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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

October was a very busy month for our pupils, as you will see by reading this newsletter. We have had some very good sporting achievements and excellent class assemblies.

We have a number of special activities leading up to Christmas, including Year 2 singing at the Epping Christmas market, plays from the younger children and our annual Junior Carol Service. Rehearsals and planning for all these various activities are well underway. FoCHS are also busy organising treats for the children with a special guest visitor, pantos and Gift Shop. Do check our website, app and dates list for information.

We have two Parent Evenings this term on 19 and 21 November. Our specialist subject teachers for Science, PE, Music, Computer and Junior French will also be available to speak to parents in the Studio. Our coffee mornings with Mr Hagger and myself will be starting on 14 November for Lower and Upper Kindergarten parents in the Studio. Do come along and share any thoughts you may have.

Kind regards

Kaye Lovejoy

A Musical Visit to the Barbican

On Monday 24 October Years 3-6 went to the Barbican to perform with and listen to the *London Symphonic Orchestra*. The theme for the event was Forests and Fairy tales and pupils have been learning one of the songs (Return Of The Erlking) in class. The children loved the opportunity to sing with such a famous orchestra. The LSO and presenter Rachel Leach guided the children through the enchanted woods of Eastern Europe and their tangled tales of wolves and witchcraft. They listened to 'Night on a Bare Mountain' by Mussorgsky, 'The Golden Spinning Wheel' by Antonin Dvorak, 'Peter and the Wolf' extracts by Sergei Prokofiev and 'Return of the Erlking' by Franz Schubert. What a fantastic experience!



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Upper Kindergarten Baker's 'Spooky Pumpkin'



All of the children in Upper Kindergarten Baker got into the Halloween spirit and helped to scoop the inside out of the pumpkin ready for decorating. It was very slimy and not everyone liked the smell!

They then took it in turns to hammer golf tees into the pumpkin and pull them out again, putting an old wax crayon into the hole. Everyone had lots of fun doing this, although it was a bit hard to always hit the tee. When everyone had a few turns,



the children sat back as Mrs Baker and Miss Carthy melted the crayons using a hairdryer.

There were lots of squeals of excitement as the crayons started to melt and make patterns down the pumpkin. The colourful pumpkin ended up looking very spooky and was ready for Halloween.

Science Awards	W/C 23.9.19	W/C 30.9.19	W/C 7.10.19	W/C 14.10.19
Year 1 Biddle	Saskia Beech	Ella Simons	Grayson Sheen	Eva Bhardwaj-Sharp
Year 1 Rooks	George Young	Luca Concadoro	India Bal	Richard Khan
Year 2 Allen	Simran Chahil	Henry Simons	Evie Bawcutt	Harry Parrington
Year 2 Burgess	Sophie Butler	Abigail Fleming	Milo Hunt	Elena Wiley
Year 2 Daly	Honor Bear	Ciaran Bick	Max Wetherell	Rauf Mushtaq
Year 3 Crick	Amelia Green	Lucas Carroll	Clara McHardy	Charlotte Korenkova
Year 3 Graves	Naya Soni	Delilah Cavendish	James Futter	Sofia Box
Year 4 Bull	Gemma Oliver	Oliver Biggs + Joseph Iles	Sienna Beech + Aruna Sanghera	Ewan Crawford
Year 4 Lane	Olivia Ling + Evie Shirley	Alina Law + Alexander Whitefield	Sophie Allen + Max Ling + Ethan Young	Niamh Barker + Olivia Cottrell
Year 5 Howard	Emily Sharp	Riya Soni	Sorrel Howard + Harry Biggs	Isabella Ward
Year 5 Newbigging	Stanley Wilson	Jessica Dunn	Mateus Box	Jack O'Malley
Year 6 Leeks	Benjamin Strong	Jonathan Edwards	Millie Whale	Francesca Faud



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Year 4B Step Back to the Stone Age



On Friday 11 October was 4B's class assembly. I was feeling very excited because I knew I was going to do well. When I got to class I felt a little tingle of fright down my spine. Then Mrs Redin told us to breathe in and out slowly and that made me feel better.

We walked over to the hall when everyone was changed. 4B hid behind the curtains trying to keep quiet (it was difficult with all our nerves and excitement). The curtains were pulled back and I was filled with joy to see my Mum and Dad watching me. I enjoyed singing the Stone Age songs and saying my lines. It was really funny when we made the sound effect at the end. Ewan's costume was great, he had a beard!



When we were finished, I felt very proud of myself and everyone in my class. **Oliver**

Wellies and Woodlands Club

Children from Year 1 and Year 2 have been enjoying exploring the wonderful woodlands within the school grounds during their weekly 'Wellies and Woodlands' club. They have had fun taking part in a variety of activities and challenges including looking at different types of trees and studying the shapes and textures of the leaves in order to identify and name them.



While looking at the variety of trees, they chose a special tree within the grounds to watch and observe during the Autumn Term and to detect its many changing features including colour, fruits and leaves.



The children have also enjoyed activities including leaf rubbing, sorting and grouping leaves, nature hunts and understanding natural and man-made materials within their environment.

Violin Lessons

Many children take music lessons at the school, such as flute, guitar, piano, recorder and saxophone. Resham from Year 1 has been working hard in her violin lessons recently and should be very proud of how well she is getting on.

Keep up the good work!





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Social Networking



Website

Go to the School Calendar page for upcoming events and our News page for all the latest news and lots more photos.



App

Keep up to date with the latest news, calendar dates, and much more by downloading the Coopersale Hall School App for your phone or tablet.



Instagram

Follow us on Instagram for regular photo updates! Search for **coopersalehsch** to find us, then click follow.



Twitter

Follow us @CoopersaleHSch on Twitter to get regular updates.



Facebook

Facebook is our newest form of Social Media. Like us on Facebook to get news, photos, events and updates posted straight to your newsfeed.

Claybury Cross Country League (Week 2)



On Thursday 3 October, Coopersale Hall Schools' Cross Country Team took part in the Claybury Cross Country League Week 2. It was a cool but dry evening, and our cross-country team were excited and ready for week two's races. The girls' race was first and almost everyone of our team improved their finishing positions compared to last week. Well done to Nia G (17) Chloe T (20) and Francesca F (24) our first three girls home.



The boys' race was no less exciting with us once again putting in some great performances. Well done to Oliver T (14), Ewan C (33) and Benjamin S (44) and our first boys to finish.

Mr Robinson would like to thank all of the pupils for their tremendous effort and commitment. Thank you also to all the parents who are turning up to cheer the team on.



St Edmund's Taster Day

On Tuesday 8 October Year 6L went to St. Edmund's College. We set off on the coach at around 8.30am. Forty minutes later we had arrived at the scenic gates of St. Edmund's. We walked through the front door and into the main hall where we met the person who gave us information and showed us where to go. We first learnt about the history of the school and about the martyrs and the saints who went there. The houses are named after the surnames of some of the famous people who went to this school. We then went through to the chapel, which had astonishing stained glass windows.



Our first lesson of the day was RE. We did a word search about the Good Samaritan and filled in the gaps on an ingredient sheet of how to make a good person. After that, we did games, which was gym. There were treadmills, places to do sit-ups and much more. Our teacher for this activity was Mr Plummer who was a former student of this school.

We then had a music lesson. The music room was stunning. We learnt different rhythms and sung some songs. At 12.30pm, we went down to lunch and had roast chicken, with a flapjack as dessert. The food was scrumptious and I finished it very quickly. After lunch, we had question and answer time. We learnt a lot about the homework, boarding and lessons.

Before we knew it, the class was on the coach and heading home. St. Edmund's is a great school and the rest of the class loved it.

Arthur

Practical Maths in Year 4



In a practical Maths session this term, Year 4 were practising their estimating and measuring skills. In pairs, they drew a plan of the playground and then estimated the distance across the length, width and around the perimeter.

They then used trundle wheels to check the accuracy of their estimations.

Working collaboratively with a partner was an important skill, as was careful measuring and counting.

It was a great learning experience to get out of the classroom for a while and apply Maths skills in a real world setting. Well done everyone for all your hard work.





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Merit Badges	30/9/19	07/10/19	14.10.19	4.11.19	11.11.19
Reception Gowland	Zaha	Harmonie	Edward	Sophie	Frederick
Reception Marks	-	Annie	Isla	Annie	Carter
Year 1 Biddle	Iman	Ella	George	Amari	Albie
Year 1 Rooks	Xander	Ralph + Resvam	Richard	India	Maria
Year 2 Allen	Georgina	Jack	Gregor	Sophie	George
Year 2 Burgess	Rauf	Gustav	Emre	Honor	Isla
Year 2 Daly	Henry	Liliana	Evie	Elizabeth	Jack B
Year 3 Cricks	Jessica	Ruby	Alexander	Dexter	Daniel
Year 3 Graves	Aiden	Anna	Jeff	Whole Class	Maxwell
Year 4 Bull	Sienna	Aruna	Whole Class	Ines	Gemma
Year 4 Lane	Annabel	Luke	Niamh	Whole Class	Evelyn
Year 5 Howard	Whole Class	Stanley	Felix	Benjamin +	Emily
Year 5 Newbigging	Kobi	-	Sorrel	Emilie	Harry
Year 6 Leeks	Nia	Rishi	Benjamin	Elara	Francesca

