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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

This week has a 'Book Week' focus in school, with the delights of the World Book Day dress-up day on Friday in the juniors. They also have a juniors' competition to design a mask, based on a character from a book, which will be judged on 5 March and winners announced at Friday's assembly. Another popular event is the 'book swap' where the children bring into school a book they have read recently, is in good condition, and which they would like to swap with a classmate's book.

School in Action Open Mornings

We have our two March open mornings this week. I am grateful to all the girls who will be helping by guiding our visitors around the sites. The senior event is on Tuesday and the junior event on Wednesday. We are looking forward to welcoming a number of families to school on those days.

Parents' Meetings this term

This term has been busy with parents' meetings; for many year groups these have already taken place with the remainder happening before the Easter holidays. I hope you have found it both informative and helpful to meet with your daughters' teachers and to hear about their progress and achievements so far this year. If you do wish to discuss any particular aspects in more detail, you are welcome to call the school office to arrange a follow-up appointment or to contact the teacher directly by email.

The specialist teachers will be available for the junior parents evening on Thursday 21 March. They will be in the school hall and include:

French – Mrs Braithwaite

Computing – Mrs Puchalla (and Mrs Copeman who will be available to see in the main school)

Music – Mrs Lloyd-Morris

PE/Games – Mrs Kirk

Staff News

Mrs Mary Fox, our dyslexia specialist teacher, is leaving at the end of the term to have more time for her work outside school. I am very grateful for the commitment and expertise that Mrs Fox has brought to her role in school since Braeside joined the Oak-Tree Group. I am delighted that we have recruited Mrs Michelle Rock, an experienced dyslexia specialist and assessor, to join us after Easter. We are organising a handover before the end of term, to ensure a smooth transition.

Year 11 and GCSES

We are offering the Easter Academy revision programme again this year during the holidays. I cannot emphasise enough how helpful it is for your children to attend the relevant revision sessions and to have an effective revision plan in place at home, so that they are well prepared for the summer papers. The dates have been finalised and published, so there shouldn't be any difficulties with encouraging your child to attend.

I am very grateful to the senior teachers who give their time voluntarily to provide the revision support.

Summer Ball, May 2019

The FOBS Committee is busy helping to organise the Oak-Tree, James Bond themed Summer Ball which is taking place on Saturday 18 May at Chigwell Hall. It is an excellent social event and I know that some of you have already ordered your tickets with friends and family members. Please remember, you can request who you'd like to be seated with and we always make sure that people are with a group from the school.

Forthcoming Events

Tues 5 March	Braeside Seniors Open Morning
Tues 5 March	U14 & U16 Netball Match v West Hatch (away)
Weds 6 March	Braeside Juniors Open Morning
Weds 6 March	Year 6, 10 and 11 Visit to performance of Romeo & Juliet (Globe Theatre)
Thurs 7 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Fri 8 March	World Book Day Juniors Dress-Up Day
Mon 11 – Fri 15 March	Science Week
Mon 11 March	Year 10 GCSE RS Group visit to St John's Church
Weds 13 March	11+ Second Entrance Examination/13+ Entrance Examination
Weds 13 March	Year 11 GCSE Geography Group Field Trip
Weds 13 March	Year 9 plus Year 10 GCSE Art Group visit to National Portrait Gallery
Weds 13 March	Senior LAMDA Examinations
Thurs 14 March	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Weds 20 March	Years 9, 10 and 11 AIM PSHE Apprenticeships Workshop
Weds 20 March	Get Ready, Set, Cook Workshop
Weds 20 March	Lower Kindergarten to Year 5 Parents' Evening
Thurs 21 March	Junior LAMDA Examinations
Thurs 21 March	Lower Kindergarten to Year 5 Parents' Evening (with specialist staff)
Fri 22 March	Reception and Year 1 Visit to Museum of Childhood
Fri 22 March	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Lambourne End)
Mon 25 March	FOBS Committee Meeting 6pm
Thurs 28 March	Years 1, 3, 4 & 5 LAMDA Exams back up date
Sat 30 March	ISA National Cross Country Competition
Mon 1 April	Years 6 – 11 Reports published to parents
Tues 2 April	FOBS Easter Egg Hunt
Weds 3 April	End of Term Assemblies
Weds 3 April	Spring Term ends at 12:00 noon
Thurs 4 – Mon 15 April	Year 11 Easter Revision Academy
Weds 24 April	First Day of the Summer Term

I have appreciated meeting and talking to many parents this term at parents' evenings. Unfortunately, I am not able to be at the junior parents evening as I am out on a school inspection team during that week. However, if you do have any matters you would like to discuss, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with me or with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

With my very best wishes

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress



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