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Dear Parents

### Re: Headmistress's Letter

As I am sure your daughter has told you, there are a variety of festive events and trips going on this term and it is very busy in school. We have also enjoyed the Senior House Drama Competition which was an excellent showcase of not only drama, but of teamwork and leadership skills. If you attended, I am sure you will agree that the quality of the acting was superb.

### Christmas events in school

#### Christmas Competitions

You may remember that we entered pupils for two local competitions last year – the Buckhurst Hill Parish Council competition and the Epping Forest Council competition. Pupils from Braeside won both of these competitions. We have entered these competitions again this year and the theme is 'community at Christmas'. Ms Coleman is also running a competition in school which Year 11 will be judging on the deadline day. In addition, Junior pupils have entered the ISA Christmas banner competition as part of their House Challenge.

#### Christmas Activity Afternoon

On Friday 29 November we held the Braeside Christmas Activity Afternoon for all pupils which was in place of the Christmas Fayre that FOBS usually organise. Mrs Copeman and I organised this year's event and were very pleased and grateful for the help we received from parents and also from Year 10 pupils. This was a lovely event and a fun opportunity for the whole school to enjoy singing and celebrating together.

#### Junior Pantomime

Junior pupils will be going on their annual pantomime trip on Wednesday 4 December. This year they will be seeing "Jack and The Beanstalk" at the Harlow Playhouse. I am sure they will have a lovely time. Please do check the email that was sent about the trip so that you are clear about the timings. I would like to thank FOBS for once again paying for the interval ice-creams for the pupils.

#### Nativity

This year, Kindergarten to Year 3 will be performing in the nativity called 'Angel Express'. It has been directed and produced by Mrs Doss and Miss Van Bergen. Pupils have been practising together and everyone has learnt their lines and the wonderful music that accompanies the performance. This will be held at St James URC Church on Palmerston Road on Friday 6 December at 2:15pm.

Please note that the doors will open at 2pm. We cannot open them before as we have to ensure that pupils are on site first. You may take your daughter home at the end of the nativity.

### **Christmas Service**

Braeside's community celebration will take place at St James' URC Church on Palmerston Road on Monday 9 December. There will be congregational hymns, secular poems and Bible passages read by pupils working towards their LAMDA certificates plus music and singing by the junior choir and band and The Fusion Band (from the seniors). Again, you may take your daughter home at the end of this event. I hope to see you at this community service!

### **Charity at Christmas**

The Charity Committee have decided that they would like to raise money for Save The Children again this year. I will be sending an email about it in due course. They have decided to opt for a non-school uniform day that must include a festive item in return for a donation. We raised over £200 last year and they would like to beat to this target. Further details will be sent out shortly. The junior children have been collecting unwrapped Christmas gifts for The Salvation Army

### **Christmas Lunch**

Chartwells are yet again providing a delicious Christmas lunch for the whole school on Wednesday 11 December. Our chef, Steve Shields, and his team will be catering for all dietary requirements on the day. The menu will be a roast dinner with all the trimmings provided followed by either a mince pie with cream or chocolate yule log. The tables will be decorated and with crackers for all the pupils to enjoy pulling. Festive music will be filling the hall. Please encourage your daughter to remain seated to enjoy her meal and allow others to finish.

### **Exciting opportunities in PE**

As you are aware, Miss Barrett has been very busy organising teams of pupils to take part in a variety of sporting events. Recently, pupils have taken part in netball matches against other schools through the ISA and within the Oak-Tree Group of Schools. Miss Barret has introduced the pupils to football for the first time which they have enjoyed playing very much. The senior pupils will be facing Bancroft's in the first of their football matches over the next few days. In addition to this, Miss Barrett will be introducing hockey for Year 8 with the view to offering it across the school.

Please can I also remind you that if your daughter is swimming on a Monday, she must wear a regulation swimming cap and swimming costume. These must not be left in school overnight.

### **Parking in Ardmore Lane (Seniors)**

Please can I remind you not to park between the pupil side entrance (gate) and the junction of Ardmore Lane and the High Road. If this area is congested with parked cars, with no pull-in spaces available it makes it difficult for other road users to enter the road without completely blocking exiting traffic. The markings on the road that indicated 'No Parking' have faded. These are located between the side gate and the end of the road. Please also do not mount the pavement or park across residents' drives.

### **Oak-Tree Challenge**

If your daughter has opted to take part in the Oak-Tree Challenge, she should be working towards meeting these goals. Your daughter should have a challenge booklet that she must get signed and evidenced. Mrs Alahi is co-ordinating the scheme and will be regularly checking on the progress of pupils. Please do support them in completing this exciting and valuable opportunity. If you would like further information, please contact Mrs Alahi.

### **Reports**

Your daughter's end of term report will be published to the portal on Monday 9 December. Please do read these carefully by logging on to the portal and following the instructions emailed to you. If you have difficulty logging on, please contact the office who can offer some assistance.

## Forthcoming Events for the Spring Term

Please make a note of any of the events listed below that relate to yourself or your daughter.

Mon/Tues 2-3 Dec	Year 11 Art GCSE Mock Exam (Extra Time on Weds 4.12.19)
Mon 2 December	Juniors Nativity Rehearsal (Years Lower Kindergarten to Year 3)
Mon 2 December	U16 & U14 7-A-Side indoor Football match v Bancroft's (away)
Weds 4 December	Years Lower Kindergarten to Year 5 Visit to Harlow Playhouse: "Jack and the Beanstalk"
Weds 4 December	U16 & U14 Netball match v West Hatch (away)
Fri 6 December	Juniors Nativity Performance to Parents Years Lower Kindergarten to Year 3 (St James' URC Hall)
Mon 9 December	Braeside Carol Service (St James URC Church) 2.00 – 3.30
Thurs 12 December	Seniors End of Term Assembly
Thurs 12 December	Senior House Netball Competition
Thurs 12 December	Juniors End of Term Assembly
Thurs 12 December	End of Term: Break for Christmas holiday
Tues 7 January	First Day of Spring Term
Weds 8 January	Years 6, 7 & 8 Parents Coffee Morning
Mon 13 January	Year 10 Workshop: Strategies for Success
Tues 14 January	FOBS Committee Meeting
Weds 15 January	Years 9, 10 & 11 Parents Coffee Morning
Thurs 16 January	Years 10 & 11 English Trip to Globe Theatre
Thurs 16 January	Years Reception to Year 6 in-house Climate Change Workshop
Fri 17 January	Early Years Parents Coffee Morning
Fri 17-Thurs 23 January	Loughton Young Artists Exhibition at Lopping Hall Gallery
Tues 21 January	11+ Entrance Examination
Weds 22 January	Junior House Cross Country Competition
Thurs 23 January	Year 10 Forest Careers Fair
Fri 24 January	Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 24 January	Senior House Cross Country Competition
Fri 31 January	Year 2 Class Assembly

Finally, I would like to wish you greetings over the festive period. I hope that you enjoy some quality time with your families.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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