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Dear Parents

I hope you had a lovely Easter break. Welcome back to school for what I hope will be a busy and productive summer term with many opportunities to celebrate the pupils' achievements and progress, culminating in our annual EYFS Celebration of Year and Prize Giving events in July.

You are welcome to join us for these events as well as a number of other special events this term including Sports Day, the Year 1 plays, KS2 and Year 2 Music concerts, Years 5/6 musical production at Lopping Hall, Dance Display, Year 6 Leavers Assembly and of course, the Summer Fete on Saturday 16 June.

My thanks to Miss Creedon, Ms Zaidi, Ms Gardner and Mr Paine for spending three exciting days at the end of the Spring Term at the Young Mariners Base in Cheshunt with children in Year 4 and Year 5. They all had fun experiencing and practising their skills at kayaking, climbing, canoeing, sailing, archery, raft building and problem solving.

### Year 6 Results

Huge congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils for their excellent 11+ examination results! These have now been published on our website for you to view.

### Summer Uniform

As from the beginning of the Summer Term, all children should be wearing summer uniform. A full list of uniform items can be found on our website or by clicking on the link to Forest Casualwear, the school's uniform supplier. They are open from 9.00am to 5.30pm from Monday to Saturday, but also operate a website for direct mail order at <https://forestcasualwear.co.uk/pages/oaklands>. It is important that all the children are looking smart wearing the school uniform every day.

The OPA are holding a 'Re-cycled' school uniform sale on Friday 20 April from 2.30pm onwards in the Studio.

### OPA

The OPA are currently busy organising the OPA Summer Fete on **Saturday 16 June**. The fete opens at 12.30pm and lasts until 3.30pm. Please do not hesitate to contact them on [oaklandsparentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:oaklandsparentsassociation@gmail.com) if you can help in any way. There is a meeting on Thursday 26 April, 9.00-11.00am in the Studio. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Dietary and Medical Needs

If your child's dietary or medical needs change, please inform the office in writing or by email so that the details we hold on our system can be updated. Thank you.

### Leave of Absence Requests

Please would parents try to ensure that they do not arrange holidays in school time for pupils from Transition upwards. Our term dates are published well in advance, sent to parents and displayed on the website and App. Taking a week, or even a few days, out of school is disruptive to learning and may affect your child's progress. On the very rare occasions when you have no alternative but to request a leave of absence, please try to do this at least two weeks in advance so that teachers are aware of the arrangement and can plan accordingly.

### Photographs: Class and Sports Teams

Gem Photography will be taking class and team photographs on Friday 18 May. Weather permitting, they will be taken outside, or alternatively, in the School Hall. The photographs will be available for parents to order before the half-term break.

All pupils should be in their correct summer uniform and blazers should be worn from Year 1 upwards. The girls, as usual, need to have with their hair tied back neatly.

### Assessment Weeks

Between Monday 14 May and Friday 25 May, pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will be taking their annual InCas assessment tests. These are online tests so the pupils will go to the Computing suite. The children will be tested in mental maths, general maths, reading and spelling. The results of these InCas assessments will appear on your child's end of summer term report.

### Year 5 Secondary School Options Evening

This is a meeting for parents of children who are currently in Year 5 to discuss the options for secondary schools and the various procedures for applications. It will be held on **Thursday 24 May at 6.00pm** in the School Hall. I have invited Mrs Osborn, Headmistress of Normanhurst School and Braeside School, to talk about the transfer from primary to secondary education and how you as parents can support the transition. At the meeting you will also be given an information pack providing you with details of Open Days and entrance exam dates for the forthcoming academic year.

### Houses

Our House system continues to develop as we introduce a range of different competitions to address as many areas of the curriculum as possible. The younger children enjoy the experience of working alongside the older pupils in KS2, particularly Year 6.

Here are the results of the House competitions held during the Spring Term:

Poetry competition: Beech House

Spelling competition: Beech House

Football competition: Holly House

KS2 Swimming Gala: Willow House

KS2 Cross Country competition: Holly House

In the final assembly of the term, Beech House were presented with the KS1/2 House Point Cup for accumulating the most house points (707) during the second half of the term.

It seems as though Beech and Holly achieved a monopoly of success last term so good luck to Sycamore and Willow to win the remaining events, including the hotly contested Sports Day, during the Summer Term.

### Dance Display

The Dance Display will take place on **Tuesday 12 June at 3.00pm** on the school playground. All the pupils from Lower Kindergarten, Garden Room, Transition, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will be participating plus Year 5 and Year 6 girls.

### Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will be held on Friday 8 June on the school field. Please note the approximate timings:

Years 1&2	9.15 - 10.30am
Lower Kindergarten, Garden Room, Transition	10.45am – 12.15pm
Years 3,4,5 and 6	1.45 – 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 always much appreciated by the children; lots of cheering and clapping is a wonderful encouragement for them!

If the weather is unsuitable for Sports Day to be held on Friday 8 June, the reserve date for Sports Day is during the last week of the Summer Term, on Monday 9 July.

## Summer Term Events

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

Thursday 19 April	First day of Summer Term
Friday 20 April	OPA Uniform Sale
Monday 23 April	TR – Y6 Happy Puzzle Workshop
Wednesday 25 April	Y3 + Y6 Swimming starts Bancrofts Swimming Gala 12.15pm
Thursday 26 April	OPA Meeting in Studio 9am
Monday 30 Apr – Friday 4 May	Y6 PGL Liddington
Wednesday 2 May	GR (Hedgehogs & Squirrels) Parents Evening 3:15pm – 6:00pm
<b>Monday 7 May</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 8 May	TR Parents Evening 3:15pm – 6:00pm
Wednesday 9 May	GR (Rabbits & Badgers) Parents Evening 3:15pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 10 May	TR Parents Evening 3:15pm – 6:00pm
Friday 11 May	ISA Athletics, Bedford tbc
Monday 14 May	TR Trip to Lee Valley Park 9am – 2.45pm
Tuesday 15 May	Y3-Y6 Instrumental Concert in Hall 6pm
Wednesday 16 May	LAMDA Exams Y3-Y6 Instrumental Concert in Hall 6pm
Thursday 17 May	LAMDA Exams
Friday 18 May	Class and sports teams group photographs
Wednesday 23 May	1J Performance to Parents 2pm
Thursday 24 May	1R Performance to Parents 2pm Y5 Secondary Schools Transfer meeting 6pm

## Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June Half Term

Tuesday 5 June	Y5 Road Safety workshop Y2 Instrumental Concert in Hall 3:45pm
Friday 8 June	Sports Day
Tuesday 12 June	LK – Y4 Dance Display, Y5 + Y6 girls only 3pm-4pm
Thursday 14 June	Y6 Crucial Crew, Debden House am
Saturday 16 June	Summer Fete
Wednesday 27 June	Y5 + Y6 Performance at Lopping Hall 6:45pm
Wednesday 4 July	EYFS Celebration of the Year 2pm Y1-Y6 Prize Giving 4pm
Friday 6 July	'Meet the Teacher' afternoon
Monday 9 July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 10 July	Y6 Leavers Assembly to parents 9am
Wednesday 11 July	Last day for pupils

I look forward to welcoming you to these events.

I hope you and your children have an enjoyable and rewarding term.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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