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Dear Parents

We have two weeks left of the half term and I am sure, considering the winter weather we are experiencing, that you are looking forward to a well-earned rest with your children.

Our Year 6 children have been working extremely hard; the majority of whom have sat challenging entrance examinations for various senior independent schools throughout January. They have all continued to fulfil their prefect duties every day and acted as role models to the younger children of the school despite the pressure of the examinations. They are a credit to Oaklands and to you, their parents, and we are very proud of them. This weekend, the children will enjoy the well-deserved luxury of 'no homework.' I am sure the Year 6 parents will enjoy the weekend too!

I have enjoyed welcoming parents to each of the information evenings that have been held during January covering topics such as E-Safety and KS1 and KS2 Maths. I received some extremely positive feedback about all the events and how useful they were.

Throughout this half term, I have been particularly impressed by the enthusiasm all the children consistently show in their learning. When I conduct my weekly tours with prospective parents around the school site, many comments are made about the children's' focused concentration and their self-confidence when answering my questions.

Well done children!

### Coffee Mornings

Thank you to those of you who were available to come along to your year group coffee morning with Mr Hagger and me in January. We value your comments, suggestions and thoughts on the education we provide. It is pleasing to hear that the children are happy in their learning and that the quality and quantity of information you are receiving about school life and the progress of your child continues to increase. I look forward to welcoming Lower Kindergarten parents to their coffee morning on Tuesday 5 February at 8.45am in the Studio.

### Parents' Evenings

After the February half term, parents in Y1-Y6 will have the opportunity to attend a Parents' Evening to discuss the progress of their child with his/her class teacher. Each year group has already received a letter with details about their Parents' Evenings as on this occasion, some year groups are being held on different evenings. We will be using the online booking system again for you to book your appointment slot via the Portals.

### Drop-in Sessions Spring Term 2019

The 'Drop-in Sessions' that we held during the second half of the Autumn Term proved very popular and I received many positive comments about them. The children enjoyed showing off their work and I know many of you found them useful too. We plan to hold a second set of 'Drop-in Sessions' after half term. Please note below the dates and times for each year group.

CLASS	DATE	TIME
1R	Thurs 28 Feb	8.30-8.50am
1Z	Fri 1 March	8.30-8.50am
Y3C	Fri 8 March	8.30-8.50am
2S	Thurs 14 March	8.30-8.50am
2C & Y3L	Fri 15 March	8.30-8.50am
Y4C	Thurs 21 March	8.30-8.50am
Y6J	Fri 22 March	8.30-8.50am
Y5G	Thurs 28 March	8.30-8.50am
Y5Z	Fri 29 March	8.30-8.50am

### E-Safety

It was good to see so many parents at our recent training evening. As you are aware we consider the protection and safeguarding of children to be of the highest priority and I know from conversations I have had with parents recently that this is a subject of much concern. I hope that you all found the E-Safety training useful and consequently are a little more aware of the dangers faced by our children and how to start protecting them.

You will have received Mr Hagger's follow-up letter with resources earlier this week. Please do take a look at the helpsheets on our website as they have been designed to help parents understand the various apps, games and social messaging sites that the children appear to be interested in at home.

### Parking reminder

As you are aware, Mr Hagger sent out a letter earlier this week about parking in the vicinity of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to repeat his request that parents do not park across, or obstruct in anyway, the driveways of our neighbours when dropping or collecting their children, to consider the safety of our children when parking and to use the new car park as much as possible. Thank you in advance of your understanding and support.

### Medical matters

I should like to reiterate to parents that all pupils should be kept off school for at least 48 hours following a sickness bug. Also, if they have started a course of antibiotics they should also be kept off school for the first 24 hours whilst taking the medication. This is to contain the spread of infection as far as possible. Likewise, if your child is taken ill at school, you will be asked to collect them immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Oak-Tree Summer Ball

The OPA Committee is helping to organise Oak-Tree, James Bond themed Summer Ball which is taking place on Saturday 18 May at Chigwell Hall. Letters and invitations will be sent out shortly. It is an excellent event for parents and friends. Some people come with friends, some with a partner or family members (but not the children on this occasion!). You can request who you'd like to be seated with and we make sure that people are with a group from the school.

### Events

We have a number of events that the children are participating in during the last two weeks of the half term. Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are participating in the 'Young Voices' event at the O2 on Tuesday 5 February. On Thursday 7 February, Year 3 parents will be attending the Y3 Performance of 'A Roman Adventure' in the school hall. Year 6 are looking forward to their Anglo-Saxon workshop in school on Friday 8 February and Reception are travelling to St Albans to visit the abbey on Thursday 14 February. Sports teams will be competing in the Coopersale Hall Cross Country relay event and the Y3/4 Oak-Tree Netball and Football tournament during the last week of the half term. Good luck to all the children in these events!

You will see from the dates list that next half term is also very busy, so please make sure that you continually check our website and app for up to date information.

### **Forthcoming Events Spring 2019**

Tuesday 5 February	LK Coffee Morning 8:45am – 9:30am Y5+Y6 Young Voices, O2
Thursday 7 February	Y3 Assembly to Parents
Friday 8 February	Y6 Anglo-Saxon Workshop
Tuesday 12 February	LK 'Settling in' Meeting for new pupils
Wednesday 13 February	UK 'Settling in' Meeting for new pupils Coopersale Hall Cross Country Race
Thursday 14 February	Reception Trip to St Albans Cathedral 9am – 3pm
Friday 15 February	Y3 + Y4 Oak-Tree High 5 Netball & 5-A-Side Football, Peter May Centre Last Day of half term

### **Half Term Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February**

Monday 25 February	First Day for pupils
Tuesday 26 February	ISA London North Cross Country 10:30am – 4pm
Wednesday 27 February	Y1 – Y5 Parent Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 28 February	Y1R Drop in Session 8:30am – 8:50am Y1-5 Parent Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm OPA movie 3:15pm – 5.15pm
Friday 1 March	Y1Z Drop In Session Y6 St Johns First Aid Skills Course U11's Tag Rugby Competition
Wednesday 6 March	Bancroft Netball Tournament
Thursday 7 March	Open Morning 9:15am - 11:30am
Friday 8 March	Y3C Drop in Session 8:30am – 8:50am
Thursday 14 March	Y2S Drop in Session 8:30am – 8:50am
Friday 15 March	Y3L Drop in Session 8:30am – 8:50am Y2C Drop in Session 8:30am – 8:50am 'Grammar Girl' Quantum Theatre
Monday 18 March	Start of the Book Fair
Thursday 21 March	Y4C Drop in Session 8:30am – 8:50am

Friday 22 March                    Y6J Drop in Session 8:30am – 8:50am  
End of Book Fair

Monday 26 March                    Y5 Lee Valley Geography Trip 9:00am – 3:40pm

Wednesday 27 March                Oaklands Swimming Gala, Loughton Leisure Centre

Thursday 28 March                Y5G Drop in Session 8:30am – 8:50am  
Y6J PGL Parents Meeting in the Hall

Friday 29 March                    Y5Z Drop in Session 8:30am – 8:50am

Wednesday 3 April                End of Spring Term  
LK – TR finish at 12pm  
Y1 + Y2 finish at 12:15pm  
Y3 – Y6 finish at 12:30pm

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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