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Dear Parents

Re: **Headmistress's Letter**

I cannot believe that we are already in May and have just 9 weeks left of the academic year. I would like to say Eid Mubarak to the families who have been observing Ramadan; I hope your Eid was full of happiness. The summer term is a busy one, so please ensure you read my monthly letter to help stay up-to-date with events at school. I will try to keep this letter as brief as possible.

Changes to the Morning Drop off Routine

From Monday 9 May there will be a slight change to the morning drop off times for all pupils. The school gates will open at 8.30am, EYFS will be collected from the gate at 8.30am, Years 1-4 should go straight to their classroom, and Years 5-10 should go straight to the playground. Pupils will be dismissed from the playground with enough time to be in class for 8.40am, the formal start of the day.

Year 4 Residential – Thursday 5 and Friday 6 May

This week we wish the best of luck to Year 4 who will go on their residential trip to Danbury Outdoor Centre. The Year 4 pupils are naturally very excited, and we are equally eager to support the pupils' character development through this opportunity. Good Luck Year 4!

Charity

Thank you to the Normanhurst community for supporting the Charity Committee last term. We managed to raise just under £800 for UNICEF and many of the pupils have rediscovered the fun and enjoyment you can have with board and card games and pool. It was wonderful to see the various year groups learning and teaching each other how to play games and have fun. The Charity Committee will be organising another fundraising activity in the near future.

School Production

The school production is approaching quickly. Mrs Kazim is working hard to pull the final rehearsal together. If your child is in the play, please remember they need to attend the rehearsals. The important dates to note are:

3 May - Rehearsals at the Church

10 May - Rehearsals at the Church

18 May - Rehearsals at Redbridge Drama Theatre

19 May - Rehearsals at Redbridge Drama Theatre all day

Evening performance for parents at 7pm

It is very exciting to see and feel the energy in rehearsals as the pupils prepare for the performance on 19 May. We want to wish the best of luck to Mrs Kazim and all our performers.

Staff Update

You may be aware that Mr Christou will be leaving Normanhurst this year after 28 years of service. He will be retiring this Summer as Head of Maths and Exams Officer, and he will be dearly missed. The Normanhurst community would like to say a huge thank you for his hard work, dedication and commitment to the school over many years. He has

instilled a passion for maths and has had a relentless drive to improve pupil outcomes. Mr Christou has always taught with passion, heart and a genuine professional desire for the pupils to do their very best. When the time comes, we wish him a long and happy retirement in his new home in Kent.

I am now able to announce that Mrs Mouslmani has been appointed to be the new Head of Maths and she will join the school in September. Mrs Mouslmani has worked in a number of schools teaching maths and supporting the drive for high standards from the pupils in her school. She has also been responsible for running the Gifted and Talented programme and the Aim Higher programme in her current school, developing opportunities to challenge and inspire pupils' learning.

We will also say goodbye to Miss Low Ten Que, Head of Juniors, at the end of the term. Miss Low Ten Que will be leaving to become Headteacher at Churchfield CofE Academy in Hertford. Miss Low Ten Que joined Normanhurst in September 2020 and has continued to improve teaching and learning, assessment and pastoral care in the juniors. We would like to thank her for her professionalism, hard work and expertise. She has been a valued member of the senior leadership team and shown kindness, empathy to the pupils, parents and staff. We have begun the process of recruiting for this important post and I hope to be able to inform you in due course of her replacement.

Miss King will also be leaving the school at the end of the academic year. We would like to thank Miss King for her hard work this year and for nurturing, kind nature she has shown our year 3 pupils. We are actively recruiting for her replacement and I hope to be able to inform you in due course of who has been appointed.

Finally, we will say goodbye to Mrs Cooper, Head of Science in the Seniors. She will be leaving at the end of the term to spend more time with her young family. Mrs Cooper has been a fantastic Head of Science, teaching outstanding lessons and leading the department to produce superb outcomes and provide excellent pastoral care. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Jayaram, who returns to school at the beginning of June from maternity leave, has been appointed Head of Science from September. Mrs Jayaram previously led the Science department during Mrs Cooper's maternity leave and did a fantastic job in leading the department. We wish them both the very best for their future roles.

Young Voices

This week Years 5 and 6 finally have the opportunity to perform at the 2022 Young Voices Concert at the O². The pupils and staff are very excited and I look forward to joining many of our parents in the audience to support our wonderful children. This promises to be an amazing event.

