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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, Year 6 Leavers Assembly and of course, the Summer Fete on Saturday 15 June.

### Oak-Tree Summer Ball, Saturday 18 May

There are only three weeks to go to the social event of the year! I'm sure that many of us ladies have already purchased amazing new ball gowns and the gentlemen are ready to look like replicas of Daniel Craig wearing their smart black ties and evening suits.

The evening will be packed with music, food, dancing, raffles and Casino Royale entertainment! This is an event not to be missed, but there is still time to purchase your tickets.

Please complete your booking form, mark your menu choices and seating preferences and return it with your payment. If you have any queries or require some assistance in making your booking, then either speak to the OPA directly or email Emma Curtis at Head Office via [bookings@oaktreeschools.co.uk](mailto:bookings@oaktreeschools.co.uk). I look forward to seeing many of you there.

### Houses

Our House system continues to thrive as an integral part of school life as we organise a range of different competitions to address as many areas of the curriculum as possible. The younger children in particular so enjoy the experience of working alongside the older pupils in KS2.

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

Football competition: Y3/4 -	Holly House
Y5/6 -	Sycamore House
KS2 Swimming Gala -	Willow House
Easter Egg Decorating -	Sycamore 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 (474) during the second half of the term. Well done to all the pupils!

The pupils will all be participating in more House events during the Summer Term, including the hotly contested KS1 and KS2 Sports Day cups.

### 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.

### Bringing food into school from home - allergies

Towards the end of last term, we had a number of children who were celebrating their birthday or the approaching Easter weekend and brought in 'savory treats' for their class. Whilst this is a lovely gesture and a special way to celebrate an important occasion, most of the 'treats' contained nuts or traces of nuts.

I would like to draw your attention to the guidelines that Mr Hagger included in his letter to parents in February on this subject:

Please do not feel obliged to send treats into school for the children. However, if you would like to do so then our staff will do their best to distribute them as long as you follow the following measures:

1. Ask your child's teacher first if there are any children with specific food allergies (you might find it easier to email)
2. **Only send in commercially bought food that is sealed and in its original packaging so that we can check the ingredients ourselves.**
3. **Do not send in any food that contains nuts (or traces of nuts) as we will not be able to give it out as we are a 'nut free' school.**
4. Ensure there is enough for the whole class and that treats can be divided easily.
5. Bring an alternative for those children who can't eat the 'main' treat.

I am sure you will understand that, as always, it is our policy to make the safety and well-being of all pupils our top priority. Thank you in advance for your support helping those children with food allergies.

### 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 9am to 5.30pm from Monday to Saturday, but also operate a website for direct mail order at [www.forestcasualwear.co.uk/acatalog/Oaklands.htm](http://www.forestcasualwear.co.uk/acatalog/Oaklands.htm). It is important that all the children are looking smart wearing the school uniform every day.

### Photographs: Class and Sports teams

Gem Photography will be taking class and team photographs on **Friday 17 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

During the next two to three weeks, 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.

### OPA

The OPA are currently busy organising the OPA Summer Fete which is planned for **Saturday 15 June**. The fete opens at 12pm and lasts until 3.30pm. Please do contact them on [oaklandsparentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:oaklandsparentsassociation@gmail.com) if you can help in any way. Class representatives will be particularly grateful for helpers to 'man' their class stall or game for a specific length of time during the Fete.

### 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 23 May** at **6pm** 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 current details of Open Days and entrance exam dates for the forthcoming academic year.

On Monday 17 June and Thursday 20 June, 3.30-6pm, individual parent meetings will take place with Miss Dee, Ms Gardner, Ms Zaidi and myself to discuss the choice of secondary schools for your child.

### Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will be held on **Friday 7 June** on the school field. Please note the approximate timings:

- **Years 1&2** 9.15am to 10.30am
- **Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and Reception** 10.45am to 12.15pm
- **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** 1.45pm to 3.30pm

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 7 June, the reserve date for Sports Day is during the last week of the Summer Term, on Monday 8 July.

### Celebration of the Year and Prize Giving on Wednesday 3 July

On Wednesday 3 July we will be holding our annual Celebration of the Year for Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and Reception children at 2pm followed by Prize Giving and Review of the Year for pupils in Years 1 to 6 at 4pm. 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 per child. Thank you.

### 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon

The annual 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon will take place on Friday 5 July. Pupils from Upper Kindergarten 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

Although we have only been back at school for a week, there are a number of additional events that have been organised since the last Head's letter before the Easter holidays. Please do check carefully if these events are for your child's class.

Monday 29 April	Y6 PGL Wiltshire 29 April to 3 May
Wednesday 1 May	First Swim of Summer term Y3 and Y6 (this first swim will be Y3 only)
Wednesday 1 May	Bancrofts Swimming Gala, Bancrofts School 1pm - 4pm
Friday 3 May	Mad Science Club starts
Friday 3 May	Y1 to Y4 Tennis Coaching, am
Tuesday 7 May	Reception Parent Consultation Evening 3:15pm – 6pm
Tuesday 7 May	UK Hedgehogs + Rabbits Parents Evening 3:15pm – 6pm
Wednesday 8 May	LAMDA Exams for Y1 and Y2 9:30am – 2:30pm
Wednesday 8 May	LK visit to Ashlyns Farm 9:30am – 2:30pm
Thursday 9 May	LAMDA Exams for Y1 to Y6, 9am – 3pm
Thursday 9 May	U7's Boys ISA 5-A-Side football, Barnet Power League 9am - 3pm
Thursday 9 May	Reception Parent Consultation Evening 3:15pm – 6pm
Thursday 9 May	UK Badgers + Squirrels Parents Evening 3:15pm – 6pm
Monday 13 May	Y4 and Y5 Young Mariners Residential 13-15 May
Thurs 16 & Fri 17 May	Mrs Belej at ISA Head's Conference, Eastbourne
Friday 17 May	Class + team photographs

Saturday 18 May	Oak-Tree Summer Ball
Monday 20 May	UK Visit to Paradise Wildlife Park 9:15am – 3pm
Monday 20 May	KS2 Music concert 6pm
Tuesday 21 May	Reception visit to Highlands Park, Chelmsford 9am – 2:45pm
Tuesday 21 May	KS1 and KS2 Curriculum Day
Tuesday 21 May	LK 'Settling in' Parents Evening 3:15pm – 6pm
Wednesday 22 May	Y1RF Play, School Hall 2pm
Wednesday 22 May	KS2 Music Concert 6pm
Thursday 23 May	Y1Z Play, School Hall 2pm
Thursday 23 May	Y5 Secondary School Options Evening 6pm
Friday 24 May	Year 5 Taster Day at Brentwood School
Friday 24 May	Reception Drop in 8:30am to 9am
Friday 24 May	Reception Drop in 2:30pm to 3pm

### Half Term Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May

Monday 3 June	First day back
Tuesday 4 June	Y2 Music Concert 3:45pm
Wednesday 5 June	Reception to Y5 Road Safety Day
Wednesday 5 June	First swim Y4+Y6
Friday 7 June	Sports Day
Monday 10 June	Non Uniform: Bottle Day for OPA Fete
Thursday 13 June	Y6 Visit from a local magistrate 10am
Thursday 13 June	Y3 Camp meeting for parents 3:15pm
Friday 14 June	Y6 Crucial Crew 9am – 12pm
Saturday 15 June	Summer Fete 12pm – 3:30pm
Monday 17 June	Y5 Individual Parent Meetings for Secondary School 3:30pm – 6pm
Tuesday 18 June	Y2 visit to Waltham Abbey Gardens 9:30am – 2:30pm
Thursday 20 June	Y1 visit to Chigwell + Hainault Synagogue 12:45pm
Thursday 20 June	Y5 Individual Parent Meetings for Secondary School 3:30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 26 June	Last swim of Summer Term
Wednesday 26 June	Y5 and Y6 Production at Lopping Hall 6:45pm
Friday 28 June	Y4 visit to Kentwell 8:15am – 4pm
Wednesday 3 July	EYFS Celebration of the Year 2pm
Wednesday 3 July	Y1 to Y6 Prize Giving 4pm
Thursday 4 July	Y1 visit to Paradise Wildlife Park 9am – 4pm
Thursday 4 July	Y6 Stratford ArcelorMittal Orbit visit 9am – 3pm
Friday 5 July	Reception to Y5 'Meet the Teacher' Afternoon 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday 10 July            Last day for pupils, finish half day

Wednesday 4 September    First Day of Autumn Term for Pupils

I look forward to welcoming you to these events.

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

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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