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Dear Parents

Re: **Headmistress's Letter**

I hope your children have enjoyed the first half term as much as we have, particularly if you have recently joined the Normanhurst community this September. Pupils have quickly settled into their routines and it has been wonderful to see them starting this academic year so positively. It has also been wonderful to see so many parents in school; it has been long overdue.

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 events such as:

- Sixth Form Information Evening
- Years 7-9 Assessment Evening
- Year 7 Information Evening
- Year 10 'Being Successful at GCSE'
- Junior 'Drop-In' Morning
- Macmillan Coffee Morning
- NSPA Litter Pick and Walk
- Kindergarten Read, Write, Inc Event
- Junior English Curriculum Information Event

It has been superb seeing so many parents taking an active part in their children's education.

Harvest Festival Monday 4 October

This year we have our Harvest Festival happening at St Peters and St Pauls Church, with the whole school in attendance. This is where some of the children from Kindergarten up to Year 11 will take part in our celebrations. Parents are invited to attend, although places are limited to two places per family. Parents will be asked to confirm their attendance via a text back. Parents will be seated at the back of the church and in the balcony above. This is an exciting time for us as a school and an opportunity to get together as a community. Wearing a mask will remain optional as per Government guidelines. Can I thank you in advance if your family will be making a donation at the end of the festival, as this will go to support the St Thomas of Canterbury Soup Run.

Open Evening Thursday 7 October 6.00-8.00pm, EYFS Open Morning Friday 8 October 9.15-10.15am

Open Evening is a highlight in the school year. This will return to opening our doors to prospective parents.

The pupils will be conducting 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, wholeheartedly demonstrating the school values. Their enthusiasm for school life, 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 Prefects: Damon Davies & Olivia Lassen

Head of Warren: Mia Johnson & Isabella Garrett

Head of Connaught: Lucy Jones & Gerard Kanoza

Head of School Council/Head of Form Leaders: Donalt Mazrreku

Vice-Captain Warren: Neelam Bhakar

Vice-Captain Connaught: Zaeem Khan

Head of Music Warren: Eva Cross

Head of Music Connaught: Neha Sehanger

Head of Sport: Brendyn Mitchell

Prefects: Sai Siram, Hamza Afzal, Isabel Akinlotan & Deniz Arslan

Form Leaders: 7D Imogen Whitfield & 7P Dylan Evans; 8S Numa Rana & 8M Shayaan Ali; 9B Atilla Baristiran & 9R Sophie Lang; 10E Esta Pitney-Hall & 10C Mehrnaz Amini

Student Council

7D Tiago Moutou & 7P Sayfullah Shehzad

8S Adam Hansrod & 8M Charlie Thistlethwaite/Mert Cicek; 9B Kiran De Souza & 9R Jordan Oloke; 10C Rovon Suresh;

10E Sarim Amjad

Year 6 Prefects

Head of House Warren: Leo Karamanlis & William Ingles

Head of House Connaught: Kenya Pipe-White & Shay Sabharwal

Head of Sport Warren: Troy Walters

Head of Sport Connaught: Felix Moore

Head of Community Links Warren: Alexandra Dickinson

Head of Community Links Connaught: Ilayda Jelal

School Council

Reception – Emma Hurley & Cem McHugh

Year 1C – Nehanda Juqula-Campbell & Henry Lovett

Year 2G – Elise Doucy & Georgia Cole

Year 3K – Sylvie Wallace & Zakariya Kodabuckus

Year 4R – James Delbourgo & Lily Rose Cadbury

Year 4S – Korai Masters & Poppy Oliver

Year 5 – Aarush Purushothaman & Dylan Danso-Kwakye

Year 6 – Bella Ward & Orson Wilkin

(These councillors will also make up part of the charity committee with Mrs Prior)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Only last week we hosted our annual Macmillan Coffee morning. This was organised by our Student Leadership Team and Charity Committee. It was lovely to see so many parents from all years attending while raising £470.00. What an amazing and heart-warming event for such a good cause.

Year 3 Camp

It was amazing to have all of the Year 3 pupils for the annual Oak-Tree overnight stay. Miss King, Miss Low Ten Que and I were so impressed with the pupils. They demonstrated that they were very independent, caring, responsible and engaged with all of the team building activities. I was also thrilled to see them enjoy themselves and develop their skills beyond the classroom. This was a very proud moment and a great start to Year 3.

