

# Coopersale Hall School



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Dear Parents

How quickly this term has passed! We welcomed many new children into the school in September and I am happy to see how well they have done in their first term, there is much to celebrate in the pupils' achievements in class, and lots to praise in their successes beyond the classroom.

### Christmas Events

Already we are in the midst of our Christmas Festivities. I am sure that you are enjoying the events as much as we are. A special thank you to FOCHS who have been working tirelessly to produce so many enjoyable festive activities, including pantomimes, with Goldilocks for the younger children in school and Aladdin at the Harlow Playhouse for Years 2-6.

Our first festive events were the Christmas Craft sessions, much enjoyed by Upper Kindergarten parents. This week the children are very excited at the prospect of a visit from a special gentleman in red and a lovely Christmas Gift Shop. They are all looking forward to their class parties. Remember that for EYFS and KS1 children, these are non-uniform occasions and the children can come to school on their 'Party Day' in party clothes, but please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes and have their coat, hat and gloves as they will still be going out to play!

As you may know, we regularly visit Pelly Court and Wensley House, local care homes. Year 5 entertained the residents of Pelly Court last week; Year 4 will be going on a Christmas visit to Wensley House on 4 December to share some Christmas cheer with the residents and staff.

Our school Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 5 December.

This coming week is certainly going to be busy with our various Christmas Concerts taking place. I hope that parents will be able to join me after the performances for coffee and mince pies in the Studio. All the performances will be recorded and the DVDs available to purchase, a lovely reminder of some very special occasions. Year 2 will be visiting the St John's Church and singing at the Epping Christmas market. Do come along and support them. Our junior children will be performing at the St John's Christmas Tree Festival, always a most entertaining event with a wonderful display of decorated Christmas trees from the many community organisations, including Coopersale Hall School.

### Carol Service

I look forward to seeing many of you, who have children in Year 3 to Year 6, at the Carol Service at St John's Church on 11 December at 2pm. The staff have worked hard to prepare the children for what promises to be a lovely occasion. I have had the pleasure of listening to the singing rehearsals and the children sound superb. All parents, and families are welcome to join us for the Carol Service, and it will be lovely to share this festive event with you. The pupils will be reading, performing and taking us through the Christmas story.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 12 December, all children are invited to pay a pound and wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school in aid of Samaritan's Purse and to celebrate the end of term and the beginning of the festive holidays.

We have competed in a range of sporting events or competitions where our pupils have shown good sportsmanship and dedication in their victories and in their defeats. Pupils also continue to be successful in Art competitions with Blaise Murphy-Zaleska and Abhay Sethi being runners-up in the Epping Town Mayor's Christmas card competition.

Four of our pupils representing Years 3-6 participated in the Oak-Tree Spelling Challenge, just pipping the other schools to first place. Congratulations Kimaya, Rishi, Ahad and Sophie, great spelling!

## Looking Ahead

### E-Safety

E-Safety is an integral part of children's education in today's digital world and is embedded in their learning at school. We also want to help our parents improve their own understanding of E-Safety issues so that children can learn to use the internet and all digital media in a safe and secure way.

For these reasons, we are organising an E-Safety Day on Wednesday 23 January 2019 with workshops for all pupils from Year 3 upwards. Staff will also be trained after school. The training will be run by John Woodley and John Staines (also known as the 'Two Johns'), who are both qualified Police Trainers and CEOP Ambassador trainers who trained every Youth Officer within Essex Police. They deliver training within schools and specialise in pupil, parent and teacher events.

The day will finish with a session for parents from 6pm in the school hall to raise awareness about E-Safety and so that you are aware of the content of the earlier pupils' session. We will be writing with full details in due course, but in the meantime you might like to visit The Two Johns' website <https://www.esafetytraining.org> for more information.

### Summer Ball 2019

The four Parents' Association of the Oak-Tree Group will be coming together again to organise another joint Oak-Tree Summer Ball on Saturday 18 May 2019 from 7pm until 1am in the marquee at Chigwell Hall (Metropolitan Police Club) for parents, staff and friends of the schools.

This year there will be a Casino Royale James Bond theme with a jazz band, DJ, casinos, cocktail bar and much more. Tickets will be going on sale shortly after Christmas, but please do put the date in your diaries as this promises to be a fun event for us all.

