Thursday 11 February	8.30am – 8.50am	Y3
Friday 12 February	8.30am – 8.50am	Y4
Thursday 25 February	8.30am – 8.50am	Y5
Friday 26 February	8.30am – 8.50am	Y6

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.

Parents' Evenings

On Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 February we will be holding Parents' Evenings for those children in Transition to Year 6. We are introducing a new online booking system to book your Parents' Evenings slots via the Portals. This is designed to make it easier for you to choose the slots most convenient for you. At the end of this week you will receive notification that the system is live and instructions as to how to book your time. Parents' Evening for children in Lower Kindergarten and Garden Room will be held on Monday 14 March.

'Bad Hair Day'

On Friday 12 February, we are holding a 'Bad Hair Day' in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. The children will wear their school uniform, but the hairstyles can be as crazy as you like! We would like to suggest that each child pays a £2 donation to wear a wacky wig or style a crazy hairdo. We hope that your generosity will help make a difference to the thousands of children who are treated at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

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Dates

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

Tuesday 2 February	Netball Club to Chigwell School for training 2pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 4 February	2L 'Drop-in Session' 8.30am – 8.50am Football Team to White Bridge School 3.15pm – 5.20pm
Friday 5 February	2S 'Drop-in Session' 8.30am – 8.50am
Monday 8 February	Y2 Stratford Music Festival St Marys Church 9.15am
Thursday 11 February	Y3 'Drop-in Session' 8.30am – 8.50am Transition to St Albans Cathedral 9.15am – 2.45pm "Bad Hair Day" in aid of GOSH
Friday 12 February	Y4 'Drop-in Session' 8.30am – 8.50am 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	OPA Movie Afternoon 3.15pm – 5pm tbc TR - Y6 Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 7pm Y4 + Y6 Swimming begins
Wednesday 24 February	Forest School Junior Science Competition 2pm – 4.30pm TR - Y6 Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 25 February	Y5 'Drop-in Session' 8.30am – 8.50am
Friday 26 February	Y6 'Drop-in Session' 8.30am – 8.50am Girls' Choir Rotary Club Singing Concert 7pm tbc
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day – 'Dress up day' Coopersale Hall Cross Country relays 1.15pm
Friday 4 March	ISA Netball Redbridge Sports Centre 8.30am – 3pm tbc
Wednesday 9 March	Bancrofts Netball Tournament 12pm
Thursday 10 March	Open Morning
Friday 11 March	GR Assembly to Parents 9am
Monday 14 March – Thursday 17 March	Travelling Book Fair
Monday 14 March	LK + GR Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 16 March	KS2 Swimming Gala 9.30am – 12pm
Thursday 17 March	KS2 General Knowledge Quiz Forest School
Friday 18 March	KS2 Quantum Theatre Maths Show 9.30am
Monday 21 March	OPA Easter Bunny
Tuesday 22 March	OPA Easter Disco tbc
Wednesday 23 March	End of Spring Term

TUESDAY 19 APRIL – START OF SUMMER TERM 2016

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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