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Dear Parents

I was proud of the pupils from Year 1 to Year 10 who took part in our drama showcase last week. The children showed great stamina performing their pieces to parents over three nights, with a full house on each occasion. It was lovely to see so many families coming to see their children. Thank you for flexing your own diaries to mean the children were at school to perform.

This coming week is assessment week in the juniors and the children will have the opportunity to show us the progress they have made since September. On Friday we will have a special World Book Day focus, which I hope the children will enjoy.

Monday morning started with a special assembly for Years 5-8, which is a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' style roadshow from Chartwells, our catering company. Do look out for news about it on the website and social media apps over the week.

School in Action Open Morning Friday 8 March

We have our open morning on Friday. I am very grateful to all of the pupils and prefects who are helping out and being guides for the morning. Current parents are also welcome to come and look around. Sometimes our junior parents enjoy coming to see the seniors, to give them a flavour of the style of lessons in the upper part of the school. Thanks also to the NSPA committee who are helping to serve refreshments and to meet prospective families.

Parents' Meetings this term

This term has been busy with parents' meetings; these will all be concluded before the Easter holidays: we have the Year 7, Year 9 and junior parents' evening to come in the next three weeks. I hope you are finding the parent meetings both informative and helpful. 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 with any subject or class teacher, or to contact the teacher directly by email.

The Early Years and Junior parents' evening is scheduled for the week beginning Monday 18 March. If you would like to see the specialist subject teachers, they will be available in the school hall on Tuesday 19 March from 4-6pm. No appointments are necessary to see the Music, Drama, Computing, Languages and PE staff.

Drama – Mr Coates

French – Mrs Kimpton and Miss Bonella

Computing – Mrs Prior and Mr Ram

Music – Mrs Jones

PE/Games – Mrs Taylor, Mr Banks and Mr Evans

Refreshments will also be available in the hall.

Summer Ball, May 2019

The NSPA 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.

Year 11 and GCSES

We are offering the Easter Academy revision programme again this year during the holidays. I cannot emphasise enough how important 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.

All pupils should now be working to a revision programme and giving considerable time at home to revision.

Staffing 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 roles in school over many years. She began as a member of the teaching team and was our SENDCo for a season, before choosing to focus on her dyslexia specialism. I am delighted that we have recruited Mrs Michelle Rock, an experienced dyslexia specialist and assessor, to join us after Easter. She will be picking up all of the pupils who currently work with Mrs Fox. We are organising a handover before the end of term, when we hope the pupils will have the opportunity to meet her.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 4 Mar		Junior Assessment Week
Tue 5 Mar	16:00 – 18:30	Y7 Parents' Evening
Wed 6 Mar	08:45 – 09:00	Y1T Class Assembly to parents
Fri 8 Mar	09:15 – 10:30	Open Morning
Mon 11 Mar		Junior Science Week
	08:30 – 15:00	KG-Y6 Sublime Science Workshop
	19:00 – 20:30	NSPA Meeting
Tue 12 Mar	09:00 – 15:30	EYFS-Y6 Forensic Workshop URC Church
	08:00 – 15:45	Y7&8 Bletchley Park trip
	16:00 – 18:30	Y9 Parents' Evening
Wed 13 Mar		13+ Entrance Exams
	08:45 – 09:00	Y2A Class Assembly to parents
	09:15 – 15:30	Y9 Royal Academy trip
Thu 14 Mar	09:00 – 15:45	Y11 Geography Field Studies trip
Tue 19 Mar	08:00 – 15:45	Y9 Bletchley Park trip
	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening
Wed 20 Mar	08:45 – 09:00	Reception Assembly to parents
Thu 21 – Thu 28 Mar		Scholastic Book Fair
Fri 22 Mar	09:30 – 15:30	Y10 DoFE Bronze Award Training Day at Lambourne End
Sun 24 Mar	11:00 – 13:00	NSPA Easter Egg Hunt
Wed 27 Mar	08:45 – 09:00	Kindergarten Assembly to parents
	09:00 – 15:30	Y5 British Library trip – What is Writing?
Thu 28 Mar	09:00 – 15:30	Y10 Graphics Museum of Brands trip
Mon 1 Apr		Y7-11 Short Reports published
Wed 3 Apr		Whole School Charity Non-uniform Day
Thu 4 Apr	09:30 – 12:30	Y11 Easter Revision sessions: Art/Computing/History/Spanish
	12:30 – 15:30	Y11 Easter Revision sessions: Computing (coursework)/Music
Wed 10 Apr	09:30 – 15:30	Y11 Easter Revision session: Science
Wed 17 Apr	09:30 – 12:30	Y11 Easter Revision session: English
	12:30 – 15:30	Y11 Easter Revision sessions: Maths/Geography
Sat 18 May		Oak-Tree Summer Ball

Fri 21 Jun		Y11 Leavers' Prom
Sat 22 Jun	14:00 – 17:00	NSPA Summer BBQ
Thu 4 Jul	17:45 – 20:00	Speech Day

I have appreciated meeting and talking to many parents this term at parents' evenings. My apologies that I will not be at the Junior parents evening, as I am part of a school inspection team during that week. 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 for the rest of term.

Yours sincerely



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