Oak-Tree Fireworks Display

After much thought and discussion, we have decided not to go ahead with the Oak-Tree Fireworks Display that had been booked to take place after the October half term. With the rise in positive Covid-19 cases nationwide and the cases that we are now seeing within the Group, we felt that it could be irresponsible to bring together some 1100 extended families from four different schools. Although the display is normally such a lovely occasion, there is the potential for this to become a 'super spreader' event and we would not want it to impact adversely on our families or the schools. Next year's display has been booked and will take place on Sunday 13 November 2022.

Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Every year as a school we make an amazing effort to 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 wonderful 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 leaflets 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: www.normanhurstsch.co.uk/parents-pupils/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.

Can I also kindly remind parents that earrings are only allowed to be worn by pupils in Year 5 upwards. Earrings should be plain round gold or silver studs. We do ask for the piercing of ears to take part in the holiday which allows enough time for your child's ears to heal.

Coffee Mornings

Mr Matthew Hagger, Mrs Claire Osborn and I will be holding our annual coffee mornings for parents on Friday mornings starting on Friday 5 November. These give us the opportunity to chat informally about life at school and often prompt some very interesting discussions about ideas for future development.

Please check the table below for your class time:

AUTUMN TERM	
Fri 5 Nov 8.45-9.45am	Kindergarten
Fri 19 Nov 8.45-9.45am	Reception
Fri 26 Nov 8.45-9.45am	Year 1
Fri 3 Dec 8.45-9.45am	Year 2
Fri 10 Nov 8.45-9.45am	Year 3

Coffee mornings for parents in Years 4 to 11 will be arranged in the New Year. We will write in advance of each coffee morning with further details.

Important Dates for the Diary

Mon 4 Oct	09:00 – 10:30	Harvest Service at St Peter & St Paul Church
	19:00 – 20:00	NSPA Meeting
Thu 7 Oct	18:00 – 19:30	Open Evening
Fri 8 Oct	09:15 – 10:15	EYFS Open Morning
Mon 11 Oct	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Junior Parents' Evening
Tue 12 Oct	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening (specialist staff in hall)
Wed 13 Oct	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening
Mon 18 – Fri 29 Oct		Half Term
Tue 2 Nov	09:30 – 12:30	Y5 William Morris Gallery trip
Thu 4 Nov	13:00 – 18:30	Y9+GCSE Drama 'Woman in Black' Theatre trip
Fri 5 Nov	08:45 – 09:45	Kindergarten Coffee Morning for Parents
	09:30 – 13:00	Y7 Stansted Mountfitchet trip
Tue 9 Nov	08:30 – 09:00	Rec/Junior Parents 'Drop In' session
Wed 10 Nov	09:00 – 10:00	Rec-Y11 Flu vaccination
Tue 16 Nov	18:00 – 19:30	Past Y11 GCSE Presentation Evening
Fri 19 Nov	08:45 – 09:45	Reception Coffee Morning for Parents
Tue 23 Nov	17:00 – 18:30	Y9 Options Evening
Fri 26 Nov	08:45 – 09:45	Y1 Coffee Morning for Parents
	09:00 – 16:00	Y9 History trip to Imperial War Museum
Mon 29 Nov – Fri 3 Dec		Y11 Mock GCSE Exams
Fri 3 Dec	08:45 – 09:45	Y2 Coffee Morning for Parents
Mon 6 – Wed 8 Dec		Scholastic Book Fair
Tue 7 Dec	16:00 – 18:30	Y9 Parents' Evening
Fri 10 Dec	08:45 – 09:45	Y3 Coffee Morning for Parents
Fri 10 Dec	13:00 – 15:30	Junior Pantomime (hall)
Tue 14 Dec	14:00 – 15:00	Christmas Carol Service
Wed 15 Dec	12:00	End of Autumn Term

Fri 7 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	Y4 Coffee Morning for Parents
Fri 14 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	Y5 Coffee Morning for Parents
Fri 21 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	Y6 Coffee Morning for Parents
Fri 28 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	Y7&8 Coffee Morning for Parents
Fri 4 Feb	08:45 – 09:45	Y9-11 Coffee Morning for Parents

With my very best wishes

Yours sincerely



Jacqueline Job
Headmistress



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