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Dear Parents

Re: **October Head's Letter**

I hope your children have enjoyed the first few weeks of term, particularly if you joined us for the first time in September. The pupils have settled very well and I have been delighted to see them rising to the challenges of the new school year.

Year 3 had a marvellous time at their camp, enjoying the experience of being outdoors with fellow pupils from the Oak-Tree schools and some lovely sunny weather. Years 5 and 6 faced the challenges of the Harlow Outdoor Pursuits Centre and showed that they were willing to try almost everything, from abseiling to the Leap of Faith!

Thank you for so generously supporting our Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see so many families and friends attending both the Early Years and Key Stages 1 and 2 services. Year 5 enjoyed distributing the Harvest to the elderly at Pelly Court while our contributions to the Manna Centre for the Homeless in Southwark were much appreciated.

We have a busy month ahead as you will see from our Forthcoming Events List and I hope to see many of you at our various events.

Remembrance Sunday

Representatives from Years 3-6 will be invited to attend the annual Remembrance Parade in Epping and lay a wreath on behalf of Coopersale Hall School on Sunday 10 November. Further details will be sent shortly.

Drop In Morning

Parents from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to view their children's work from 8am to 8.30am on Wednesday 2 October. If you wish to discuss your child's work, please make an appointment to speak to the teacher or book for one of our Parents' Evenings.

Parents' Evenings

Formal Parents' Evenings for Reception to Year 6 pupils will be held after half term on Tuesday 19 November and Thursday 21 November. You will be able to book your appointment on line. Our specialist subject teachers will also be available to speak with parents for the following subjects: Music, Science, PE, Computer, French.

Coffee Mornings

Matthew Hagger and I will be holding our annual coffee mornings on Thursday mornings starting on Thursday 14 November. These are a good opportunity to chat informally about life at the school and to raise any questions you have directly with us. Please check the Dates List below for your class time.

Flux's Lane/Car Park

Many of you have commented on vehicles parking at the junction of Flux's Lane and Steward's Green Road. We have spoken both to the police and local council, and there is ongoing dialogue with the North Essex Parking Partnership about the possibility of yellow lines being painted to deter commuters. It might be helpful to register your concerns at parking@colchester.gov.uk.

A polite reminder to all drivers - there have been several near misses along Flux's Lane with drivers taking the bend by the golf course too fast and also not stopping at the give way markings near the scout hut. Please remember that the lane also has a pedestrian walkway and be alert at all times. Please enter the school grounds slowly as children may be using the crossing to and from the Science Room.

When parking, please check your mirrors and be aware of other vehicles and people at all times. Please do not exceed the speed limit of 5mph and park with due regard for other vehicles.

Adventure Playground

Please would parents ensure that their children do not use the Adventure Playground unless supervised by a member of staff.

Open Morning

Our Open Morning for prospective and current parents is on Tuesday, 1 October from 9.15am. Please let the office know if you would like to come along and see the school at work and refresh your memories of areas of the school with which you may be less familiar. Our Year 6 Prefects will act as the official guides and I know they are looking forward to their first public appearance for the year as ambassadors for the School.

Manners and Etiquette

We like our pupils to have good manners, saying please and thank you as appropriate, standing aside for adults. We are encouraging all our pupils to use a knife and fork correctly to eat their main courses and spoons for desserts. We would appreciate your support in these areas, particularly with the younger children.

No Dogs

Please note that no dogs are allowed on school premises at any time (unless they are assistance dogs i.e. guide dogs).

Hot Drinks

Please note that in the interests of safety, hot drinks are not permitted to be brought into the hall by guests attending assemblies, concerts, displays etc.

Jewellery

Earrings are not permitted at school. They can be torn unintentionally from the ears causing injuries. If a child has newly pierced ears, studs must be taped over for PE/Games lessons. We would advise that ears should be pierced at the beginning of the Summer holiday so that the ear studs/rings can be removed easily when school begins in September.

Uniform

The mountain of Lost Property grows daily. Many of the items are unnamed or have the name of a previous owner. Please ensure that all items of school uniform, including socks, shoes, gloves, scarves are clearly and indelibly marked with the current owner's name.

After the half term break, the children return to School in winter uniform. Please check either your child's class handbook, available on the parent portal, or the website for details. May I remind you that the school uniform list asks for bottle green hair accessories. Some of the girls are occasionally wearing large bright green bows in their hair that are not appropriate for school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tuck Shop

We are grateful to parents supporting FoCHS's popular Ice Cream Fridays and Tuck Shop. However, please note that pupils attending after school clubs are not permitted to eat sweets or ice creams in the clubs.

Oak-Tree Challenge

After a very successful first year, the Oak-Tree Challenge Scheme for pupils from Year 4 upwards, is once again providing an incentive to participate in the huge variety of opportunities provided inside or outside school. The scheme runs throughout the year from the first day of term in September until the end of June.

The Oak-Tree Scheme is voluntary and pupil-initiated. Some challenges are achievable in school time, others are designed to be undertaken out of school with parental support. Throughout the nine challenges there is a mixture of skills and activities being assessed, including voluntary work and independent study.

For each stage there is a requirement for self-reflection that is intended to become more detailed as the children get older. Pupils can only progress to each next award once the previous one has been completed. Evidence of the successful completion of challenges will be recorded in a logbook that must be kept up-to-date and completed by the pupils themselves. The supervising teacher, parent or other adult should countersign the relevant journal entry to verify the contents

Bronze and Silver Award certificates will be presented in the final assemblies at the end of each academic year, and Gold Award certificates will be presented at each Speech Day and Prize Giving. All pupils who gain an award will also receive a pin badge to wear on their lapel. The Awards will be entered onto the pupils' permanent records and may be referred to in future references.

We hope that all children will choose to participate and enjoy the challenges and personal success that they will bring to them.

Change of Contact Details

Please inform the office if any of your contact details have changed so that we can contact you as necessary.

Website

Our website and app, including the School Calendar, are updated regularly. Do check it for the latest information. We tweet headline news several times each week so do look for us at @CoopersaleHSch.

Oak-Tree Fireworks – Sunday 10 November 2019

You have already received a letter about this lovely event, which is to be held from 4.30pm to 6.30pm in the Oaklands grounds. Tickets for this popular event in the Oak-Tree Group's calendar are available to families from all four schools. All profits from the evening will go back to the Parents' Associations, with the teams from the four schools joining together to help run the event.

Due to the enormous demand, tickets will only be available to purchase before the event. Ticket sales will be limited to around 1000. Tickets will cost £5 per child or £10 per adult with a discounted price of £25 for a family of two children and two adults. This includes a hot dog (meat or vegetarian), with additional treats for children. There will be opportunities to purchase mulled wine, beer, hot drinks and various children glow goodies during the evening.

Please note that your booking form and payment must be handed in by Wednesday 16 October 2019 to secure your attendance. Tickets will be issued during the week commencing Monday 4 November.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 1 October	Open Morning – All Parents Welcome – 9.15am-11.30am
Wednesday 2 October	Drop In Morning – Reception to Year 6 – All Parents Welcome – 8am-8.30am
Thursday 3 October	FOCHS AGM – All Parents Welcome – 8.45am-9.45am Claybury Cross Country – Years 5/6 by Invitation 3.30pm
Monday 7 October	Read, Write Ink Workshop for Reception Parents - 8.45am-9.15am
Tuesday 8 October	Year 6 Trip to St. Edmunds – Taster Morning – AM
Thursday 10 October	Claybury Cross Country – Years 5/6 by Invitation 3.30pm
Friday 11 October	Year 4B Class Assembly followed by coffee with Miss Lovejoy – 8.45am Forest Netball Tournament Years 5/6 by Invitation – AM/PM

Monday 14 October LAST GOLF LESSONS OF THE TERM

Wednesday 16 October House Cross Country Races – Years 2-6 Parents Invited – 1.45pm

Thursday 17 October ISA North London Swimming Gala @ Queenswood School
Years 4-6 by invitation

Friday 18 October Year 4L Class Assembly followed by coffee with Miss Lovejoy – 8.45am

**HALF TERM HOLIDAYS MONDAY 21 OCTOBER – FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER
BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER**

Wednesday 6 November Years 3/4 Football Tournament by Invitation @ Shooters North Weald

Friday 8 November FOCHS – Glow in the Dark Disco – Years 2-6 - 3.30pm-5pm

Sunday 10 November Remembrance Parade – Epping – Details to follow
Oak Tree Fireworks Display at Oaklands – 4.30pm-6.30pm
All Parents and Families Welcome

Monday 11 November Football Match 'A' Team @ Shooters North Weald 3.45pm K.O

Thursday 14 November Lower & Upper Kindergarten Parents Coffee Morning with
Miss Lovejoy & Mr Hagger 9am
Flu Jabs for the children – AM

Friday 15 November ISA Girls' Football Tournament Years 4-6 by Invitation

Tuesday 19 November Parents Evening for Parents of children in Reception to Year 6
3.30pm-7pm

Thursday 21 November Reception Parents Coffee Morning with Miss Lovejoy & Mr Hagger 9am
Parents Evening for Parents of children in Reception to Year 6
3.30pm-6pm
Year 6 Trip to Forest School to see The Tempest @2pm

Friday 22 November FOCHS Christmas Fayre – All Children & Parents are welcome
2.30pm-4.30pm

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Miss K Lovejoy
Headmistress

