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Dear Parents

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and the children seem pleased to be back at school. We are always very busy and this Summer Term is no exception! Year 6 are looking forward to next week when they are spending the whole week at Liddington, Wiltshire trying out and practising their skills at kayaking, climbing, Jacob's ladder and the giant swing etc.

Staffing

We wish Mrs Narendra well as she begins her maternity leave on Friday 22 April and for the rest of this summer term Year 5 will be taught by Mr Jerrom. There will be an opportunity to meet him on Thursday 21 April at 8.40am in the Studio.

Mrs Hazel also joins the staff for this term as Year 6 class teacher. Mrs Hamid continues as 1S class teacher, while Mrs Slater is on maternity leave. Mrs Germain, Learning Support Assistant, is recovering from her illness and we thank Mrs Botheras (nee Ratnage) for supporting 1S in her absence.

Achievements

Last term, some very good pieces of independent writing from our talented writers were entered in to the ISA 2016 National Essay Competition and I am thrilled to announce that Sameer in Year 6 has been awarded second prize in the boys competition for ages 10 to 11 years. Many congratulations Sameer! This is a most fantastic achievement and we look forward to reading more of your work in the future. Well done!

Summer uniform

Please note that all pupils should be wearing summer uniform. A full list of uniform items can be found on our website. For a complete list of the summer uniform click on the link to Forest Casualwear, the school's uniform supplier. They are open from 9am to 5.30pm from Monday to Saturday, but also operate a website for direct mail order at <http://www.forestcasualwear.co.uk/acatalog/Oaklands.html>. It is important that the pupils are looking smart wearing the correct uniform every day!

Photographs

The children will be having class and team photographs taken on Thursday 12 May. Photographs will be taken outside, weather permitting, or alternatively in the school hall.

Dietary and Medical Needs

If your child's dietary or medical needs change, please inform the school in writing or by email so that the details we hold on our system can be updated. Please go to the school office to let them know, in addition to telling the class teacher.

Year 5 Options Evening

This is a meeting for parents of children who are in the current Year 5 to discuss the options for secondary schools and the various procedures for applications. It will be held on Thursday 5 May at 6pm in the school hall and I have invited Mrs Osborn, Headmistress of Normanhurst School to talk about the transfer from primary to secondary education and how you as parents can support that transition. At the meeting you will also be given an information pack. Next week you will be asked to respond to a text back so that we have an idea of numbers attending.

Oak-Tree Summer Ball

Tickets have been selling well for the Oak-Tree Summer Ball on Saturday 21 May. The marquee at Chigwell Hall (Chigwell Metropolitan Police Club) is quite large and there are still some tickets left. Our team will be able to place you on a table or you can organise tables of 8, 10 or 12. All details are on the Oak-Tree website as follows: www.oaktreeschools.co.uk/the-oak-tree-summer-ball/. I shall look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there!

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will be held on Monday 23 May on the school field. Please note the following approximate timings:

Years 1 and 2	9.15am to 10.30am
Lower Kindergarten, Garden Room and Transition	10.45am to 12.15pm
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	1.45pm to 3.15pm

Parents, families and friends are most welcome to join us for the event, which is a real highlight in the school calendar. Your support is much appreciated by the children; lots of cheering and clapping is a real encouragement for them!

Dates

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

Wednesday 20 April	Y3 + Y6 Swimming begins
Monday 25 April – Friday 29 April	Y6 PGL Liddington Residential Trip
Thursday 28 April	Y3 Hadleigh Country Park 8am – 3.30pm Cross Country Race at Coopersale Hall School 1pm tbc OPA Uniform Sale in GR 2.30–4pm
Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 May	Y4 + Y5 Young Mariners Meeting for Parents – 3.30pm Y5 Options Evening 6–7pm
Tuesday 10 May	Y2 – Y6 Music Concert – 6pm
Wednesday 11 May	Y2 – Y6 Music Concert – 6pm
Thursday 12 May	Class Photographs
Saturday 21 May	Oak-Tree Summer Ball
Monday 23 May	Sports Day Y1 + Y2 9.15am to 10.30am LK, GR + TR 10.45am to 12.15pm Y3 - Y6 1.45pm to 3.15pm
Wednesday 25 May – Friday 27 May	Y4 + Y5 Young Mariners, Cheshunt
Wednesday 25 May	LAMDA Exams
Thursday 26 May	LAMDA Exams
MONDAY 30 MAY – FRIDAY 3 JUNE	HALF TERM
Wednesday 8 June	Y6 Crucial Crew
Friday 10 June	Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic Lunch
Tuesday 14 June	TR – Y6 Dance Display 3.30–4.15pm
Saturday 18 June	OPA Summer Fete 12pm – 3pm approx
Thursday 23 June	Y2 Rye Meads Nature Reserve 9am – 3pm tbc
Tuesday 28 June	LK +GR Dance Display 2.30–3.30pm
Wednesday 29 June	KS2 Play at Lopping Hall – 6.45pm
Thursday 30 June	KS2 Play at Lopping Hall – 6.45pm
Wednesday 6 July	LK, GR + TR Celebration of the Year 2–3pm approx Y1 – Y6 Prize Giving 4pm – 5.30pm approx
Wednesday 13 July	Last day of Summer Term

I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events. If you do have any concerns or points you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or one of the SLT members.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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