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Dear Parents

Half way through the year already! Reports for Years 1-6 are on your portals. If you wish to discuss any issues arising from them do contact your class teacher.

11+ Entrance Examinations

For our Year 6 pupils and parents, January and February have been nerve wracking times. From the last term of Year 5 through the Autumn term of Year 6, the pupils have been hard at work preparing for their entrance examinations to a variety of different senior schools. This year we had fifteen pupils sitting examinations for fourteen different independent schools. They finished covering the curriculum requirements at the end of Year 5 and set off in earnest on the challenging trail of practice papers and mock interviews with Mrs Watson, Year 6 teacher. Each week they have tackled sample questions and past papers in English, Maths and Reasoning as well as revisiting areas where they were not a 100% secure. The final results for independent senior schools came out on Friday 16 February and I am delighted that our pupils have all been awarded places at their chosen schools. Most are in the enviable position of having some difficult choices to make as they have received several offers, including two sports scholarships, four music scholarships, two all-rounder scholarships, an art scholarship and two academic scholarships. Further details will be found on our website when all offers have been finalised. Congratulations to all the pupils.

Open Morning – Tuesday 6 March

You are welcome to come to our Open Morning. Prospective and current parents will have the opportunity to see the school at work and to hear more about what is happening at school. Refreshments will be available from 9am in the Hall. I shall be giving a short talk at 9.30am with tours commencing at 9.45am. Our Year 6 act as guides and they are always happy to talk about life at Coopersale Hall from a pupil's perspective.

Drop in Morning – Upper Kindergarten to Year 6

There is another opportunity for parents to see their children's work from 8am-9am on 21 March.

World Book Day

We are inviting the children to come to school dressed up as a character from a book (there is no obligation to do so). Lower Kindergarten to Year 4 will be able to dress up on Thursday 1 March. Years 5 and 6 may dress up on Friday 2 March. The children will be bringing home a £1 book token on Monday 27 February. This allows them to get their free £1 book or to get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. Tokens can be redeemed at Waterstones, WH Smith, local supermarkets and many independent bookshops, including Loughton Bookshop between 26 February 2018 and 25 March 2018.

On Monday 26 February and Friday 2 March pupils from Years 3-6 will be Reading Buddies to our younger pupils.

Homework Routines

Please support the work we are doing with your children in school by encouraging them to study in an effective way at home. They need a quiet place to work, without distractions where they are comfortable and settled. It is important to talk about their work at home, and share in the education journey they are making, as far as possible. In our experience this often results in better quality homework, which has been thoughtfully and thoroughly completed.

Easter Service and Bonnet Parade on Thursday 30 March

All parents and families are welcome to join us for our Easter Service on the last Thursday of term. Our Early Years will have a special celebration at 9am, followed by Years 1-6 from 9.30am to 10.30am approximately. In between the two services our annual Easter Bonnet Parade will be held in the main playground.

Other Events

We have a very busy second half of term so do check our website for news of all activities. Among the highlights are: Bikeability for Year 6, Living Eggs and a visit from some Easter animals, courtesy of FoCHS, Cross Country Races for all the local schools as well as a variety of class visits and activities.

Please remember to check this letter and of course the website, for dates and times of the various events. Details will be sent out to the relevant group of parents in advance of events, but if you do have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 1 March Character	World Book Day – Lower Kindergarten to Year 4 – Dress up as your Favourite Book Swimming Lessons for Years 5 & 6
Friday 2 March	World Book Day – Years 5 & 6 only (Due to swimming previous day) Dress up as your favourite book character Art Club finishing at 5pm Reading Buddies – 8.50am-9.15am
Monday 5 March	Transition Rooks & Pettigrew Classes Trip to Suntrap – 9am-3pm
Tuesday 6 March	OPEN MORNING – All Parents Welcome – 9.15am Arrival – Miss Lovejoy speaking at 9.30am
Wednesday 7 March	Bancroft's Netball Tournament (Year 6 - By Invitation) - AM/PM Art Club finishing at 5pm
Thursday 8 March	Swimming Lessons for Years 5 & 6 Transition Biddle Class Trip to Suntrap (High Beech) 9am-3pm Local Schools Cross Country Relays – Years 3-6 – By Invitation – 1.15pm
Friday 9 March	Art Club finishing at 5pm Year 2F Class Assembly – followed by coffee with Miss Lovejoy - Parents Welcome – 9am
Monday 12 March	No Singing Lessons today – Friday instead this week Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 1 - AM/PM Living Eggs arrive at Coopersale Hall Football Match 'A' Team - at Shooters Football Centre North Weald 3.45pm-4.45pm
Tuesday 13 March	NO CHESS CLUB TODAY Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 1 – AM/PM
Wednesday 14 March	NO ART CLUB Performing Arts Showcase – Years 3-6 – Parents Invited – 9.15am-10.30am
Thursday 15 March	Swimming Lessons for Years 5 & 6 Prep Schools Cross Country Relays – Years 3-6 - By Invitation 1.15pm
Friday 16 March	Year 2C Class Assembly – followed by coffee with Miss Lovejoy – Parents Welcome – 9am NO ART CLUB Singing Lessons today instead of Monday this week

- Monday 19 March Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 2 – AM/PM
- Tuesday 20 March LAST CHESS CLUB OF THE TERM
Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 2 – AM/PM
Year 5 Trip to Bletchley Park – 8.30am-4pm
- Wednesday 21 March Drop-In Morning for Upper Kindergarten to Year 6 - Parents Welcome 8am-9am
Art Club finishing at 5pm
- Thursday 22 March Swimming Lessons for Years 5 & 6
Year 2D Class Assembly–followed by coffee with Miss Lovejoy - Parents Welcome – 9am
- Friday 23 March Art Club finishing at 5pm
Piano Assembly – By Invitation – 9am
Singing Lessons today to make up for a missed lesson
- Monday 26 March FOCHS Easter Animals Visit – AM/PM
- Tuesday 27 March Netball Tournament (By Invitation)-@ St. Andrews School North Weald – AM

Wednesday 28 March Last Day of Spring Term 2018

- Wednesday 28 March Easter Assembly for the Early Years – 9am – Parents Invited
- Wednesday 28 March Easter Bonnet Parade – Whole School – 9.30am – Parents Invited
- Wednesday 28 March Easter Assembly for Infants & Juniors – 10am – Parents Invited

All children can be collected after their appropriate assemblies or collected at the times below

Term ends at 11.30am for Early Years
11.45am for Years 1 & 2
12pm for Years 3-6

Thursday 19 April – Back to School - First Day of Summer Term 2018

Finally, thank you for bearing with us this week with the snow. It's always difficult to keep the disruption to a minimum, but we all appreciate your support as we monitor weather reports and try to keep the school open.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress

