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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

January has raced past and the half-term break is nearly upon us. I hope our junior pupils are looking forward to the FOBS film night on the last day of this half-term: Friday 10 February.

A number of the senior pupils and staff are looking forward to the ski trip which departs for Monti Della Luna on Saturday 11 February. The final trip meeting is on Wednesday 1 February at 5.30pm. Pupils will need to bring their passports and health cards. There are some final pieces of paperwork to complete in the meeting or return to us by Monday 6 February. At the meeting parents will receive the school emergency contact number and schedules.

Parking Reminders

May I politely request that parents do not park or block business and residential properties along the road when dropping or collecting their children. We aim to have harmonious and positive relationships in the locality, so I ask for your cooperation please. This is a particular problem around the junior site.

11+ Exams for Senior Entry

We had a very pleasing number of applicants for places in the seniors at Braeside this year. The admission process finishes before half-time and offers and scholarships are sent out. Our own Year 6 pupils were excellent ambassadors on the examination day. They approached the exam papers with determination and focus. I was very proud of them.

Year 11 Easter Academy

Year 11 should now be committed to working towards their GCSE exams in May. They have received their mock examination results and are receiving full reports imminently before the parents' meeting next week. We are providing as many opportunities as we can for our pupils to make progress and succeed, but as I am sure you appreciate, there is no substitute for hard work and persistence.

This year we will be offering revision days as part of an Easter academy programme. I urge all parents to make every effort to ensure that their children attend the revision classes on offer. Teachers voluntarily give up part of their holiday to provide opportunities to support the students in revision and it is essential that as many pupils as possible attend.

The programme is being finalised and will be released after the half-term break.

Dates for the Forthcoming Half Term

Monday 20 February
Thursday 23 February
Friday 24 February

Start of second half of Spring Term: school begins at normal time
Year 5 visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills for "Viking Life"
Year 11 visit to Poetry Live! at the Apollo Theatre Victoria

Wednesday 1 March	Reception and Years 1 & 2 Roald Dahl Storytelling Event U14 Netball Match v St John's Epping (home)
Thursday 2 March	Year 9 Diphtheria, Tetanus & Meningitis Vaccinations Lower Kindergarten & Kindergarten visit to Loughton Fire Station Coopersale Cross Country Event (selected pupils from Junior years) Year 6 & 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 3 March	ISA Netball U11 & U13 (Redbridge Sports Centre) World Book Day : Dress as Your Favourite Character - Years LK-5
Monday 6 March	U14 Netball Match v King Harold School (home)
Tuesday 7 March	Jeremy Strong (children's author) visit to Juniors Braeside Seniors Open Morning
Wednesday 8 March	Braeside Juniors Open Morning 11+ and 13+ Entrance Examinations
Thursday 9 March	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14 March	Reception visit to the London Aquarium
Thursday 16 March	Year 9 Options Meeting
Saturday 18 March	Duke of Edinburgh Training Session
Monday 20 March	Year 10 GCSE Group Visit to National Portrait Gallery
Thursday 23 March	LAMDA Examinations (Juniors) Junior Parents' Evening (Years Lower Kindergarten – Year 5)
Friday 24 March	LAMDA Examinations (Juniors) ISA Speaker presentation to Year 10 & 11 tbc
Monday 27 March	Years Lower Kindergarten to Year 10 Short Reports published to parents
Wednesday 29 March	Oak-Tree Group Music Festival (Walthamstow Assembly Hall) Years 3-11
Thursday 30 March	FOBS Easter Egg Hunt (Juniors and Seniors) Spring Term ends at 12.00 noon
Easter Break : Friday 31.03.17 – Monday 24.04.17	
Monday 3 April	Year 11 Keynote Science Conference (joint with Normanhurst)

Form tutors, members of the leadership team and I are always happy to meet parents, so do ask for an appointment if there are any issues you would like to discuss with us.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress

