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Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and the children are looking forward to this last part of the academic year. There are many events organised for this half term, so please check details at the end of this letter and the school calendar on the website.

It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the sunshine and the children's achievements at Sports Day. Unfortunately, we were not so fortunate with the weather for the class and team photographs on Friday 19 May as they had to be taken in the school hall.

The Year 1 performances of 'Stella the starfish' were wonderful and inspiring. The standard of drama and singing was amazing and I would like to congratulate the children and their teachers for their hard work and enthusiasm.

ISI Inspection, May 2017

I am delighted that the Inspection team who visited Oaklands at the beginning of May were so impressed with the school. As Mr Hagger mentioned in his letter which accompanied the publishing of the Inspection Report on the website, this was the first of the Department for Education's new-style inspections that were introduced in September 2016. They inspect against three areas: the quality of pupils' personal development, the quality of pupils' academic and other achievements and focussed compliance. We were judged to be 'excellent' or 'good' in all areas, and fully compliant.

This is an acknowledgement of the numerous achievements Oaklands has made in recent years and is also a wonderful endorsement of the work that all the staff do throughout the school year. I am very grateful to them for their dedication and professionalism. I am also grateful to you the parents, for the support you give in encouraging your children and working with them and us in their educational and personal development.

If you have not already done so, please read the full Inspection Report on the Oaklands website.

OPA Summer Fete on Saturday 17 June

The OPA is busy organising the School Fete which takes place on the school field on Saturday 17 June. The fete opens at 12.00pm. If you can help in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the OPA or your OPA class representative. There will be lots for the children to do and prizes to be won, so please come along.

Friday 9 June is a non-uniform day in support of the School Fete. We would like all children to bring a 'bottle' to school for the Bottle Tombola stall. Please ensure that the bottle contains either alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages; shampoo for example is not appropriate. OPA representatives will be available at the main school door to receive your donations. Thank you.

Dance Display on Tuesday 13 June

Remember that this year's Dance display for Lower Kindergarten to Year 6 classes takes place on Tuesday 13 June from 3.00pm to about 4.00pm on the playground. Costumes are in hand, but if you are unsure as to what your child should be wearing, please contact your child's class teacher. The children have been practising hard so please come along and support them!

Year 5 & 6 Play at Lopping Hall

The pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been busy rehearsing for their parts in 'Porridge'. The play will be performed to families and friends on Wednesday 28 June starting at 6.45pm at the Lopping Hall, Loughton. Further details about the purchase of tickets will be available soon.

Celebration of the Year and Prize Giving and Review of the Year

On Wednesday 5 July we will be holding our annual Celebration of the Year for Lower Kindergarten, Garden Room and Transition children at 2pm followed by Prize Giving and Review of the Year for pupils in Years 1 to 6 at 4.00pm. Our Guest speaker at Prize Giving this year will be Mrs Alison Brown from the Wynaud Trust. Both events will be held in the marquee on the school field and we invite parents to come along, but please be advised that due to space restrictions, we can only allow two family members per child. Thank you.

Extra-curricular Clubs

The school office has sent home a clubs booking sheet for next academic year 2017-18, so that we can organise the programme and ensure that staffing ratios are appropriate. There is a number limit to some of the clubs, which may mean that we have to operate a waiting list. Please would you complete and return the form to the office by Thursday 8 June. We will then be able to confirm the places before the summer break.

Instrumental Lessons

We have also sent details of instrumental music tuition and, once again, we would be grateful if you could complete the relevant request form and return it to the school office by Wednesday 7 June. We plan to confirm these lessons before the end of this term.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 6 June	Y2 Music Concert 3.45pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 7 June	Y3 Trip to Hadleigh Country Park 8.15am – 3.30pm Y4 + Y6 Swimming
Friday 9 June	Whole School Non-Uniform Day for the Tombola Y2 Trip to Rye Meads 9am – 3.15pm
Tuesday 13 June	TR Fathers' Day fun 8.45am – 9.30am TR Fathers' Day fun 1.45pm – 2.30pm LK – Y4 + Y5/6 Dancers Dance Display 3pm – 4pm
Wednesday 14 June	Y6 Crucial Crew 8.15am – 12pm Y4 Swimming
Friday 16 June	Y5 x 4 pupils Chigwell School Quiz 1.50pm – 4.15pm tbc
Saturday 17 June	Summer Fete 12pm – 3.30pm approx.
Wednesday 21 June	Y3 Roman Day Y4 + Y6 Swimming
Thursday 22 June	Y1 Punch & Judy Show 1.30pm
Friday 23 June	Y4 Trip to Suntrap 8.30am – 1.30pm
Wednesday 28 June	Y4 + Y6 Swimming Y5 + Y6 School Production at Lopping Hall 6.45pm
Wednesday 5 July	EYFS Celebration of the Year 2pm – 3pm Y1 - Y6 Prize Giving 4pm – 5.30pm
Friday 7 July	Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 12 July
Thursday 13 July

Y4 + Y6 Last Swimming
Last Day of Summer Term
LK – TR 12pm Finish
Y1 + Y2 12.15pm Finish
Y3 – Y6 12.30pm Finish

I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events. Please remember to check the website for updated information.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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