### Staff News

Mrs Anna Doherty will be on maternity leave from the end of this term and we look forward to seeing her baby later in the new year. I am pleased to announce that Mr Rudy Clarke will be joining Coopersale Hall as SENDCo cover for Mrs Doherty during her maternity leave. Mr Clarke is a very experienced teacher and has worked at a variety of primary and secondary schools including having been a Deputy Head and Special Needs Coordinator, most recently at Daubeney Primary School in London.

We are also welcoming Miss Cheryl Fordham who will be covering our Yoga teacher, Rhyanne Hall's maternity leave. Miss Fordham also teaches Speech and Drama at Oaklands School.

### Coffee Mornings

Matthew Hagger and I will be continuing our annual informal coffee mornings on Thursday mornings starting again on 10 January. These meetings serve as an opportunity to hear your views and to discuss school life. The coffee mornings take place in the Breakfast Club room, adjacent to the Hall from 8.45-9.45am. Please check the table below for your class time:

CLASS	DATE	TIME
Year 3	10 January 2019	08.45-09.45
Year 4	17 January 2019	08.45-09.45
Year 5	24 January 2019	08.45-09.45
Year 6	14 February 2019	08.45-09.45

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 3 December

No Science club for Year 1 – finished for the term  
Singing Assembly – Parents of children having lessons invited – 8.50am  
Last Singing lessons of the term  
No Gym club – finished for the term  
No Dance club – finished for the term  
Last Rainbows of the term  
Last SPARKS club of the term  
FOCHS Christmas Day  
Christmas Gift Shop/Father Christmas/Reindeer Visit – All Day  
Years 3-6 Christmas Parties – 1.30pm-3.30pm

Tuesday 4 December

Last Science club for Year 2 of the term  
Last Out of the Box club of the term  
Last SPARKS club of the term  
Last Chess club of the term  
No Speech & Drama – finished for the term  
No Netball club – finished for the term  
No Football with Mr Grenfell – finished for the term  
Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal Lower/Upper Kindergarten & Reception Children – 9.15am-9.45am – Parents of Lower Kindergarten & Grandparents of all classes are welcome to attend.  
Parents of Lower Kindergarten – Coffee & Mince Pies after in Lower Kindergarten Classroom with Mrs Fentiman and staff  
Year 4 Singing Christmas Carols at Wensley Care Home Epping – 2pm-3pm

Wednesday 5 December

Last Art club of the term  
Last Karate club of the term  
Last SPARKS club of the term  
Last Spanish club of the term  
Last Out of the Box club of the term  
Last Tennis of the term  
No Creative Writing – finished for the term  
Last Music lessons with Mr Bartels  
Last Tennis with Mr Robinson  
Last Tennis club of the term with Mr Watson/Mrs Cambridge  
Christmas Concert – Lower/Upper & Reception Children – 9.15am  
Parents of Upper Kindergarten & Reception classes are welcome to attend-Coffee & Mince Pies after  
Upper Kindergarten Baker Christmas Party in the morning  
School Christmas Lunch – All Children & Staff  
Upper Kindergarten Thomas Christmas Party in the afternoon.  
Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal – Grandparents Welcome 2.15pm.

Thursday 6 December

Year 2 Parents Coffee Morning with Mr Hagger & Miss Lovejoy – 8.45am  
No Multi Sports – finished for the term  
FOCHS Panto Day  
No Speech & Drama – finished for the term  
No Science club with Mrs Carter – finished for the term  
No Piano Lessons finished for the term  
Lower & Upper Kindergarten Panto – In-house – Goldilocks – 9.30am  
Reception & Year 1 Panto/Workshop – In House – Goldilocks -10.15am  
Years 2-6 Aladdin Harlow Playhouse – 2.30pm start

Friday 7 December	<p>Last Art club of the term  Last Piano Lessons of the term  Last Nifty Fingers club of the term  Last Street Dance of the term  Last Violin lessons of the term  No Tennis – finished for the term  No Yoga – finished for the term  <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> Christmas Play – Parents of Year 1 Children ONLY – 9.15am  Coffee &amp; Mince Pies after  <b>Year 2</b> Children Singing Carols at Epping Christmas Market – Outside Costa 4pm</p>
Saturday 8 December	<p><b>Junior</b> Children Singing Carols at St. John’s Church Christmas Tree Festival – 11am</p>
Monday 10 December	<p><b>Junior</b> Children Carol Service Dress Rehearsal – Hall – 9am  <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> Christmas Play – Parents of Year 2 Children ONLY – 2.15pm  Coffee &amp; Mince Pies after  Football Match <b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b> @ Shooters North Weald – 3.45pm</p>
Tuesday 11 December	<p><b>Junior</b> Children Carol Service Dress Rehearsal – at Church - NO PARENTS – 11am  <b>Reception</b> Class Christmas Parties – 1.30pm  <b>Junior</b> Children Carol Service – St. John’s Church – Parents Invited – 2pm  <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> Christmas Parties – 1.30pm</p>
<b>Wednesday 12 December</b>	<p><b>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM</b>  Wear a Christmas Jumper Day – Bring a £1 Donation for “Samaritan’s Purse”  <b>Early Years</b> can be collected 11.30am  <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> can be collected 11.45am  <b>Juniors</b> can be collected 12 Noon</p>
<b>Tuesday 8 January</b>	<p><b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM 2019</b>  Violin lessons start</p>
Wednesday 9 January	<p>Creative Writing starts  Karate starts  Art club starts  Spanish club starts  Music Lessons with Mr Bartels start  Tennis club with Mr Watson/Mrs Cambridge starts  Tennis club with Mr Robinson starts</p>
Thursday 10 January	<p>Fencing starts  Piano lessons start  Swimming starts for <b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b>  <b>Year 3</b> Parents Coffee Morning with Mr Hagger &amp; Miss Lovejoy – 8.45am</p>
Friday 11 January	<p>Yoga club starts  Art club starts  Piano lessons start  Street Dance starts  Tennis club starts with Mr Watson/Mrs Cambridge</p>
Monday 14 January	<p>Dance club starts  Science clubs starts for <b>Year 1</b>  Sparks club starts  Rainbows starts  Gym club starts</p>

Tuesday 15 January	Football starts (Steve Grenfell) Science clubs starts for Year 2 Netball club starts "Out of the Box" club starts Cross Country – Years 3-6 – By Invitation @Ongar Sparks club starts
Wednesday 16 January	Sparks club starts "Out of the Box" club starts School Council – Teddy Bear Stall – to raise funds for Bloodwise
Thursday 17 January	Multi Sports starts Year 4 Parents Coffee Morning with Mr Hagger & Miss Lovejoy – 8.45am
Friday 18 January	5H Class Assembly followed by Coffee with Miss Lovejoy @ 8.50am Haileybury Orchestral Day – By Invitation Nifty Fingers starts
Monday 21 January	Football Match Years 5/6 "A" Team-By Invitation @Shooters North Weald 3.45KO
Wednesday 23 January	E Safety Training – Years 3-6 – 1pm
Thursday 24 January	Year 5 Parents Coffee Morning with Mr Hagger & Miss Lovejoy @8.45am
Friday 25 January	3G Class Assembly followed by Coffee with Miss Lovejoy @ 8.50am
Monday 28 January	Scottish Dance Assembly – By Invitation – Parents Invited @8.50am
Thursday 31 January	4Lane Class Assembly followed by Coffee with Miss Lovejoy @8.50am
Tuesday 5 February	Years 5 & 6 trip to the O2 to see Young Voices - PM
Wednesday 6 February	ISA London North Netball Tournament Years 5 & 6 By Invitation – AM
Thursday 7 February	Swimming Gala for Years 3 & 4 @ Ongar Pool – AM
Friday 8 February	3D Class Assembly followed by Coffee with Miss Lovejoy @8.50am
Monday 11 February	Year 4 Roald Dahl Museum Trip – 8.45am-3.30pm Football Match Years 5/6 "A" Team-By Invitation @Shooters North Weald 3.45KO
Tuesday 12 February	School Council – Whacky Dress Day for Wood Green Animal Shelter - £1 Donation
Wednesday 13 February	Prep School Cross Country Relays Years 3-6 - 1.30pm start
Thursday 14 February	Year 6 Parents Coffee Morning with Mr Hagger & Miss Lovejoy @8.45am
Friday 15 February	6D Class Assembly followed by coffee with Miss Lovejoy @8.50am

**MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019 HALF TERM HOLIDAYS**

**FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY**


**BACK TO SCHOOL**

### End of term

Please remember that the Autumn Term finishes at lunchtime on Wednesday 12 December. There are no afternoon sessions.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 8 January 2019.

With kind regards



Kaye Lovejoy  
Headmistress



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