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Dear Parents

Re: Head's Letter

I hope that you are all enjoying what may be the sunniest spring on record and are looking forward to our half-term break.

Introducing Spelling Shed

I am pleased to inform you that, after the half-term break, we will be introducing *Spelling Shed*—a fun and interactive web-based platform from EdShed designed to support pupils in developing their spelling skills. In this initial *soft launch* phase, pupils will receive their individual login details, and teachers will begin setting some introductory spelling tasks for them to explore at home and in school. The pupils will be given a QR code and I will send home very simple instructions on how to set up your PCs, tablets and mobile devices so that the children can start using Spelling Shed.

This gentle introduction will allow pupils, parents, and staff to become familiar with the platform and its features. Once everyone is confident using Spelling Shed, we plan to implement it more formally as part of our spelling curriculum from the start of the new academic year. We're looking forward to seeing how it supports and motivates our learners.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Thank you to all those who attended the session on Relationships and Sex Education. Mrs Stanley led a very informative meeting that explored the statutory nature of RSE, the right to withdraw from certain elements of the curriculum, and the ways in which we support children as they grow up and pass through different developmental stages. If you every have any questions about any element of our curriculum, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Summer days

As the weather gets warmer, we kindly ask all parents to ensure that children come to school wearing sun cream each day. With more time spent outdoors during break times, PE lessons and other activities, it's important that pupils are protected from the sun. Please apply long-lasting sun cream before the school day begins, as staff are unable to apply it during the day. You may also wish to send your child with a clearly labelled sunhat and a labelled refillable water bottle to help keep them cool and hydrated.

Online Challenges and Dares

I would like to remind all parents and carers of the potential dangers associated with online dares and challenges. These trends, often circulated via social media or messaging apps, can encourage risky and unsafe behaviour among children. Please take a moment to speak with your child about the importance of thinking critically, making safe choices, and never feeling pressured to take part in dares - online or otherwise. Together, we can help our pupils stay safe and make responsible decisions both in and out of school.

Moving Up Day

Our annual Moving Up Day will take place on **Thursday 3 July for pupil from Lower Kindergarten to Year 5**. This important transition event gives pupils the opportunity to spend the afternoon with their new class teachers, helping to ease any anxieties and build excitement for the year ahead. It's a chance for children to become familiar with their new learning environments, routines, and expectations in a relaxed and supportive setting.

As part of the day, parents are warmly invited to join us on the terrace, where they will have the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher, ask questions, and begin building those all-important home-school partnerships. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this exciting milestone in your child's school journey.

The Moving Up Day for pupils in **Year 6 into Year 7 will take place on Monday 7 July**, when pupils will be able to meet many of the senior staff and have their first exciting taste of what being in the seniors will be like. More details of this event will follow in due course.

Sports Day

We will be holding our annual Sports Day on Tuesday 17 June. All parents and grandparents are welcome to come along and support the children. The times for each year group are below. FOCHS will be providing refreshments on the day and we will be inviting parents to take part in a traditional egg and spoon race this year, so everyone can get involved.

Prize Giving and Early Years Celebration

The annual Prize Giving takes place on Tuesday 1 July in the marquee on the terrace lawn from 1.30pm for our Early Years and from 4pm for the rest of the school. Parents and families are welcome to join us.

Summer Fest

Following the letter you will have received on 23 May, our Summer Fest is taking place on Friday 4 July. This is a fantastic day organised by FOCHS; it runs from 12 noon to 4pm. All parents, families and friends are welcome. There are more activities for the children than ever this year, with additional inflatables and additional stalls. I look forward to a sea of picnic blankets and sunglasses on the lawn.

DATES LIST

Monday 2 June – 9 June	9am-11am	Year 7 Exam Week Self Esteem Workshop @ Coopersale Hall	Year 7 Year 8
Wednesday 4 June	11am-3.30pm	Trip to The Potty Painting Studio - Ongar	Year 5
Thursday 5 June	9am-3pm 1pm – 3.30pm 4pm-4.30pm	Trip to High Beech Field Studies Council Oak-Tree 3 Tees Cricket Competition @ Oaklands School Summer Series Concert 4 – Studio	Year 3 Year 2 By Invitation Only By Invitation Only
Friday 6 June	8.40-9.15am 1pm-3pm	Reading Buddies Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Whole School Year 3
Monday 9 June	9am-3.30pm 3.40-4.10pm	Trip to Colchester Zoo Residential Meeting for Parents-Studio	Year 2 Parents of Years 5 & 6 Children
Tuesday 10 June	12-3pm 9am-10am 1pm-3pm	Swimming Gala – WESSP – Waltham Abbey Pool Big Toddle Stay & Play @ Coopersale Hall	Years 5 & 6 Mixed By Invitation Only LK/UK/Reception For Prospective Early Years Children
Wednesday 11 June	8.40-9.15am	Class Assembly 3 x Upper Kindergarten Classes – Hall	Parents Welcome 3 x UK Classes
Thursday 12 June	9am-3pm	Trip to Young V & A Museum @ Bethnal Green	Year 1

