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Dear Parents

I hope that you all had a most enjoyable Half Term break. We have a busy second half of term so please check the dates list below as well as our school website, app and your portals for all of the up to date news. All the Christmas events can be found in our special Christmas Events letter.

School Uniform

We take great care to maintain high standards of uniform and presentation at school and as we return to wintery weather I would like to remind you of the school's uniform expectations. From November, all pupils should be in winter uniform. Please check the website or Parents' Handbook for details.

From Kindergarten, classes upwards pupils are expected to wear the regulation school coat purchased from the uniform shop; please do not wear alternative coats. Cold weather accessories: in the juniors, the school woollen hat and scarf available from the uniform suppliers should be worn. No pupils should wear coloured or patterned hats, gloves or scarves.

Boots are not a part of school uniform in any part of the school, including the Early Years classes, so please make sure that pupils have sturdy, plain black leather school shoes through the winter. When it snows, pupils may wear boots to and from school but will need to wear shoes on site and in the buildings.

Please ensure that all items of uniform are named, including your child's PE kit. We have a number of items that go into lost property but are never claimed and cannot be returned as they have not been named. It is also important when children use facilities, such as Tea Time Club, so that we can ensure that children take the correct uniform items!

Please note that any unnamed lost property items not claimed within two weeks will be passed on to the Nearly New Hut for resale.

Please also note that earrings are not permitted in school for any pupils. Pupils should not come to school with earrings in and tape covering them. If there is a reason to need to do this, please notify me in writing. There is a health and safety reason for the rule, which has been in place for many years.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Formal Parent Consultation Evenings for Reception to Year 6 are being held on Tuesday 19 November from 3.30pm to 7pm and on Thursday 21 November from 3.30pm until 6pm. Parents are asked to book their appointments via the portal and not through the office or with teachers directly. If you experience any difficulties with the system, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

If you wish to see any specialist subject teachers for the following subjects - French, Computer, Music, PE, Science-They will be in the main hall – Appointments are not necessary.

Poppy Appeal

Remembrance Poppies will be on sale at school this week. Poppies will also be available from the school office. We hope to see all our pupils wearing a poppy on Friday 8 November. We will mark the day with a minute's silence during assembly in the school hall.

Remembrance in Epping

Pupils from Years 3 to 6 are invited to take part in the annual Remembrance Parade in Epping on Sunday 10 November. Pupils are asked to meet Miss Lovejoy and Miss Leeks at the Civic Centre Car Park in the High Street at 13.50. The parade sets off at 14.05. Members of Year 6 will lay a wreath on behalf of Coopersale Hall School at the War Memorial. Parents and pupils may also wish to attend the Service of Remembrance at St John's Church afterwards.

Oak-Tree Fireworks

After a year off due to the 15-month major building programme on the Oaklands site, our annual Oak-Tree Fireworks display returns on Sunday 10 November from 4.30-6.30pm at Oaklands School, Loughton. This is always a very popular family occasion and we are very grateful to all the Oak-Tree Schools' parents' associations for their hard work in running this event. The event is almost sold out so if you have not purchased your tickets please do so now as they will not be available on the night.

Parent Coffee Mornings

The annual round of Coffee Mornings with Mr Hagger and myself starts again on Thursday 14 November, beginning with Lower and Upper Kindergarten. These provide a perfect opportunity for parents to chat about life at school and to make any suggestions that may be beneficial over a cup tea or coffee. The coffee mornings will continue next term and more details will follow.

FOCHS

FOCHS have been busy this term and my thanks to all their members for all their enthusiasm and hard work. They have arranged an impressive number of Christmas activities including visits to the pantomime for the pupils and a Christmas Gift shop, as well as some special visitors! Do check the dates' list for more information.

ISA Autumn Conference

I shall be out of school on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 November at the Independent Schools Association Autumn Study Conference, which is a good opportunity to meet with fellow Heads and discuss current educational issues.

School Council

Our School Council meet regularly and one of the topics they have been discussing is which charity to support this term. So far, we have supported the Manna Centre for the Homeless in London from our Harvest donations. The pupils have decided that they would like to follow this by supporting the Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. Funds raised from the Wear a Christmas Jumper Day will help pay for the transportation of the boxes of toys, toiletries etc. they collect to help children abroad.

Oak-Tree Challenge

All pupils from Year 4-6 have been issued with their Oak-Tree Challenge Log Books. Do encourage your child to participate in the challenges for their year group. The challenges should be fun and rewarding to do as well as being a useful activity to discuss when applying for senior schools. I look forward to seeing the completed challenges at the end of the academic year.

Forthcoming Events Wednesday 6 November	Years 3/4 Football Tournament by Invitation at Shooters North Weald - 3.15pm-5pm
Friday 8 November	FOCHS – Glow in the Dark Disco – Years 2-6 - 3.30pm-5pm
Sunday 10 November	Remembrance Parade – Years 3-6 – 13.50pm Meet Oak Tree Fireworks Display at Oaklands – 4.30pm-6.30pm – All Welcome
Monday 11 November	Football Match 'A' Team @ Shooters North Weald - 3.45pm K.O
Thursday 14 November	Lower & Upper Kindergarten Parents Coffee Morning with Miss Lovejoy/Mr Hagger - 9am Flu Jabs for the children - morning

Friday 15 November	ISA Girls' Football Tournament in Barnet - Years 4-6 by Invitation
Tuesday 19 November	Parents Evening for Parents of children in Reception to Year 6 - 3.30pm-7pm
Thursday 21 November	Reception Parents Coffee Morning with Miss Lovejoy/Mr Hagger - 9am Parents Evening for Parents of children in Reception to Year - 6 - 3.30pm-6pm Year 6 Trip to Forest School to see The Tempest - 2pm
Friday 22 November	FOCHS Christmas Fayre – All Children & Parents are Welcome - 2.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 28 November	Year 1 Trip to Victorian Christmas at Royal Gunpowder Mills - 9am-2.45pm Year 1 Parents Coffee Morning with Miss Lovejoy/Mr Hagger - 9am
Friday 29 November	Last Yoga of the term
Saturday 7 December	Junior Children Singing at St. Johns Church, Epping at the Christmas Tree Festival - 10.45am
Monday 9 December	NO CLUBS TAKING PLACE AFTER SCHOOL THIS WEEK
Thursday 12 December	Wear A Christmas Jumper Day – Whole School Bring a £1 Donation for "Samaritan's Purse Charity"
	LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM

BACK TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020 - SPRING TERM

PLEASE NOTE A SEPARATE LETTER WILL BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK WITH ALL OUR CHRISTMAS EVENTS

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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Kaye Lovejoy Headmistress



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