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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

I hope you and your families enjoyed the mid-term break and that you are looking forward to the forthcoming half-term, which has a number of special events as Christmas approaches. Please make a note of the dates at the end of this letter, on the app calendar and on the website.

Languages Trip to Spain

I am most grateful to the staff team who led the excellent trip Spain during the holiday. Forty pupils from Braeside and Normanhurst and five members of staff went on the trip, which was a great success. The pupils were based in a Spanish language school and had a wealth of cultural and linguistic opportunities from giving presentations in Spanish, to making paella and learning flamenco dancing. They visited some beautiful cultural sites in Seville and Cadiz, as you can see if you look on the school website. We will also be writing about the trip in the next newsletter, so do take the time to read more about the trip then.

Coffee Mornings this Term

Mr Hagger and I are holding the annual parent coffee mornings in the juniors this half-term, beginning with Kindergarten parents on Wednesday 8 November. The meetings last from 8.45-9.45am in the junior hall. We value these opportunities to hear from our parents and you are warmly invited to attend the relevant week for your child's class.

Oak-Tree Firework Display Sunday 12 November

As you know, FOBS is working with the parents' associations at the other three Oak-Tree Schools to run the fireworks display on Sunday 12 November. Details are on the website. Tickets need to be bought in advance and will not be available on the night. The event is always great fun and we look forward to seeing you there.

Senior House Drama Competition

The Senior House Drama competition takes place on Friday 24 November at Lopping Hall in Loughton. Pupils have been rehearsing hard and I hope they are looking forward to the evening. Parents will receive information about how to order tickets shortly. Please do come and join us for the evening. It is the second time we are using Lopping Hall as the venue, and it would be lovely for the pupils to perform to a full house.

Friends of Braeside School (FOBS)

FOBS has its AGM on Tuesday 7 November at 7.45pm in the Senior Hall. All parents are welcome to join us, to hear the FOBS annual report and to meet the team.

Christmas Events

FOBS are organising the annual Christmas Fayre, which this year takes place on Saturday 2 December. There will be lots of lovely stalls and of course, the chance to meet Santa. The girls on both sites have a **non-uniform day on Friday 24 November** when they can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for bringing a bottle for the tombola.

Christmas Carol Service

The Carol Service takes place again this year at St John's Parish Church on Wednesday 6 December at 9.15am. Both juniors and seniors are involved. All families are welcome to join us for the service and there is no need to reserve tickets in advance. We expect the event to be over by about 10.00am.

Infant Nativity Play

The infant Christmas performance takes place in St James' URC hall on Friday 8 December at 2.00pm. Kindergarten, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all involved in this special Christmas event and parents are invited to come and see the performance.

Christmas Lunch and Junior Christmas Party

The whole school will have Christmas lunch Thursday 7 December. The Chartwells team are putting together a lovely Christmas menu for us.

The juniors will have their class Christmas parties on Monday 11 December in the afternoon.

Festive Jumper Day

We will be supporting the Brain Tumour Charity with a 'wear a festive jumper to school day' on the last day of term, which is Wednesday 13 December. As usual this is a half-day and school closes at 12 noon for all pupils. Ms Moon will be providing more information about the event and the charity.

Junior Pantomime Trip

All the pupils on the junior site have their annual trip to the pantomime at the Queen's Theatre Romford on Tuesday 12 December, just before the end of term. Mrs Copeman will be sending home the details shortly.

Staff News

After four years at Braeside Mrs Mansour is leaving at the end of the autumn term to return to university and begin studying a nutrition course. We are very grateful for her contribution to Braeside, and we wish her well for the future.

We are delighted that Miss Maryam Salam will be joining the staff as the Year 3 teacher from January. As well as teaching Year 3, she has will be the junior Art Coordinator and PSHE Coordinator. Miss Salam will be spending a day in school with us this later this term.

Uniform Reminders

As we return to school this term all pupils should now be wearing the winter uniform, as described in the uniform list, on the junior and senior sites.

Pupils in the seniors should now be wearing brown tights, not white socks, and should always wear their blazers in school. Skirts should be knee length; they may rest on the top of the knee but should not be shorter than that. Also please remind your daughters to arrive at school with long hair tied back. It should remain tied back all day.

Our uniform list states that: *'No jewellery is allowed apart from small plain stud earrings (one in each ear), a small wristwatch and a discreet religious symbol. Hairbands, slides etc. must be in school colours and discreet style'*.

Please would you ensure that the girls only wear plain stud earrings for school, and that they do not wear them on days when they have swimming or PE. Earrings need to be taken out for sports and the juniors find this very difficult to do for themselves.

Likewise, please only use plain, simple hairbands and slides for school rather than large bows or hair clips.

Forthcoming Events

Tues 7 November	Reception – Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Tues 7 November	FOBS AGM
Weds 8 November	Kindergarten Parents' Coffee Morning (Junior Hall)
Weds 8 November	U14 Netball Match v Ongar (home fixture)
Fri 10 November	Year 1 History of Epping Forest visit to Conservation Centre
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
Weds 22 November	U14 & U 16 Netball v Roding Valley (away)
Thurs 23 November	Kindergarten – Year 5 Parents Drop-in Session
Thurs 23 November	Reception Parents Consultation Evening
Thurs 23 November	Oak-Tree Netball Festival (Juniors) at Braeside Seniors
Fri 24 November	Non-Uniform Day (Juniors & Seniors)
Fri 24 November	Braeside House Drama Competition (Lopping Hall)
Mon 27 November	Year 6 visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills
Tues 28 November	Years 10 & 11 GCSE English Conference
Weds 29 November	Years 1 & 2 Parents' Coffee Morning (Junior Hall)
Fri 1 December	Senior 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 Party
Mon 11 December	Years Kindergarten – Year 10 Short Reports published
Tues 12 December	Lower Kindergarten – Year 5 Pantomime Visit (Beauty & the Beast) Queens Theatre, Hornchurch
Weds 13 December	Seniors End of Term Assembly
Weds 13 December	Juniors End of Term Assembly
Weds 13 December	End of Autumn Term

I look forward to seeing you at the events taking place over the next few weeks and I wish you and your children a happy and productive second half of term.

As always, if you have any questions you would like to raise with the school, please contact your child's form teacher or telephone the school office to arrange an appointment.

With my very best wishes

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress

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