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Dear Alex Family Members

Some Easter and Ramadan peace

As we prepare to pause for the long weekend, we get a moment to contemplate Easter and all that it means to those who celebrate it, and an opportunity for everyone who is observing the month of Ramadan to have some quiet time to contemplate and reflect. We would like to wish everyone a blessed and peaceful Easter and a meaningful and peaceful Ramadan.

If you are on the road this long weekend, please make an agreement with your passengers that the holiday starts as you pack the car. Be open and ready for regular stops at the padstal and for the loo. This approach will take some of the rush out of the journey. You will arrive a little later but perhaps be more relaxed and a lot safer.

We had such a fantastic outing last Saturday. My sincere thanks to the families who sacrificed their sleep to catch the bus on time. I can tell you that it was well worth it. We did not win too many games but the spirit on the day was magnificent. We ended the day with the cheerleaders from both schools consolidating their efforts and leading all the spectators in unison. What a way to start the winter sport season!

We are very proud of Gabriel Gemmill, Devander Felix and Alex Graham for being selected to play in the EP under 16 indoor cricket team. Gabriel was chosen as the captain. We wish them every success in their tournament.

We are having another Parents' club meeting on Thursday 21 April at 17H00, at Cordingley House (Next to the clothing shop). If you are keen to join the team, we focus on fun raising rather than fund raising. We have a few exciting plans.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their school fees up to date. Your contribution to our ability to do what we need to every day for our children cannot be understated. Please let me know if you are facing difficulties with this aspect. We can work together to find a workable solution.

Please keep your used cooking oil rolling in. It makes a big difference to take this oil out of the landfill system. Every drop counts.

I know the cost of living seems to be on an upward spiral at the moment. Every trip to the shops or visit to the fuel station is a painful and unpleasant experience. There is increasingly too much month left at the end of the money. Please spare a thought for those members of our Alex family who are facing dire living conditions, made even worse by the state of the economy. If you can manage it, add just a few dry goods or a

can or two to your shopping, and then send them to school for our Table of Sharing. It really makes such a difference when we are able to send a small food parcel home to help. Thanks to the families who contribute regularly.

With just over a month to go until the start of our mid-year exams, you should be seeing our children putting together a revision plan. The exam timetable will be ready shortly, but they should already have the specifications for each exam from their teachers. Please ease into the conversation, the importance of an early start and a plan. These factors will reduce the stress normally associated with exams. We have a number of four-day weeks and these holidays can be used effectively to balance some academic work with some rest.

Whatever your plan is for the long weekend, please keep yourself and your family safe this week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Ridgway', written in a cursive style.

Matthew Ridgway
Principal