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Dear Parents

I trust you all had an enjoyable half term which now probably seems ages ago! It seems incredible that we are half way through the academic year already!

11+ Entrance Examinations

For our Year 6 pupils and parents, January and February have been nerve wracking times. From the Summer Term of Year 5 through the Autumn Term of Year 6, the pupils have been working extremely hard preparing for their entrance examinations to a variety of different independent schools. They persevered to complete numerous practice papers, tackling complex sample questions and revisiting areas where they were not 100% secure.

I am delighted to write that our pupils have done exceedingly well and have all been awarded places at their chosen schools. Most are in the enviable position of having some difficult choices to make as they received several offers. I am immensely proud of them all for their dedicated hard work but also for their empathy and caring and supportive attitude towards each other.

Further details of the results will be found on our website once all the offers have been finalised.

Parents' Evenings

It was lovely to personally greet so many of you as you arrived at school to attend our Year 1 to Year 6 Parents' Evenings last week. I hope you found the appointment with your child's teacher informative regarding your child's progress and reassuring about their personal development. If you do wish to discuss any particular aspects in more detail, you are welcome to call the school office to arrange a follow-up appointment or contact the teacher directly by email.

Drop in Sessions

Our popular Drop-in sessions programme began again after the half term break. These informal sessions provide parents with the opportunity to view some of their child's work in their classroom prior to the start of the school day. I know that the children thoroughly enjoy discussing their work with you.

World Book Day

Due to the bad weather this week, the whole school are now celebrating World Book Day on Friday 9 March. The children have been asked to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Please remember to dress the children in sensible shoes and a warm coat for playtime.

Each child's donation of a £1 will be sent to Book Aid International. Thank you again for your support.

Open Morning

Our second Open Morning of the academic year takes place on Thursday 8 March, 9.15-11.15am. You are welcome to come to this event. Prospective and current parents will have the opportunity to see the school at work and to hear more about what is happening at school. Refreshments will be available in the school hall from 9.00am. I shall be giving a short talk at 9.30am with tours, conducted by our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, commencing at 9.45am. Our older pupils are always happy to talk about life at Oaklands from a pupil's perspective.

Sport

Our cross country runners, netball team and football team will be participating in competitions during this half term. KS2 children will be participating in the first House football tournament and the annual House swimming gala. All the school will be involved in the Sports Relief 'Physical activity' fund raising day in March.

Most of the children in Year 4 and Year 5 are eagerly awaiting their 3-day residential stay at the Young Mariners Base, Cheshunt at the end of term. Activities will include climbing, abseiling, archery, paddle boarding, kayaking and canoeing.

It is encouraging to see so many children involved in the different sports clubs, enjoying exercising and learning new physical skills.

House Points Cup

As you are aware, the House Points Cup is presented every half term to the House that has gained the most house points. In last Wednesday's assembly, Annabel, House Captain of Sycamore House collected the cup on behalf of all the members of her house in KS1 and KS2. They collected a total of 400 house points during last half term. Congratulations to all the members of Sycamore House!

Marie Curie Daffodils

Once again, we are supporting the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal. This charity raises money to help Marie Curie nurses care for people with a terminal illness. Please go to the office if you would like to make a £1 donation to be able to wear a daffodil. Thank you for your support.

Events

We have yet another busy four weeks ahead of us.

I am particularly looking forward to the assembly performances by Lower Kindergarten (Friday 9 March), Year 4C (Thursday 15 March) and Garden Room (Friday 16 March) and the Year 2 plays (Wednesday 21 March and Thursday 22 March). Please check the 'Events' list below for the time of each of these assemblies and plays.

Please remember to check this letter and of course the website, for dates and times of all the various events. Details will be sent out to the relevant group of parents in advance of events, but if you do have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself.

Forthcoming Dates for Second Half of Spring Term

Wednesday 7 March	Bancroft Netball Rally 12.15am-4.30pm
Thursday 8 March	Open Morning 9.15-11.15am
Friday 9 March	LK Assembly to Parents 9.00am
Friday 9 March	ISA London North U11 Netball all day
Friday 9 March	4C and 4Z Drop in 8.30-8.50am
Monday 12 March	Transition Mother's Day Fun
Monday 12 March	Book Fair Week
Monday 12 March	Quantum Science (Science week)
Tuesday 13 March	Bancroft Science Fair 1.45-4.00pm
Tuesday 13 March	3L Hadleigh Park visit
Tuesday 13 March	LK Parents Evening 3.15-6.00pm
Thursday 15 March	Coopersale Hall School – Cross Country 12.30pm
Thursday 15 March	Book Fair Week finishes
Thursday 15 March	4C Assembly to Parents 9.00am
Thursday 15 March	3L Drop in 8.30am-8.50am
Thursday 15 March	LK Parents evening 3.15-6.00pm
Friday 16 March	Year 5 Drop in 8.30am-8.50am
Friday 16 March	GR Assembly to Parents 9.00am
Monday 19 March	Year 4 History off the Page workshop
Tuesday 20 March	1R Parents Evening (TBC)
Wednesday 21 March	1R Parents Evening (TBC)
Wednesday 21 March	KS2 Swimming Gala 9.15-11.45am
Wednesday 21 March	Y2C Play to Parents 2.00pm

Wednesday 21 March	OPA Easter Disco
Thursday 22 March	Y2S Play to Parents 2.00pm
Thursday 22 March	Year 4 Drop in 8.30am-8.50am
Friday 23 March	OPA Easter Bunny
Friday 23 March	Sports Relief Cross Country House Event
Monday 26 March	Y6 PGL Parents Meeting 3.30pm School Hall
Monday 26 March	Y4/5 Young Mariners Base residential visit
Wednesday 28 March	Last day of Spring Term
	Y4/5 Return from Young Mariners Base

Forthcoming Dates for Summer Term

Friday 8 June	Sports Day
Monday 9 July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 4 July 2.00pm	Celebration of the Year
Wednesday 4 July 4.00pm	Prize Giving

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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