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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to all our families; may I wish you all a happy and healthy 2018. I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and that your children are looking forward to the new term.

Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts you and the girls gave me at the end of term. I really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

I am looking forward to the new term, this is always a busy term with parents' evenings, drop-in mornings, mock GCSE exams, 11+ and 13+ entrance exams, and Year 9 options evening. We have a large number of applicants for the 11+ exam in January and I am looking forward to meeting and interviewing all of the prospective pupils this term.

Staff News

Birth Announcements

We are delighted to share with you the happy news that both Mrs Kirk and Ms Moon had their babies over the holidays. Congratulations to Mrs Kirk on the arrival of Sylvie Jennifer Kirk, who was born at 4.23am on 30 December weighing 7lb 12oz. And congratulations to Ms Moon on the arrival of Frederick Peter Connell at 5.30am on 5 January weighing 6lb 11oz.

New Staff

Parents have already met the two new members of staff joining us this term. Miss Matthews joins the Early Years team as the Reception Class Teaching Assistant and Miss Maryam Salam joins us as the Year 3 class teacher.

Parent Questionnaire

This term we plan to have a Parent Survey, as we did two years ago. We will be asking parents to complete a simple online survey so that we can hear from you about your views about the school. This follows on from the very successful parent coffee mornings last term, with a further two due to take place in January for Years 3-5 and Years 6-11.

It is important to us to hear from our parents and to work together for the benefit of the pupils at the school, so please do take part in the survey. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Safeguarding Children

Keeping children safe in school is our utmost priority and the up-to-date Safeguarding Children Policy is available for all our parents to read on the school website. You can also request a paper copy from the school office, if you prefer. In school we have three 'Designated People' for Safeguarding: I am the Designated Lead, Mrs Jermutus, the Assistant Head, and Mrs Copeman, the Head of Juniors are Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

In line with good practice, all members of staff and pupils are regularly reminded about safeguarding procedures and how we deal with concerns if they arise. This formed part of our staff training day on Monday 8 January.

Speech Day and Prize Giving 2018

An advance date for your diaries: the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving will take place on Friday 6 July on the senior site. As last year, there will be the Foundation Stage celebration in the early afternoon, followed by the Speech Day and Prize Giving for pupils from Year 1 to Year 11. This promises to be a lovely event when we celebrate together the successes and achievements of the school year.

Forthcoming Events

Tues 9 January	First Day of Spring Term
Tues 9 – Tues 16 January	Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams
Weds 17 - Thurs 18 January	Year 11 Art GCSE Mock Exams
Weds 10 January	Years 3, 4 & 5 Parents' Coffee Morning
Mon 15 January	Year 6 Parents' Meeting
Weds 17 January	Years 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Parents' Coffee Morning
Thurs 18 January	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Sat 20 January	Oak-Tree Art Exhibition at Lopping Hall
Mon 22 January	Year 11 Mock Results sent home
Tues 23 January	11 + Entrance Examination
Tues 23 January	FOBS Committee Meeting
Weds 24 January	ISA Cross Country U9 – U16 (Rushmoor School)
Weds 24 January	School Immunisation talk to Year 9 re DPT/Meningitis ACWY vaccination (tbc)
Thurs 25 January	Year 10 visit to Forest Careers Fair
Fri 26 January	Drawing Lab workshop at Normanhurst (Yr 10 & 11 Art Groups)
Mon 29 January	National Citizenship Service talk to Year 11
Weds 31 January	Lower Kindergarten – Year 5 Drop-in Morning
Thurs 1 February	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Fri 2 February	Year 11 Science Live! Trip
Fri 2 February	Year 11 Full Reports published
Mon 5 February	Year 9 DTP & Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations
Weds 7 February	Year 4 Visit to V & A Museum (English & Science Workshops)
Thurs 8 February	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Mon 12 – Fri 16 February	HALF TERM
Tues 20 February	Years 8 & 9 Visit to BFI re Spanish Workshop (LH & ST)
Thurs 22 February	Year 2 London Transport Museum Visit tbc
Thurs 22 February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 February	Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance at Redbridge Drama Centre
Fri 23 February	Year 11 Poetry Live! Visit
Weds 28 February	Senior pupils LAMDA examinations

I look forward to seeing you at the parents' evenings and various school events this term. With my very best wishes for the coming term and for 2018.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress

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