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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the spring term! I hope you were able to enjoy the festive holiday and New Year.

Thank you to the many of you who sent cards, emailed, tweeted and offered me your best wishes for my wedding day, it was very much appreciated. It was also lovely to receive a book containing a message from every child. Year 6 took this a stage further and presented me with a book called 'Our Core Values Guide on how to be a highly effective husband'. It's hilarious and was the source of much amusement at our wedding reception.

Fire

As you know, early evening on Friday 20th December, there was a small outside fire at school which caused external damage to one side of the staff room. This was quickly contained by the Fire Brigade and made safe. Over the holidays, the area outside 1P was cleared away and the outside area can be used as normal. The school is fully operational with only the staff room out of use whilst being assessed by professionals before repairs are undertaken.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the fire services for their swift action and for the professional way in which they undertook their duties. Thank you also to the many of you who emailed and tweeted with offers of support to clear away the damage and make initial repairs. It is heartening to know that when needed, our school community comes together with offers of help and support. This is what makes our school and community so special.

School Term dates for 2020-21

Enclosed is the Havering calendar for 2020-21. In addition, the school will be closed for 5 INSET days as below:

- Thursday 3rd September 2020
- Friday 4th September 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Monday 22nd February 2021
- Monday 7th June 2021

These dates have also been added to the school calendar for your information.



Please note: The below dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.

School Term and Holiday Dates - September 2020 to July 2021

In addition to the below, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated

September 2020							October 2020							November 2020							December 2020						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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January 2021							February 2021							March 2021							April 2021						
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May 2021							June 2021							July 2021							August 2021						
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Autumn term: Thursday 3 September 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020 = 72 school days
Spring term: Monday 4 January 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021 = 59 school days
Summer term: Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 23 July 2021 = 64 school days

Bank Holidays (Red) School Holidays (Green)

Census Day - Thursday 16th January

Part of our school funding is calculated on information we submit on Census Day - and we would like your help in securing greater funding! Put simply, the higher our attendance and the more infant school dinners we have on this day, the more funding we receive. Please also remember that school dinners in the infants are free so it won't cost you a penny!

For this day, we will repeat the very popular 'build a burger' menu which the children very much enjoyed last October for the previous Census Day.

Attendance

Our overall attendance for this academic year is 96.63%, which is in line with our target for the year. Children with attendance of 98% or higher for last term will be presented with their Bronze badge this week. The children are allowed to wear these to school and be proud of their excellent attendance.

We will now start the spring term's attendance where children can work towards a bronze or silver badge. This is also for attendance of 98% or higher for the spring term. Thank you for your continued support with your child's good attendance.

Key Dates - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar>

Wednesday 8 th January	- Y1 Trip to Harrow Lodge Park (letter on website)
Monday 13 th January	- RI visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Tuesday 14 th January	- RK visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Tuesday 14 th January	- Y2 SATs meeting (5-00)
Thursday 16 th January	- Bocca team match (letter to be given to those selected)
Thursday 16 th January	- Girls football match (letter to be given to those selected)
Monday 20 th January	- BETT week. We are likely to have international delegates at Benhurst for some of the week. Further details to follow.
Tuesday 21 st January	- Boys & Girls football match (letter to be given to those selected)
Monday 27 th January	- Y2 visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Tuesday 28 th January	- Y3 visiting Elm Park library (letter to follow)
Wednesday 29 th January	- Y1/2 Indoor Athletics (letter to be given to those involved)
Monday 3 rd February	- Y5/6 badminton sessions (at school)
Monday 3 rd February	- Y4 visiting Elm Park library (letter to follow)
Tuesday 4 th February	- Y5 visiting Elm Park library (letter to follow)
Thursday 6 th February	- Y5/6 girls football (letter to be given to those selected)
Monday 10 th February	- Y5/6 Road Safety performance
Tuesday 11 th February	- Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 th February	- Y3/4 New Age Curling (letter to be given to those selected)
Tuesday 11 th February	- Y5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey (letter to be given to those selected)
Wednesday 12 th February	- Y5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey (letter to be given to those selected)
Friday 14 th February	- Pupil Parliament Spellathon day (letter on website)
Friday 14 th February	- Break up for half term (3-30)
Monday 24 th February	- Return to school (8-50)

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification regarding these matters.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Denchfield
Head Teacher