Friday 13 June	6pm	End of Year Production @Epping Hall The Wizard of Oz	Parents Welcome Years 4 to 6 Year 3
	1pm-3pm	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	
Monday 16 June	3.30-7pm	Epping & Ongar Football Match @ Shooters	Years 5 & 6 Girls By Invitation Only Parents of Year 8
	4pm-6.30pm	Senior School – Parent’s Evening	
Tuesday 17 June	9am-9.30am	Sports Day - Parents Welcome	Lower Kindergarten Upper Kindergarten Reception Years 1 & 2 Years 3 to 8
	9.30am-10am	Sports Day - Parents Welcome	
	10am-10.30am	Sports Day - Parents Welcome	
	10.45am-12	Sports Day - Parents Welcome	
	1.15pm-4pm	Sports Day - Parents Welcome	
Wednesday 18	8.40-9.15am	Class Assembly – Year 1 Vora Hall	Parents Welcome Year 1 Vora
Thursday 19 June	4pm-4.30pm	Summer Series Concert 5 – Studio	By Invitation Only
Friday 20 June	AM/PM	FOCHS Non Uniform Day – Bring a donation for the Tombola Stall	Whole School Year 3
	1pm-3pm	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	
Monday 23 June	AM/PM	Essex Outdoors Residential Centre @ Mersea Island	Year 5 & Year 6
Tuesday 24 June	9am-3.30pm	Leigh on Sea Trip	Year 1 Years 3 & 4 By Invitation Only Year 5 & Year 6
	9am-12.30pm	Oak-Tree Quadletics Athletics Event	
	AM/PM	Essex Outdoor Residential Centre @ Mersea Island	
Wednesday 25 June	8.40-9.15am PM	Class Assembly 2 x Year 4 Classes – Hall Return from Trip Mersea Island	Parents Welcome Year 4 Year 5 & Year 6
Thursday 26 June	9am-10am	HPV Immunisation Catch Up Session	Year 8 By Invitation Only
	4pm-4.30pm	Summer Series Concert 6	
Friday 27 June	1pm-3pm	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 3
Monday 30 June	9am-2.30pm	Epping & Ongar District Sports @ Mark Hall Track	Years 3 to Year 6 By Invitation
Tuesday 1 July	1.30pm-2.30pm	Early Years Celebration of the Year @ Coopersale	Upper Kindergarten & Reception Years 1 to 8
	4pm-6pm	Speech Day & Prize Giving @ Coopersale	
Wednesday 2 July	AM/PM	Mad Hair Day – Fund Raising for School Council Charities – Bring a donation	Whole School
Thursday 3 July	9am-3pm	Moving Up Day @ Coopersale	EYFS to Year 5
Friday 4 July	11am-4pm	Summer Fest @ Coopersale Hall	Whole School

LAST WEEK OF CLUBS			
Monday 7 July	9am-3pm	Moving Up Day @ Coopersale	Year 6
Tuesday 8 July	9-10.30am	Talent Show – Hall	Reception – Years 1 & 2 Children Years 3 to 6
	1.30-3pm	Talent Show – Hall	
Wednesday 9 July	9-9.30am	Year 6 Graduation Assembly	Year 6
Thursday 10 July		Last Day of Term	Whole School Early Years Years 1 & 2 Years 3 to 6
	11.30am	Collection Time	
	11.45am	Collection Time	
	12Noon	Collection Time	

BACK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER – FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM 2025

I am looking forward to seeing you at the school events or class assemblies this term. As always, if you have any concerns or questions you wish to discuss, please contact your child's class teacher or telephone/email the school office to arrange an appointment with me or a member of the leadership team.

Yours sincerely



Paul Wilson
Head

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