Charity Cake and Ice Cream Sale



Many congratulations to Jaspreet in Year 5 who organised a cake and ice cream sale in aid of Haven House Children's Hospice. Jaspreet had lots of customers and managed to raise £362.86.

Well done Jaspreet such a lovely idea to raise money for a very worthy cause.





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Visit to the Evergreen Centre in Pelly Court



On Thursday 26 September, Year 5 went to Pelly Court. It was quarter to one and we were all getting ready to hop on the minibus. When we arrived at our destination, we had to wait for the other class to get to Pelly Court before we could go into the Centre. When we were ready, we walked into the Evergreen Centre curiously because we were all excited to see what it would look like. There in front of us was a small hall with lots of elderly people sitting on chairs. Then Mrs Howard said, "Thank you for letting us come to visit and I hope you enjoy the singing and goody bags."

We started singing 'Harvest Rock and Roll' then our next song was 'Harvest Time'. I think the elderly really enjoyed our singing because after there was a huge round of applause. I then picked up a goody bag and walked over to a kind and smiley looking lady I gave her the goody bag and she was so pleased because it was her first year at the Evergreen Centre. She was so excited I could almost see bubbles bubbling up inside her as she looked into the Coopersale Hall bag. I talked to her for a while and after and she said thank you for talking to me I have really enjoyed it. After I talked to another lady called Margaret and found out she was an evacuee in World War 2. I had a great time at the Evergreen Centre. We then got back onto the minibus and came back to school. It was such a cool experience and I am definitely going back to visit.

Maria

On Thursday 26 September all of Year 5 visited the members of the Evergreen Centre. To start off we sang Harvest songs. The members were all enjoying it, some of them were even joining in! We bowed and they gave one huge round of applause. After we all chose one elder person to give a bag of food too. I gave my bag to a very polite man, he thanked me and started to ask some questions like "What are all those badges for?" and "Are you enjoying Year 5 so far?" I answered them, but his head was already in the bag, "Oh this looks tasty, yes my favourite!" He thanked me one last time and off I went.



It was now time for a little break, there was a big table full of Halloween sweets, chocolates, gummy bears and mini eggs. There was also a table full of drinks. Soon it was time to go, but luckily for us we will be coming back at Christmas time. On the minibus I sat next to Salome. Before I knew it we were back at school. What a quick journey and what an amazing day.

Emily

House Points Autumn Term	Beech	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Points	493	491	539	512
Position	3	4	1	2

It is a close one but keep it up Oak House!

Harlow Outdoor Pursuits

On Thursday 19 September Year 5 and 6 went to Harlow Outdoor Pursuits. It took about 15 minutes to get there. I was really excited because I went before and I really wanted to go again. When we got there the teachers told us what group we were in, I was in group 1 and some of my friend's where in my group and my Year 5 friends where in group 3 and 4. My first activity was Leap of Faith. I went 3rd. You have to climb up a wooden pole and when you get to the top there is a square and you stand on it, there is a pole and you have to grab it and then you let go and you fall. You have a harness and a helmet and a rope attached to you so you won't injure yourself. I did kayaking after lunch which was fun. Then we said goodbye to the people in Harlow outdoor pursuits and we went to the coach.

Harrison

On Thursday 19 September Year 5 and 6 went to Harlow Outdoor pursuits. The first thing we did was split up into groups. I was in group 3 with my best friends Emily and Sorrel. When we split up into our groups the first thing we did was canoeing. This was my favourite activity because I learnt how to steer a canoe and I also learnt how to work as a team. Canoeing was really fun. To start off with I didn't even know the difference between a canoe and a kayak, but now I know how to steer a canoe, thanks to our amazing instructors, Dan and Phil. At the beginning Emily, Sorrel and I were going in the wrong direction but at the end we were steering the canoe like we were experts. Dan and Phil were amazing instructors because they encouraged us to do our best and showed us that it may look hard but it really is easy if you persevere and keep trying.

After lunch the next activities we did were wall climbing and bouldering. The wall climbing was fun because I learnt how to pull the rope slowly when the person was climbing and make sure the rope was secure and not loose. I also managed to climb to the top which made me very happy because I could touch the roof of the very tall building and because I had achieved something I never thought I would achieve. After wall climbing we went bouldering. The bouldering was a bit scary because we didn't have harnesses but the structure was only a metre tall, so we knew we weren't going to fall very far and also there were crash mats underneath us. After some bouldering we played a game of shark attack. I got into the final round. We had a fabulous time at Harlow Outdoor Pursuits. We gathered all our belongings together and waved goodbye. I had a really fun time at Harlow Outdoor Pursuits and I am really looking forward to going back again in Year 6.

Jaspreet





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TRUST Assembly



The Reverend Lee Batson delivered a lively, action-packed assembly on TRUST on Tuesday 8 October. It was based on Abraham and the Reverend got everyone up to sing an action song. Emily-Rose and Felix then had to trust each other when being blindfolded and give each other instructions to go through an obstacle course.



The lesson behind this assembly was that Abraham trusted God; we have people in our lives who we trust.

U11 Girls Football Tournament



On Friday 18 October Coopersale Hall School attended the West Essex School Sport Partnership U11 Girls Football Tournament, in Chigwell. The girl's first match was against last year's tournament winners Buckhurst Hill. We made a great start to the match and led 2-1 at one stage before Buckhurst Hill battled back to win 4-2.

The girls continued to play brilliantly and won the next game against Epping Upland 5-0. They then

followed this up with a great and well-deserved win against a strong and confident Lambourne team 2-1. Mr Robinson would like to thank all at the girls for representing the school so wonderfully well done to Nia our captain who played brilliantly and our goalkeeper Isabella who made some great saves.



Keeping Safe on the Road

Year 3 Crick have demonstrated fantastic thinking skills in their most recent PSHE lesson. They were learning about keeping safe especially on the road. Alex's important message is always be alert and don't let anything distract you.



Charity Cake and Ice Cream Sale

Year 3 Graves have been learning about Ancient Egyptian society.



They have been learning about the different groups of people in society at that time and how important they were.

The children then set to work ordering groups onto their own Egyptian pyramid!

Well done Year 3.



Football League Match News

On Monday 11 November, Coopersale Hall School played a football league match against Dr. Walker's School. The match was played at the Shooters Football Centre in North Weald.

The first half was a very close and evenly contested match with our team taking a 2-1 lead into the half time break. In the second half a couple of quick goals saw, us relax a bit as a team and play some more fluent passing football. We won with a great result of 8-1. A fantastic start to the new league season.

Mr Robinson would like to thank all of the pupils for their hard work and determination. Also a big thank you to all the parents who turned up to watch.

Team: Benjamin S, Jonathan, Arthur, Alexander, Stanley, Benjamin F, and Jack.

Year 1 Tell the Time



In their Maths lesson Year 1 Biddle have been learning about time. We worked in small groups and individually to read o'clock, half past and quarter to.

Pupils in Year 1 Rooks have been recalling how to tell the time this week as well. To help consolidate their understanding, they made their own 'Natural' clock using pebbles for the clock face numbers and twigs for the clock hands. The children enjoyed showing the time on the

clock to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour.

The children also had fun playing an interactive game to read the time on a clock. Members of the class read out the time and pupils took turns to choose the correct clock face. We are now using our clock in the classroom to check the time during the day!





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Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

On Wednesday 6 November, Coopersale Hall School took part in the Year 3 & 4 Mixed Football Tournament held at Shooters Football Centre in North Weald. There was much excitement and anticipation as our team took to the field for their first game against Epping Primary's 'B' Team. We got off to a brilliant start winning this match 3-1. Our next game was against a very strong and well-organised White Bridge Primary School. We actually scored first and led for much of the game before conceding two quick goals at the end of the match, final score 2-1.



Our third match against Chigwell Primary School saw us play well and battle hard with many chances but we ended up losing 2-0. The last game in our group stage was against Staples Road Primary School; here we played brilliantly winning 1-0. We finished third in our group and went on to play two more very enjoyable and close matches that we just lost.

Mr Robinson would like to thank all of the pupils for their hard work and great attitude on the day. Two outstanding moments were Oliver T's nonstop running he covered every bit of the pitch in every match. Also, no one will forget our goalkeeper Kaiser who made a wonderful one handed save. Thank you also to all the parents who turned up to watch.

Oak-Tree Fireworks

The Oak-Tree Parents' Association Fireworks Display went off with a bang at the weekend with around 1000 people in attendance. There were numerous stalls and activities to keep the children entertained such as biscuit and mask decorating in the new Science room at Oaklands, lucky dip and hundreds of glowing toys. The hot mulled wine went down a treat with all the adults and the hot dogs and hot chocolate were loved by the children! Everyone also got to enjoy listening to some live music from the Normanhurst Band. The fireworks themselves were spectacular as always, and overall it was such a successful evening. A huge thank you to the four Parents' Associations for arranging and running such a popular event, and thank you also to everyone who came to support!





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FOCHS Update

FoCHS has had a busy start to the half-term with the **Glow in the Dark Disco** on Friday 8 November and the **Oak-Tree Fireworks Display** on Sunday 10 November. Great fun was had at both events and thank you to all the volunteers who helped make them such a success.



FoCHS iPad purchase - information session with Mrs Osborn—Friday 15 November at 9am

In addition to funding regular treats, such as the Christmas pantomime trips, FoCHS occasionally purchases items for the school such as the adventure playground and the outdoor classroom. We currently have a surplus and, following the lead of other parents' associations in the Oak-Tree Group, the intention is for us to use this money to purchase 34 iPads for the school in the new year.

Mrs Osborn will be in the studio at 9am on Friday 15 November to talk to parents about how the iPads will be used to enhance learning and to answer any questions. Please do come along to find out more. If you are unable to attend, but would like to ask a question, please get in touch (see below for how).

Christmas events

Back by popular demand is the **Christmas Fayre** on **22 November**, which we are able to host again this year thanks to an increase in volunteer numbers. We have several exciting, new stalls in addition to favourites such as tin can alley and the pocket money stall. We look forward to seeing you there.

A very **special visitor** and his **reindeer** return to Coopersale Hall School on **2 December** to meet all of the children and, on the same day, children will be able to visit the **Christmas gift shop** to buy presents for close family members.

If you would like to help run a stall at the Christmas Fayre or help at the Christmas gift shop, please get in touch.

We wrap up the festive season with the annual FoCHS **pantomime** treat on 5 December with trips to Harlow for Years 2-6 and visits from a drama group for Early Years and Year 1.

Nearly new uniform hut

The revamped nearly new uniform hut did a roaring trade in the first half of this term, raising nearly £500. As well as helping to fund FoCHS events, reducing landfill and saving parents money, donated uniform that cannot be used or sold is sent to school children in Nicaragua by the Peace and Hope Trust. During the half-term holiday Mrs Lane took 18 bags of uniform on the first part of the journey from Epping to Ross-on-Wye.

The nearly new hut is open every Wednesday from 3-4pm, weather permitting. If you are unable to visit at this time, you can find a request form on the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/school-uniform/>. You are welcome to drop off any donations to the hut on Wednesday afternoons or to the office at other times.

Many thanks for your support.

Tuck shop

Tuck shop will continue to run throughout this half-term, weather permitting, with some seasonal items for sale too so do remember your £1 on a Friday.



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FOCHS Update Continued.....

Raise money for FoCHS whilst doing your Christmas shopping

Sign up to easyfundraising and you can make a donation to FoCHS every time you shop online! Hundreds of retailers make donations and with Christmas around the corner, now is the perfect time to sign up: easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs



Get in touch

If you are interested in volunteering, have some ideas, or if you simply have a question, we'd love to hear from you. Here's how you can get in touch:

Each year group has at least one FoCHS rep. Just message your year WhatsApp group or stop them at pick up/drop off:

Lower Kindergarten - Nickie Futter

Upper Kindergarten - Susanne Wiegelmann

Reception - Nicola Wiley and Victoria Moyses

Year 1 - Siobham Puschmann

Year 2 - Sarah Cook

Year 3 - Nickie Futter and Jess Lancaster

Year 4 - Susan Tetherton

Year 5 - Lisa Sharp

Year 5 - Julia Drabwell

Year 6 - Julia Drabwell

You can also email us at FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk, drop a note in the FoCHS letterbox near the school office or speak to any members of the committee:

Susan Tetherton (Chair)

Sarah Cook

Victoria Moyses (Treasurer)

Linda Biggs

Kiran Arora (Secretary)

Lisa Sharp

Nickie Futter

Julia Drabwell

Simon Whale

You can also check out our new page on the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/parents-association/>

Do let us know what you think.

Thank you very much.