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Dear Parents

We have two weeks left of the half term and I am sure that you are looking forward to a well-earned rest with your children whether you are travelling abroad for some sun, or to enjoy the ski slopes, or to catch up with family and friends.

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. I am sure that the Year 6 children and their parents are currently enjoying the well-deserved luxury of 'no homework' until after half term.

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 self-confidence when answering my questions and the happy and positive working atmosphere that they see in the classrooms.

Well done to all the children and staff!

### Coffee mornings

Our annual cycle of Coffee mornings will be completed by the half term holiday. Thank you to those of you who were available to come along to your year group coffee morning. As always, 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.

### Parents' Evenings, Wednesday 26 February and Thursday 27 February

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 will be receiving a letter with details about their Parents' Evenings before we break up for the half term holiday.

We will be using the online booking system again (available from Monday 10 February) for you to book your appointment slot via the Portals.

### Drop-in Sessions Spring Term 2020

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
1F	Wed 4 March	8.30-8.50am
1Z	Wed 4 March	8.30-8.50am
2C	Fri 6 March	8.30-8.50am
2S	Fri 6 March	8.30-8.50am
3C	Thurs 12 March	8.30-8.50am
4C	Fri 13 March	8.30-8.50am
4Z	Fri 13 March	8.30-8.50am
5C	Thurs 19 March	8.30-8.50am
6G	Fri 20 March	8.30-8.50am
6J	Fri 20 March	8.30-8.50am

### Parking reminder

As you are aware, we regularly send out letters about parking in the vicinity of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to repeat our request that parents do not park across, or obstruct in anyway, the driveways of our neighbours when dropping or collecting their children and to consider the safety of our children when parking. This includes in and around the residential Newnham Close on the High Road. Please use the new car park as much as possible, as children and families can make their way safely to the classrooms along our own internal pathway. Thank you in advance for 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.

### Events

We have a number of events that the children are participating in during the last two weeks of the half term. On Thursday 6 February, parents of pupils in Y3C will be attending their class assembly in the school hall. Year 3 are also looking forward to their visit from Essex Fire Service to present a 'Home Safety' talk to them. Year 6 are excited about their Anglo-Saxon workshop that is to be held in school on Friday 14 February and Year 5 will be walking down to Loughton high street to visit Pizza Express as part of their Design Technology/PSHE topics. Sports teams will be competing in the Coopersale Hall Cross Country relay event and the ISA U11 Netball tournament, whilst our school orchestra will be competing for the first time in the Stratford and East London Music event in Woodford.

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

Monday 3 February	<b>LK</b> Settling in chat 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Tuesday 4 February	<b>Y1</b> Coffee Morning 8:40am – 9:40am
Tuesday 4 February	<b>UK</b> Rabbits + Hedgehogs Drop in Session 8:30am – 9:00am
Tuesday 4 February	<b>UK</b> Rabbits + Hedgehogs Drop in Session 2:30pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday 5 February	ISA Netball Tournament
	<b>Y3C</b> Home Safety Talk
	<b>UK</b> Badgers + Squirrels Drop in Session 8:30am – 9:00am
	<b>UK</b> Badgers + Squirrels Drop in session 2:30pm – 3:00pm

Thursday 6 February	<b>Y3C</b> Assembly to Parents 9.00am <b>UK</b> Foxes Drop in Session 8:30am – 9:00am
Tuesday 11 February	<b>LK</b> Coffee Morning 8.40am-9.40am <b>Y5</b> Walk to Pizza Express School Orchestra Competition 2.00-4.15pm
Tuesday 12 February	Reception Drop in Session 8:30am – 9:00am Reception Drop in Session 2:30pm – 3:00pm Coopersale Hall Cross Country 12.30pm - 3.15pm
Friday 14 February	<b>Y6</b> Saxon Day Workshop Break up for half term

### Half Term Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February	First Day for pupils <b>Y5 + Y6</b> Oak-Tree Tag Rugby 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Tuesday 25 February	Oak-Tree Maths Challenge 4.00pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 26 February	Reception Visit to St Albans Abbey <b>Y5</b> Deepham visit 10.00am- 2.00pm <b>Y1-Y6</b> Parents Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 27 February	<b>Y1-Y6</b> Parents Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
Friday 28 February	Norfolk House Cross Country
Monday 2 March	Science Week begins: Dinosaur workshop
Tuesday 3 March	ISA LN Cross Country
Wednesday 4 March	<b>Y1F + Y1Z</b> Drop-in session 8.30-8.50am Mad Science assembly 8.50am <b>Rec – Y6</b> Silly Science Workshop pm
Thursday 5 March	Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am <b>Y1</b> St Marys Church visit
Friday 6 March	<b>Y2C + Y2S</b> Drop-in Session 8:30am – 8:50am ISA Tag Rugby Event tbc Mini Zoo workshop: EYFS-Y6
Monday 9 March	Bancroft's Science Fair 1:15pm – 4:00pm
Tuesday 10 March	<b>Y5</b> Lea Valley canal trip
Wednesday 11 March	WGPS Cross Country U9's – U11's tbc
Thursday 12 March	<b>Y3C</b> Drop-in Session 8:30am – 8:50am
Friday 13 March	<b>Y4C + Y4Z</b> Drop-in Session 8:30am – 8:50am
Tues 17-Tues 24 March	Book Fair
Wednesday 18 March	<b>Y2C</b> Play performance to parents 2.00pm <b>Reception</b> Mother's Day Fun Session 9:00am – 10:00am <b>Reception</b> Mother's Day Fun Session 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Thursday 19 March	<b>Y5C</b> Drop-in Session 8:30am – 8:50am <b>Reception</b> Mother's Day Fun Session 9:00am – 10:00am <b>Reception</b> Mother's Day Fun Session 1:30pm – 2:30pm <b>Y2S</b> Play performance to parents 2.00pm <b>LK</b> Tea Party 3:15pm
Friday 20 March	<b>Y6G + Y6J</b> Drop-in Session 8:30am – 8:50am <b>LK</b> Mother's Day assembly 9:00am – 9:30am ISA Hockey event <b>Y3+Y4</b> Oak-Tree Football + Netball Tournament
Tuesday 24 March	<b>Y3-Y6</b> Author visit and talk
Wednesday 25 March	<b>Y3-Y6</b> Swimming Gala, 9.30am Loughton Pool tbc <b>Y2</b> St Mary's Church visit Last Swim of Spring Term

Thursday 26 March

End of Spring Term

**LK – Rec** finish at 12pm

**Y1 + Y2** finish at 12:15pm

**Y3 – Y6** finish at 12:30pm

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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