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Dear Parents

### **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 guests at Prize Giving this year will be Mr and Mrs Nigel 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. Thank you.

### **Garden Room 'Welcome meeting'**

Present Lower Kindergarten children and new children joining Garden Room in September will be meeting their new Keyworker on Thursday 6 July. Parents are invited to attend a brief information meeting in the school hall at 2.45pm. Present Lower Kindergarten children will remain in Lower Kindergarten while the meeting takes place. They will join their parents in Garden Room at approximately 3.20pm. The 'Welcome meeting' will finish at 4.00pm.

### **'Meet the Teacher'**

On Friday 7 July all the children will spend the afternoon with their new class teacher and at the end of the day parents will also be able to meet their child's new teacher. Please note the following timings:

#### **September 2017 Transition children:**

1.45pm to 2.30pm - children to be with their new teachers  
2.30pm to 3.00pm - parents to meet their child's new teacher

#### **September 2017 Year 1 to Year 6 pupils:**

1.45pm to 2.50pm - pupils to be with their new teachers  
3.00pm to 3.30pm - parents to meet their child's new teacher

Class lists together the names of staff and new classrooms have already been sent out to you.

Please remember to come to the hall via the school office when you arrive at school. At 2.30pm (Transition parents) or at 3.00pm (Year 1 to Year 5 parents), a member of staff will take you to meet your child's new teacher.

### **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

Year 6 parents are invited to attend the Year 6 Leavers' assembly on Tuesday 11 July, 9.30am in the school hall. Please enter the school via the doors to Transition, which will be opened at 9.20am.

### **Year 6 Mini Fete**

Year 6 are organising their mini fete for Tuesday 11 July. They are hoping for dry weather so that the stalls and games can be set up in the playground. Transition to Year 5 classes are given a time slot to attend the fete. We normally suggest no more than £2 to be bought into school for spending money at the mini fete in a named purse or envelope. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Loughton Library Summer Reading scheme

We are due to welcome a representative from Loughton library to our assembly on Wednesday 12 July. She will be telling the children about the summer reading scheme that Loughton library organises each year. I hope lots of the children will participate in the scheme during the summer holidays.

### OPA End of Year Disco

The OPA have kindly organised a disco at Wesley Hall, Loughton on Wednesday 12 July for the children. Admission is free as a 'thank you' for everyone's' help at the summer fete. Please note the following times for the different age groups:

EYFS – 3.30-4.45pm (parents need to accompany their child please)

Y1 to Y6 – 5.00-6.15pm

### Staffing

At the end of each school year we often have to say goodbye to a few members of staff. This year there will be three of our team leaving.

Miss James is relocating to Chelmsford and has taken up a position at a school nearer to her new home. Thank you very much, Miss James, for all your hard work in 2J and we wish you well as you move on to your new appointment.

Mrs Bahra has worked in Lower Kindergarten for 10 years, where she has started many of your children on their learning journey at Oaklands. Thank you for your patience, care and guidance with our youngest children and we wish you well in your change of career.

Mrs Leggett has been at Oaklands for 23 years and is, at present our longest serving member of staff. She has worked as both an Early Years keyworker and a Learning Support Assistant in Year 2 and Transition. Many Oaklands children have benefited from her vast experience and knowledge and we will miss her as a member of our staff. I know she is looking forward to spending more time in Spain with her family and doing things when she wants to do them. Thank you for all your dedicated work with the children; we hope you have a very happy retirement.

Many of you will know that Miss Moore, our Garden Room Coordinator, went on maternity leave a few weeks ago and I am sure you join me in wishing her every happiness enjoying her new role as a mother. We are looking forward to her first visit to Oaklands in September with the new arrival.

### Forthcoming Events

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

Wednesday 5 July	No Swimming EYFS Celebration of the Year 2pm Y1 - Y6 Prize Giving 4pm
Thursday 6 July	Y5 Chelmsford Water Recycling Centre 8.40am – 3.30pm GR 'Welcome' Meeting in the School Hall 2.45pm – 4pm
Friday 7 July	Meet the Teacher
Monday 10 July	Y6 Kidzania 8am
Tuesday 11 July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly in the School Hall 9.30am Y6 Mini Fete
Wednesday 12 July	Y4 + Y6 Last Swimming LK – TR OPA End of Year Disco at Wesley Hall 3.30pm – 4.45pm Y1 + Y6 OPA End of Year Disco at Wesley Hall 5pm – 6.15pm
Thursday 13 July	Last Day of Summer Term LK – TR 12pm Finish Y1 + Y2 12.15pm Finish Y3 – Y6 12.30pm Finish

My first year as Headmistress seems to have flown by. I would like to congratulate the children for all their hard work and perseverance. I would like to thank you, the parents, as well for your support.

May I wish you all a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back in the Autumn Term on **Wednesday 6 September 2017**.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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