



FOCUS ON COOPERSALE HALL SCHOOL, EPPING

Coopersale Hall School's annual Prize Day to celebrate another incredibly busy year was given an extra dose of glamour to the delight of the pupils, parents and staff. International model and photographer Penny Lancaster joined up with friend, European, Commonwealth and World Swimming Champion Mark Foster to speak to the school and give out the prizes to many lucky prizewinners.

Headmistress Kaye Lovejoy said, *"the children were very excited to have Penny and Mark at Prize Day. Mark told us about the many hours of hard work and training that made him into such an accomplished athlete, and brought some of his impressive hoard of medals to pass around. As Mark said, despite their collective numerous accolades they both may be remembered more for their star turns on Strictly Come Dancing!"*

Prize Day took place just after a team of school inspectors arrived to inspect Coopersale Hall as part of the school's normal cycle of inspections. The report has only just been published and shows that the school managed to achieve 'Outstanding' in all areas. The Inspection Report is available to read on the school's newly-launched website.

Group Managing Principal Matthew Hagger commented, *"we are all delighted to read the numerous comments that support and acknowledge the many positive achievements Coopersale Hall has made in recent years as we were judged to be 'Outstanding' all areas. With only a few days' notice, this type of inspection provides us with a useful evaluation of our provision as it reports on current practice without the ability to put in any special preparation. This means that we were inspected through a snapshot of the school as it normally is, as seen through a team of independent and highly experienced professionals. We continue to strive for the best education possible for our pupils, and we are confident that we will be able to build on this outstanding report and take the Coopersale Hall School to an even higher phase in its continuing development."*

It isn't only the termtimes that have been busy, with an extensive programme of summer holiday activities to keep children from across the Oak-Tree Group busy over the 7-week holiday. Children from 2½ to 11 spent several weeks in courses such as multi-sports (6 weeks), drama (2 weeks) and Early Years (3 weeks). Matthew Hagger said, *"our parents were very grateful that we were able to offer this service to break up the long summer holiday. The children had fun and kept active, while the parents were able to work or take a well-deserved break!"*

More information can be found on the new website www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk.