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Dear Parents

Although it has only been two weeks since my April letter at the start of term, there are a number of additional events in the Summer Term calendar that I would like to inform you about and some useful reminders.

Firstly, I would like to announce that as from September 2018, Garden Room will be renamed as Upper Kindergarten and Transition will be known as Reception!

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. There will be no additional preparation for these needed at home.

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 their hair tied back neatly.

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.

On Monday 18 June and Thursday 21 June, 3.30-6.00pm, individual parent meetings will take place with Miss Dee, Ms Gardner and myself to discuss the choice of schools for your child.

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.

'Meet the Teacher' afternoon

The annual 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon will take place on Friday 6 July. Pupils from Garden Room to Year 5 will spend the afternoon with their new class teachers and parents will also have the opportunity to meet the teachers near the end of the school day. More details will be provided nearer the day.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 4 May	Y6 return from PGL Liddington approximately 4.15pm
Monday 7 May	May Bank Holiday
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 7:30am – 5pm
Monday 14 May	TR Trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens - 9am – 2:45pm GR Trip to Hayes Hill Farm 9:30am – 2:45pm
Tuesday 15 May	Y3 Trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens 9:15am – 2:45pm 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
Tuesday 22 May	LK Trip to Ashlyns Farm Park
Wednesday 23 May	1J Performance to Parents 2pm
Thursday 24 May	1R Performance to Parents 2pm Y5 Secondary Schools Transfer meeting 6pm
Friday 25 May	LK, GR, TR Drama Workshop

Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June Half Term

Monday 4 June	Y5 Trip to Broxbourne Riverside 9am – 3:30pm tbc
Tuesday 5 June	Y6 Trip to Queen Elizabeth Park Trip 9:30am – 4pm tbc 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 tbc
Friday 15 June	Y5 Brentwood Taster Day
Saturday 16 June	Summer Fete
Monday 18 June	Y5 Parent Meetings 3:30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 20 June	1R Trip to Paradise Park 9am – 3pm tbc
Thursday 21 June	Y5 Parent Meetings 3:30pm – 6pm
Tuesday 26 June	Y2 Trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens 9.15am – 2pm tbc
Wednesday 27 June	Last swim of Summer Term Y5 + Y6 Performance at Lopping Hall 6:45pm
Friday 29 June	1J Trip to Paradise Park 9am – 3pm tbc
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
Wednesday 11 July

Y6 Leavers Assembly to parents 9am
Last day for pupils

WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER – BACK TO SCHOOL – FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

I look forward to welcoming you to many of the events during the Summer Term.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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