



NEWSLETTER No. 12

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Introduction

For many a traditionalist, it is the most important two-word phrase in our vocabulary. But 'thank you' is falling by the wayside, replaced increasingly with less formal expressions of gratitude, a poll reveals. Although the average person will say 'thank you' nearly 5000 times a year, one in three are more likely to throw in a 'cheers' or 'ta' where it's needed, rather than risk sounding old fashioned. One in 20 now say 'Nice one' instead, while younger generations are more likely to offer a 'Cool' than a thank you.

However, I am a great believer in those two words, so it's a big "Thank You" to all the parents who have been busy wrapping raffle prizes, gifts for the Mummies and Daddies' shop and decorating Santa's Grotto. Christmas has truly arrived at Coopersale Hall where cries of "Behind You" could be heard from the various Panto productions, kindly sponsored by FOCHS. Thank you also to those of you who attended the Christmas Tree Festival last weekend. Although our tree was not voted the winner, it looked splendid. I am only sorry not to have been there to hear our pupils sing, but I was, quite literally up to my neck in packing boxes. I am now officially a resident in Epping!

If you want a break from Christmas festivities, this Sunday is International Mountain Day so you may feel the need to climb one near you and pick your Christmas Tree! I'm off to enjoy my first Christmas lunch at Coopersale Hall, but just a reminder that the FOCHS Raffle will be drawn in assembly on Monday, the Junior Party is on Tuesday and the Carol Service, Infant and Upper Kindergarten Parties on Wednesday. After which, I am sure that we will all be ready for a holiday.

This is the last Newsletter this term, so a final "Thank You" to all the Staff, Children and Parents who have made my first year as Headmistress such a happy one.

A Very Merry Christmas.

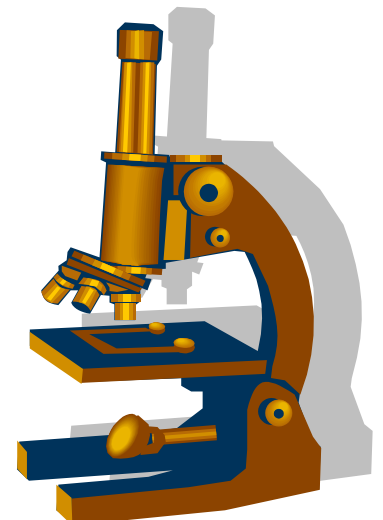
Kaye Lovejoy



Scientist of the Week

Year 1 Allen	No Lesson this week.
Year 1 Daly	Laila Smith
Year 1 Davis	Bella Titelbaum
Year 2 Bragg	Hollie-Mae Corpe
Year 2 Leeks	Beau Anten
Year 3 Watson	Brooke Coe/Maddie Noakes/Harrison Travers/Mollie-Mae Fletcher
Year 4 Wheeler	Lucinda Boyle
Year 5 Lane	Emily Binet
Year 6 Watson	Chhaya Shah/Flora Brown

Well done to all the above children.





Update from FOCHS

What a busy week!

The painted lines went down in the infant playground this week! Please do take a look if you haven't already - we challenge you to resist having a quick go on one of the many colourful games! A new, larger playhouse will also be put up in the far corner next week. This is FOCHS's largest spend this year and we do hope you agree that it is money well spent. We have plans to provide more interest in the Junior playground (astroturf) next term.

At the FOCHS Christmas Party on Saturday night "Take That Forever" took us all back to the 90's and we all had a fantastic time. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

The Junior children went to Harlow Playhouse on Tuesday afternoon for their FOCHS Pantomime treat and we heard that they thoroughly enjoyed it. The Infant and Kindergarten children watched their in-house shows on Thursday morning and also had an amazing time.

The FOCHS Committee meeting was held on Tuesday evening. Thanks to everyone who showed their support and attended, including Mr Hagger and Fiona Hulbert. During the meeting, amongst other things, we discussed some very exciting ideas for next year. The minutes for the meeting will be available next week. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 January at 7.30pm.

