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Dear Parents

Re: **Headmistress's Letter**

I hope your children have enjoyed the half-term as much as we have, particularly if you have recently joined the Normanhurst community this September. Pupils have settled into their routines very well and it has been wonderful to see them starting this academic year so positively.

The newsletter published this week gave you an insight to just how much is going on in school; Normanhurst remains a busy school. We have already been able to invite parents to a number of socially-distanced smaller events such as the Sixth Form information evening, the Y7 information evening and Y10 Being Successful in GCSEs. There have also been many virtual Zoom meetings with Kindergarten parents 'Zoom at Noon', Read, Write Inc for Years 1 and 2 and finally The English Curriculum for Years 3-6. It has been lovely to see so many parents taking an active part in their children's education.

This year we have a Virtual Harvest Festival, where some of the children from Kindergarten up to Year 6 will take part in our celebrations. The video from the festival will be available online from 9 October. Can I thank you in advance if your family will be making a donation for the St Thomas of Canterbury Soup Run. The contributions will be very much appreciated.

Virtual Open Event 8 October 2020, EYFS Virtual Open Event 9 October 2020

Open Evening is a highlight in the school year but as we are unable to run this as usual we will be running this online. The pupils have been filming virtual tours and talking about life at Normanhurst School. I have been incredibly proud of their efforts and how they have conducted themselves. They have been good ambassadors for the school, demonstrating their enthusiasm for school life, and their friendliness and good manners are among the best expressions for what Normanhurst School is all about.

Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been appointed in their new roles. Our Student Leadership Team has already made a fantastic start by leading by example and shown maturity and enthusiasm in carrying out their roles around the school and in assemblies.

Head Boy: Rafi Schatten	Head Girl: Lucy Moore
Head of Warren: Crystall Mugabi & Emily Krutikova	Head of Connaught: Sam McDonald & Nneka Onyema
Head of School Council: Hamza Adan	Head of Form Leaders: Will Whitehall
Vice Captain Warren: Reuben Schwartz & Amardeep Bhakar	Vice Captain Connaught: Lily Ingle & Sasha Dalton
Head of Music Warren: Alexa Ehanire	Head of Music Connaught: Jake Bealby
Head of Sport Warren: Paige Bennett	Head of Sport Connaught: Alex Bagley
Prefects: Tino Da Silva, Mario Papa, Trinav Kumar, Paarth Vijh, Harleen Bhara & Max Pye	Form Leaders: 7M Mia Jenkins & 7M Esmasu Kale; 8R Luke David & 8B Vraj Patel; 9J Gabby Roughley & 9E Freddie Misata
Student Council: 7M Janayd Mohammed & 7S Arty Brooks; 8R Kian Khilosia & 8B Kiran De Souza; 9J Owais Malik & 9E Awais Abbas	

Year 6 Prefects are as follows:	
Head of House Warren: Imogen Whitfield & Jasmine Bisiker	Head of House Connaught: Matias Chechile & Nicolas Duck-Fonalleras
Head of Sport Warren: James Taylor	Head of Sport Connaught: Kayce Lofthouse
Prefects: Callan Umanna, Dylan Evans, Saif Khan, Tiago Moutou & John Hardy	
School Council: Reception – Florence Darby & Frankie Ahmet Year 1 – Clementine Parrott & Victor Getsov Year 2 – Irina Khairutdinova & Harvey Huang Year 3G – Kehanique Lowe & Francesco Chechile Year 3P – Diana Balan & Anaya Humayun	Year 4C – William Rapacki-Gladwell & Sophia Cole Year 4L – Lucy Greenaway & Ibraheem Malik Year 5 – William Ingles & Shay Sabharwal Year 6 – Evie Edwards & Nicolas Duck-Fonalleras (These councillors will also make up part of the charity committee with Mrs Prior)

2019-2020 Junior School Council

Last year's Junior School Council entered a competition that required them to produce a poster to inspire their local community to protect the environment. Their posters were greatly received by 'Action Pack' and they were successful in winning the top prize. As a result we now have some seeds to plant around school to encourage wildlife to come to our school and some lovely story books promoting looking after the world around us. We are so lucky and proud of our school councillors. You can also see 'Action Pack's' favourite entries on the following website:

<https://schools.recyclenow.com/gallery/?search=Normanhurst+School>

Virtual House Music Competition 2020

The pupils have been working hard in their Houses to prepare the Virtual House Music Competition. We hope to be able to film this for you all and make it available online for viewing. This year, the House Music Competition will be slightly different. However, the restrictions around singing have not prevented us from having a virtual music competition. The Heads of House will be hosting a lip sync battle, Seniors and Juniors have different songs to prepare and each House will be competing using the same song. We look forward to seeing the Juniors and Seniors competing in the lip sync battle and incorporating their dance moves. May the best House win!

Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Every year we support the work of Operation Christmas Child by filling shoe boxes with gifts to send to children overseas in need of support. It is a lovely charity, which brings a smile to many children and young people in significant need. This year we are having a Shoe Box House Challenge once again to see which house can donate the most boxes in the juniors and seniors. Mrs Prior will be telling the pupils all about how to contribute shortly. We aim to send at least 100 boxes and your help will be much appreciated. Please look out for the information leaflet when they come home. Half-term is a good time to collect items for a shoebox, ready to bring into school after the holiday.

Access to Portals

As requested at the start of term, please do access your Parent Portal for all ongoing information and to update any details that may have changed. This includes contact details (we need at least two current emergency contacts) and medical information. We upload key information to the Portal so that it can be accessed at your convenience. Please contact the school office if you have misplaced your login details.

Uniform Reminders

Please remember that the pupils come back to school in the winter uniform after the half term break. The full uniform list can be found through the link: <https://www.normanhurstsch.co.uk/parentspupils/school-uniform/>.

Junior pupils should all wear the regulation school coat, scarf and winter hat. From Year 7 upwards pupils may wear either the regulation coat, or a plain navy or black coat, without any logos or decoration. Pupils are only allowed to wear plain navy or black scarves, hats and gloves.

Please can I remind parents and pupils that hair should be neatly cut for school, or tied back if long. It isn't suitable to have long hair over the eyes in school. All long hair must be secured in a hair band throughout the day in school. Can I also kindly remind parents that we have a no earring policy and ask for the piercing of ears to take part in the holiday which allows enough time for your child's ears to heal.

Important Dates for the Autumn Term

Fri 2 Oct	09:00 – 12:00	Individual photos
Mon 5 Oct		Virtual Harvest Festival
Thu 8 Oct		Rec-Y6 Dyslexia Awareness Day Wearing Red
Fri 9 Oct		KG-Y6 Clean Air Day
Tue 13 Oct	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening (specialist staff in hall)
Wed 14 Oct	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening
Fri 16 Oct	18:00 – 19:30	Past Y11 GCSE Presentation Evening
Mon 19 – Fri 30 Oct		Half Term
Fri 6 Nov		Rec-Y6 Flu spray
Tue 24 Nov	17:00 – 18:00	Y9 Options Evening
Mon 30 Nov		Y11 Mock GCSE Exams all week
Tue 1 Dec	16:00 – 18:30	Y9 Parents' Evening
Fri 11 Dec		Last Day of Term

As always, if you have any concerns or questions you would like to discuss, please contact your child's form teacher or telephone the school office to arrange an appointment. We will be very happy to see you.

With my very best wishes,

Yours sincerely



Jacqueline Job
Headmistress



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