NSPA Events: Summer BBQ Saturday 21 May 12pm to 5pm

Thank you to the NSPA for organising the recent summer walk. The weather was on our side and this made the event even more enjoyable with the Normanhurst community.

The next event to look forward to is the Normanhurst Summer BBQ on Saturday 21 May. The NSPA has been working hard behind the scene to make this event a success. Tickets are now available from the school office and at the end of the school day at the gate. It promises to be action-packed community event in the playground, hall and classrooms. Please try to spare an hour or two support the NSPA and school.

School Jubilee Celebrations

Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6 February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old. At school we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the week beginning Monday 23 May, with a number of experiences such as May Pole dancing, creating personalised plates and other activities for both junior and senior pupils. The week will end with a whole school afternoon tea experience in the playground and Hall. This promises to be a wonderful event for EYFS to Year 10 pupils.

Exams and Assessments – Years 7 to 10

We plan to run the scheduled end-of-year assessments and examinations in May and June:

- Year 10 exams will take place from Monday 9 May to Friday 13 May
- Years 7 to 9 end of year exams will take place from Monday 6 June to Friday 10 June

Junior Assessments

Junior assessment week will take place for Years 1-6 from Monday 6 June to Friday 10 June. Junior pupils will complete assessments in Maths, English and Science. Results will be communicated to parents in the end-of-year school report.

Junior PSHE Information Evening – Thursday 12 May at 5.00pm

Parents are already aware that the Government has published statutory guidance for all schools, including independent schools, for the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education.

We will be hosting a parent's information evening on Thursday 12 May in the school hall to share information with parents about the RSE aspect of the PSHE curriculum. The lessons take place in PSHE, and will be on the curriculum this term. As part of this evening, parents will have the opportunity to see examples of the teaching resources and ask questions before this is formally taught in an age appropriate way.

Important Dates for the Diary

Tue 3 – Fri 6 May		Walk to School week & Junior Humanities week
Wed 4 May	13:00 – 16:0	Y9&10 GCSE Art trip Whitechapel Gallery
Thu 5 – Fri 6 May	09:00 – 15:30	Y4 Essex Outdoor, Danbury residential trip
Fri 6 May	12:30 – 21:30	Y5&6 Young Voices at O ² Final day for Y11
Mon 9 – Fri 13 May		Y10 Exams Y11 GCSE 'Drop-In' Revision Sessions
Thu 12 May	13:00 – 15:45 17:00 – 18:00	U13 LTA Tennis Round Robin at Forest School Junior PSHE Parent Information Evening
Fri 13 May	08:40 – 09:00	Y6 Assembly to parents
Sat 14 – Sun 15 May		Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition
Mon 16 – Fri 20 May		Water Saving Week
Mon 16 May		Y11 GCSE Exams commence
	09:00 – 10:50	Y7-10 Drugs Alert Workshops Darren Gold (hall)
Tue 17 May	08:15 – 15:30 08:25 – 08:55 08:30 – 09:30	Y4 Colchester Castle Trip EYFS Drop in Morning Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wed 18 May	11:00 – 15:30	School Production Rehearsals at Redbridge Drama Centre
Thu 19 May	19:00 – 20:00	School Production Treasure Island at Redbridge Drama Centre
Sat 21 May	12:00 – 17:00	NSPA Summer BBQ
Mon 23 May	09:00 – 12:00	Y10 Morrisby Testing
Tue 24 May	09:00 – 15:00	KG-Y6 Morris Dancing Workshop
Wed 25 May	08:50 – 15:30	KG-Y6 Maypole Dancing Workshop
Thu 26 May	09:00 – 15:00 09:00 – 15:00 16:00 – 17:00	KG-Y6 Jubilee Plate Painting Workshop Y10 Morrisby Interviews Music Evening "All Music is Folk Music"
Fri 27 May		Afternoon Tea for the Whole School
Mon 30 May – Fri 3 Jun		Half Term Holiday
Sat 18 Jun	19:00 – 01:00	Oak-Tree Summer Ball

Thu 23 Jun	09:30 – 15:45	Sports Day
	14:00 – 15:15	EYFS Celebration of the Year
Thu 30 Jun	18:00 – 20:00	Speech Day
Wed 6 Jul		Last day of term – school ends at 12 noon.

The Leadership Team, your child's form tutor or myself are happy to discuss any questions or concerns that may arise. Please do feel free to email or contact the school office if you would like to meet with us and discuss any issues.

With my very best wishes

Yours sincerely



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