THANK YOU so much to all the parent volunteers that have helped us this week to prepare for, or run, our Christmas events and of course to Santa Claus himself for sparing some of his precious time at this busy time of year. We really couldn't do these things without you and judging by your children's faces your children REALLY do appreciate it.

Our Fundraising internet link is going well. We have raised £168 so far with only 37 supporters! Imagine how much we could raise with all of you and your families using the site. The prize for the person who raised the most by the end of term will be given out next week anonymously. Congratulations! Please remember the link is as follows <<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs>>.

HOLD THE DATE for 2012!

A ZUMBA fun night will be held on 31st January.
FOCHS Summer Ball is planned for 30th June.

And finally, FOCHS would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Christmas!!



Lost and Found

Millie Croad and Frederick Blackshaw in TMG have lost their grey school jumpers – both items are named. Please could parents check that these items have not been taken home by mistake. If found please return to the school office. Thank you.



Maths Challenge – Week 12



Congratulations to Laila Smith who won last week's maths challenge.

This Maths Challenge is intended for you to work on with your family over the Christmas holiday. You need to find the words that fit.

Example: 7 = D in a W (You need to work out what the D and W stand for)

Answer: 7 Days in a Week

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| 1) 26 = L in the A | 2) 101 = D |
| 3) 12 = S of the Z | 4) 3 = BM (SHTR) |
| 5) 90 D in a RA | 6) 24 H in a D |
| 7) 29 = D in F in a LY | 8) 60 = S in a M |
| 9) 7 = W of the W | 10) 1 = H on a U |
| 11) 100 = P for PG in M | 12) 40 = D & N of the GF |
| 13) 11 = P on a FT | 14) 64 = S on a CB |
| 15) 18 = H on a GC | 16) 4 = S in a Y |
| 17) 100 = DC at which WB | 18) 6 = W of H the E |
| 19) 1,000 = M in a K | 20) 12 = D of C |

Do as many as you can and put your answers in the Smartie box at the beginning of next term. Good Luck!

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Merit Badges

Trans Cambridge	Lauren Gardiner	Trans Goddard	Oliver Holland
Trans M. Gash	Daniel Antat	Year 1 Allen	Milan Raven
Year 1 Daly	Elara Erkaslan	Year 1 Davis	Olivia Peters
Year 2 Bragg	Molly Rees	Year 2 Leeks	Vladislav Sukhorukov
Year 3 Watson	Alexander Simmons	Year 4 Wheeler	Annabelle Irvine
Year 5 Lane	Joe Penman	Year 6 Watson	Flora Brown

Well done to these children. Keep up the good work.



Message from Mrs Clifton - Re: Brownies

Last Monday was a very sad Brownie Club as it was the last meeting the Brownies will have at Coopersale Hall School. I have been running the pack at Coopersale for the past nine years but due to falling numbers for various reasons I cannot continue. I shall still run the Rainbows and any Mums who would like their daughters to continue onto Brownies I will happily assist them in finding other packs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Mums past and present who have helped and continue to help me run the units.

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. Clifton for providing the Brownie pack here at Coopersale Hall for these past nine years. It has been a wonderful activity and very much appreciated by staff and parents alike.



Exchange Letters to Gerson Ecole, Paris By Monsieur Goodman

The pupils of 4 Wheeler and 5 Lane have been preparing letters to send to the Gerson École in Paris and are eagerly awaiting the replies from France. Well done to all the children for making so many attractive news sheets that the children in Paris are sure to enjoy. The following are two examples produced by Alice Holland and Jonathan Billington.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année to you all and our French partners.



House Points

	Beech (Blue)	Chestnut (Red)	Oak (Green)	Willow (Yellow)
Weekly Total	49	48	49	43
Running Total	424	347	477	336
Current Position	2nd	3rd	1st	4th

Well done to Oak house who are in the lead at the moment. The final position for this term will be announced in next Monday's assembly.



Did You Know?

Here are some interesting facts about Christmas time in Great Britain.

