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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

I hope your children have enjoyed the first few weeks of term, particularly if you joined us for the first time in September. The pupils have settled very well and I have been delighted to see them rising to the challenge of the new school year.

The newsletter published last week gave a sense of how much is going on in school. Last week I read the settling-in reports for new pupils and we welcomed the Year 6 and Year 7 pupils and parents for a 'meet the teacher' evening, so that pupils could introduce their parents to the subject teachers. The first junior parents' drop-in morning has been held, Year 10 pupils and parents have had an introduction to GCSE meeting and Year 11 pupils and parents met to consider life after Braeside, including where to study for A Levels and further education.

Open Morning and Open Evening Wednesday 4 October

Open Day is a highlight in the school year, as I am sure you will agree if you have attended one. The Open Morning takes place on the junior site and Years 5 and 6 will be guides for our visitors. The senior site Open Evening begins at 6.00pm. We have asked pupils from Year 8 and Year 11 to be guides on the evening and other pupils have been asked to volunteer in classrooms. Whatever job each pupil is doing, I am sure they will be wonderful ambassadors for the school: their enthusiasm for school life, the articulate way in which they talk about school, their friendliness and good manners are among the best expressions for what Braeside School is all about.

As parents, you too are welcome to visit on Open Day and look around the school. In particular, if your child will be moving up from the Early Years or from juniors into seniors in the next year or so, this can provide an opportunity to see and hear more about the different parts of the school.

Outside Equipment for Pupils

The senior pupils are enjoying the new table tennis table, funded by FOBS, which is in situ near the long jump pit, and the junior school council will be meeting to choose playground equipment for the junior site, which is also being funded by FOBS.

ISA Regional Art Competition

Once again this year we are entering the ISA Regional Art Competition which takes place on Thursday 12 October. It is a lovely event and a real privilege to see art work from a wide range of independent schools. Last year our pupils did exceptionally well and we had pieces win the regionals and go through the national finals, which are judged in November at the ISA Autumn Conference. I hope we have another successful year in 2017. Look out for the results in the next newsletter.

Harvest Festival Friday 13 October

All the junior pupils will be taking part in the Harvest festival on Friday 13 October in the afternoon. As always parents are welcome to join us for a musical afternoon. The festival begins at 2.00pm and the school office will be emailing details to parents this week.

Oak-Tree Schools Annual Fireworks Display

Parents have already received a letter about this lovely event. The display will take place on Sunday 12 November 2017 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm in the grounds of Oaklands School in Loughton. It is an excellent evening for all the family. All profits from the evening will go back to the Parents' Associations, with the teams from Braeside, Normanhurst, Oaklands and Coopersale Hall joining together to help run the event. If you would like to come, please remember to contact the office about tickets before the deadline.

House Drama Competition 2017

The senior House Drama competition takes place this year on Friday 24 November at Lopping Hall. Each of the senior houses has chosen a script and the girls are busy planning their rehearsal schedules. The performances last year were a treat to watch. Information about tickets will be released after half-term, but please put the date into your diaries.

Parking near the Juniors

Please would our junior parents take care not to obstruct the driveways of residents and businesses when they are parking behind the school to drop off or collect their children. Unfortunately, the school office receives frequent complaints from our neighbours about parent parking and about occasional rudeness if parents are asked to move their vehicles. Whilst I appreciate that Braeside is not the only school in the street, neighbours have identified that some are Braeside parents.

Senior Clubs and Collection

We have a number of clubs and activities taking place on the senior site after school. All pupils should leave the school site from the front door via the school office after a club, rather than the side gate in Ardmore Lane.

There are now some places available at the senior Performing Arts Club. If your daughter would like to take part in the Performing Arts Club, please contact the school office for more details.

Lates on the Senior Site

We all recognise the importance of good punctuality. There are a few pupils on the senior site who are regularly late for school, arriving after 8.40am. All senior pupils who arrive to registration after 8.45am will be given a late mark. From half-term, if a pupil accrues 3 late marks in a week, they will attend a late detention and parents will be informed.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Kirk and Ms Moon who are expecting babies after Christmas and will be taking maternity leave from the end of the Autumn Term. Mrs Guest, the second PE teacher, will increase her time in school so that she can teach Mrs Kirk's PE classes during the maternity leave.

Ms Moon's role includes being the SENDCo. This aspect of her role will be covered by Mrs Braithwaite, who is already well known to many of our parents. She is currently the Assistant SENDCo and works closely with Ms Moon to ensure any special education needs are being met in school.

Mrs Jermutus, one of the Assistant Heads, will take over Ms Moon's pastoral responsibilities during her maternity break and she will work closely with the form tutors and parents concerning pastoral matters.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Tues 3 October	Year 2 & Year 5 Visit to Garden Museum
Weds 4 October	Braeside Juniors Open Morning
Weds 4 October	Braeside Seniors Open Evening
Fri 6 October	Year 11 GCSE Drama Group Component 2 Examination
Fri 13 October	Juniors Harvest Concert (St James Hall)
Tues 17 October	St Joseph's Under 11 Netball Tournament at Redbridge Sports Centre
Weds 18 October	Dementia Friends talk to Years 6 & 7 by EFYC
Weds 18 October	Juniors Parents Evening
Thurs 19 October	Year 10 RS Group trip to St John's Church
Thurs 19 October	Year 3 In-House History Workshop
Thurs 19 October	Juniors Parents Evening (Specialist Subject staff attending)
Thurs 19 October	Braeside GCSE Presentation Evening
Fri 20 October	Year 11 Short Reports published
Sat 21 – Tues 24 October	KS3 Joint trip to Seville & Cadiz (with Normanhurst)
Mon 23 October – Fri 3 November	Half Term
Fri 3 November	Epping Forest Youth Council Day
Tues 7 November	Reception – Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Tues 7 November	FOBS AGM
Weds 8 November	Kindergarten Parents' Coffee Morning (Junior Hall)
Sun 12 November	Oak-Tree Fireworks Event
Mon 13 November	NCS talk to Year 11 re Summer 18 Programme
Weds 15 November	Reception Parents' Coffee Morning (Junior Hall)
Fri 17 November	Epping Forest Parliamentary Debating Competition
Weds 22 November	Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 French Theatre Visit at Normanhurst School

Weds 22 November	U14 & U 16 Netball v Roding Valley (away)
Weds 22 November	Oak-tree Juniors Netball Festival at Peter May Sports Centre
Thurs 23 November	Kindergarten – Year 5 Parents Drop-in Session (Junior Hall)
Fri 24 November	Braeside House Drama Competition (Lopping Hall)
Tues 28 November	Years 10 & 11 GCSE English Conference
Weds 29 November	Years 1 & 2 Parents' Coffee Morning (Jun. Hall)
Fri 1 December	Seniors House Netball Competition
Sat 2 December	FOBS Christmas Fayre (Juniors site)
Weds 6 December	Braeside Carol Service at St John's Church
Thurs 7 December	Christmas Lunch
Fri 8 December	Infant Nativity Performance (St James Hall)
Mon 11 December	Juniors Christmas Party
Mon 11 December	Years 6 –10 Short Reports and Year 5 – Kindergarten Reports published
Tues 12 December	Junior Pantomime Visit (“Beauty & the Beast”) Hornchurch
Weds 13 December	Seniors and Juniors End of Term Assemblies
Weds 13 December	End of Autumn Term

As always, if you have any concerns or questions you would like to discuss, please contact your child’s form teacher or telephone the school office to arrange an appointment with me or a member of the Leadership Team. We would be very happy to see you.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress

