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HEADMISTRESS

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Dear Parents

Re: **January 2020 Headmistress's Letter**

I wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and that you are looking forward to the new term.

Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and the thoughtful 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, 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

We are very pleased that we have a new member of the Midday team to support during lunchtimes on the junior site. Mrs Stimpson will be assisting in the lunch hall every day of the week from the start of term. I know that the girls will give her a warm welcome.

Snow and Wintry Weather

Our aim is always to stay open even in snowy weather, unless there is a health and safety concern in doing so. The maintenance team arrive on site early to clear paths and to make the site safe, and an update will be posted on the website by 7.15am so that parents are informed about arrangements for the day.

During the winter months, please ensure your daughters wear the appropriate plain hats, scarves and gloves, according to the uniform list. If boots are worn to school in snowy weather, shoes should be brought to change into on arrival.

Speech Day and Prize Giving 2020

An advance date for your diaries: the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving will take place on senior site on Friday 3 July. As last year, there will be Foundation Stage celebration in the early afternoon, followed by the Speech Day and Prize Giving for pupils from Year 1 to Year 11. Please do add this special date to your diaries.

Parents' Evenings and Coffee Mornings this Term

I look forward to seeing you at the Parents' Evenings, when you will be able to discuss your daughter's progress and achievements so far this year with their teachers. As previously, we will use the online booking system for the appointments and parents will receive a notification from the school office when these are available to book. Please also do drop in to a coffee morning for a chat when these are scheduled. The dates of these will be shown at the end of this letter.

Verrucas and other foot complaints

Please could you let your child's teacher know if your daughter has a verruca or other foot complaint (such as Athlete's Foot). Please seek medical advice regarding treatment and provide socks for indoor PE and also suitable socks for swimming in. These can spread very quickly in school and it can be very inconvenient and sometimes painful for children.

Oak Tree Challenge – Year 4 to Year 9

Please do encourage your daughter to work towards her Oak-Tree Challenge targets this term. Mrs Alahi is the award co-ordinator and she oversees the scheme in school. Your daughters' teacher/Form Tutor will help in supporting to keep her log book up to date. However, the purpose of the award is to challenge pupils in meeting goals and targets and they should be showing ownership and responsibility in completing these. Please contact Mrs Alahi for further information and guidance.

Thank you for the Charity Committee

The Charity Committee would like me to thank parents and pupils in supporting events that they have organised last term. With your generous donations we raised £264 for Jeans for Genes charity, we raised over £400 from the Christmas Activity Afternoon and we had a huge amount of gifts for The Salvation Army. Thank you for your kindness and support for these charities.

Oak-Tree Art Exhibition

It is the bi-annual Oak Tree Art Exhibition on Saturday 18 January at Lopping Hall. Ms Coleman and Miss Van Bergen are working hard to collate all the amazing pieces of art work. Pupils have produced some interesting pieces of art work over the term and I am very much looking forward to seeing these displayed for the community to see. We do hope you will be able to visit Lopping Hall and enjoy the brilliant work on display.

Junior Class Assemblies

I really do hope you can attend your daughter's class assembly this term. The Year 3 Class Assembly is on 24 January, Year 2 is on 31 January and Year 1 will be on 7 February. These all start at 8:45am and will be in the hall.

Forthcoming Events for the Spring Term

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

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	Year 8 Parents' Evening
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 Rec-6 in-house Climate Change Workshop
Fri 17 January	Early Years Parents Coffee Morning
Sat 18 January	Oak-Tree Schools Art Exhibition at Lopping Hall
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 24 January	Year 6 trip to Kidzania (Westfields) tbc
Fri 31 January	Year 2 Class Assembly
Tues 4 February	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Weds 5 February	U11 and U13 ISA Netball Tournament at Redbridge Sports Centre

Thurs 6 February Year 9 DTP and Meningitis Vaccination
Fri 7 February Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri 7 February Year 11 Science Live! Trip
Weds 12 February Coopersale Hall Annual X Country Relay (Years 3,4,5 &6)
Thurs 13 February Year 6 trip to Hertford Theatre tbc
Thurs 13 February Years 10 & 11 GCSE Drama Group trip to "Blood Brothers"
Fri 14 February Years 10 (RS Grp) & 9 visit to SWE Reform Synagogue re
Holocaust Memorial Day

Mon 17 – Fri 21 February Half Term Break

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Chloe Moon
Headmistress