- *The custom of gift giving on Christmas day dates only to Victorian times. Before then it was more common to exchange gifts on New Year's Day or Twelfth Night.*
- *Santa Claus was known to the Victorians as Father Christmas and the children wrote letters to him which were tossed into the fireplace, in the hope that they would be swept up the chimney and sent to the North Pole where he lives.*
- *Stockings are hung over the fireplace – this is because Father Christmas once dropped some gold coins whilst coming down the chimney. The coins would have fallen through the ash grate and been lost if they hadn't landed in a stocking that had been hung up to dry. Since that time, children have continued to hang out stockings in the hope of finding them filled with gifts.*



Message from The "Evergreen" Club

Years 3 and 4 went along to Pelly Court last week to sing carols for the Club Members. The following is an extract from a letter we received from Mrs June O'Brien who organises events at Pelly Court for the pensioners.

"The Organisers and all the Club Members once again thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas music the children sang. As you will be aware the Choir has visited the Club to sing Carols for a number of years now, and we really believe that it is the start of Christmas for us.

Please give our grateful thanks to Mrs Watson and the other teachers, for all their hard work to make the Choir such a success. Please also convey our thanks to the children in the Choir for giving us such a wonderful concert on Thursday, and for meeting and talking to the Club Members."

Well done to all the children who provided this festive treat to our elderly neighbours.





Singing at Tree Tops Care Home

Last Wednesday the children in Years 5 and 6 visited Tree Tops the local care home in Epping, to sing Christmas carols for the elderly. The children sang beautifully and all the residents loved it.

Thank you to Mrs Watson for organising this and to Keith for transporting the children in the mini-bus.



Thank You FOCHS!!!

Santa's Grotto & The Christmas Shop

This week has been a very busy time for our FOCHS volunteers and we are extremely grateful for all the hard work they have put into making our run up to Christmas so enjoyable for the children.

To start with, they arranged for a "special visitor" to come into school and installed him in a grotto (formerly known as the library). All the children were treated to a visit and had the chance to request what they would like for Christmas.

Miraculously, this grotto was then turned into a magical Christmas shop, laden with beautifully wrapped gifts – all presents that the children could buy for their mummies and daddies, chosen by their own fair hands.

Many thanks to the FOCHS volunteers who worked so tirelessly for the children's enjoyment.



Playground Activities

Our thanks to FOCHS for providing further enjoyment for our children in the manner of activities and games printed on the playground surface. These range from “What’s The Time Mr. Wolf” and “hopscotch” to a “maze”, a “keep fit circuit” and so on. These games are sure to provide hours of fun to our children at playtime.





Christmas Raffle

Our FOCHS volunteers have produced some wonderful raffle prizes that have been on view in the entrance hall. Hopefully, your child has returned the raffle tickets for a chance to win some of these magnificent festive baskets. Again, our thanks for their hard work in producing these fantastic prizes.

The winners will be announced next Monday.



Pantomimes

Our thanks to FOCHS as well for providing the pantomime treats that the children have much enjoyed this week. Our junior children went to Harlow Playhouse and were thoroughly entertained by a performance of Peter Pan. The Early Years and Infant children were treated to an in-house pantomime which again was a great success. What a wonderful way to start the festive period.

Thank you FOCHS for everything you have done for our children



And Finally ...Our Christmas Carol Service

All parents are invited to attend our Christmas Carol Service in the school hall at 10.00am on the last day of term, Thursday 15 December. Parents at the service may take their children home immediately after the service. Otherwise, collection will be a staggered finish as follows:-

Kindergarten & Transition	:	11.30 am
Infant Children	:	11.45 am
Junior Children	:	12.00 noon

Please note that there is no Tea Time Club on the last day of this term. We look forward to seeing the children back here on the first day of term, Thursday 5 January 2012, and kindly remember there is no Breakfast Club facility on that day.

All that remains is to wish the children a very enjoyable last week of term and extend to our families best wishes from all the staff for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

