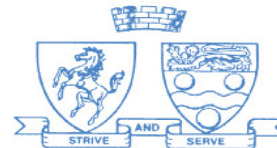


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NEWSLETTER NO. 19

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the Spring term approaches rapidly. As ever there have been some tremendous achievements by students.

In particular I should mention the cast and producers of our school play "Oh What a Lovely War!". Putting on a major production requires great organisation and enthusiasm and all involved have displayed this in abundance. My congratulations to Ms Lane, Dr Watson and the cast. I should also like to thank all the staff, parents and pupils who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this production possible.

There has also been success in indoor rowing, football and mathematics competitions. You will be able to read about these achievements and a great deal more in our termly detailed newsletter @Oakwood which can be accessed on the school website <http://www.opgs.org/Magazines.htm>

On Thursday 30th April we will be hosting a "Thinking Skills Carnival" at school starting at 7.30pm. The evening is for parents and their sons who are currently in Year 5 of their primary school. We appreciate that because of the changes to the timings of the 11+ Tests, that there should be an opportunity for Year 5 pupils to visit our school in the Summer term. The evening will focus on how we are developing Thinking Skills in our school across the curriculum. If you have a son in Year 5 you are warmly invited to attend. We have sent out letters to all our primary feeder schools. If you are unable to obtain an invitation, please contact the school.

The Spring break gives all of us some time to recharge our batteries but can I urge all Year 11, 12 and 13 students to increase their revision before the last few weeks of their taught lessons. Productive time spent on organising notes and files during the Easter holidays will really reap dividends in the end. Good luck to all students with their revision efforts.

Can I draw your attention to the following dates for events for next term:

3 rd April	School finishes after final assembly (approx. 2.30pm.)
20 th April	Summer Term begins
23 rd April	Enrichment Day – students finish at 2pm.
24 th April	Quiz Night 7.30pm. School Hall
30 th April	Junior Maths Challenge (Years 7 and 8) Thinking Skills Carnival 7.30pm.
4 th May	Bank Holiday
5 th May	Year 9 exams begin (to 8 th May) Year 10 Work Experience (to 15 th May)
7 th May	Enrichment Day – students finish at 2pm.
18 th May	Year 9 Camp (to 22 nd May) – New Forest Year 7 exams
23 rd – 31 st May	Half Term
1 st June	School begins

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