

# Coopersale Hall School

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## HEADMISTRESS

MISS KAYE LOVEJOY CERT.ED., B.ED. (HONS)

December 2019

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 Hansel and Gretel for the younger children in school and Jack and the Beanstalk at the Harlow Playhouse for Years 2-6.

Our first festive event was the Year 1 visit to Gunpowder Mills where they enjoyed a Victorian Christmas. All the children had a very exciting 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! Kindergarten classes will be enjoying some Christmas Craft sessions to which one adult per child is invited.

As you may know, we regularly visit Pelly Court, Ashlar House and Wensley House, local care homes. Year 5 entertained the residents of Pelly Court and Year 6 went to Wensley House last week. Year 4 also went on a Christmas visit to Ashlar House on 2 December to share some Christmas cheer with the residents and staff.

Our traditional school Christmas lunch is on Friday 6 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 (Please note that on Friday 6 December this will be before the performance in the Science Room). 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 St John's Church and singing at the Epping Christmas market at 4pm on 6 December. Do come along and support them. Our junior children will be performing at the St John's Christmas Tree Festival, on Saturday 7 December always a most entertaining event with a wonderful display of decorated Christmas trees from the many community organisations, including Coopersale Hall School.

I have invited Miss Moreen Barnard, who will be succeeding me as Headmistress from September 2020, to the Years 1 and 2 Christmas Play on Friday 6 December and also the Carol Service on Wednesday 11 December. Please do come and say hello. We will be arranging several more opportunities for you to meet her during the Spring Term, which will be announced in January.

### Carol Service/Nativity

I look forward to seeing many of you, who have children in Year 3 to Year 6, at the Carol Service/Nativity 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. Coffee and mince pies will be served before the service from 1.30pm.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 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.

## Staff News

Mrs Anna Doherty will be returning from maternity leave after Christmas. We are very grateful to Mr Rudy Clarke for stepping into the SENDCo role and we wish him well for the future.

## Parents' Mobile Phones

Whilst we would prefer parents not to use their mobile phones while at school, we recognise that this would be impossible to regulate and that many parents see their phones as essential means of communication at all times. We therefore ask that parents' usage of mobile phones whilst on the school site is courteous and appropriate to the school environment. We also allow parents to photograph or video school events such as shows or sports day using their mobile phones, but insist that parents do not publish images (eg on social networking sites) that include any children other than their own.

## Coffee Mornings

Matthew Hagger and I will be continuing our annual informal coffee mornings on Thursday mornings starting again on 9 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	09 January 2020	08.45-09.45
Year 4	16 January 2020	08.45-09.45
Year 5	30 January 2020	08.45-09.45
Year 6	06 February 2020	08.45-09.45

## Snow and Wintry Weather

Our aim is always to stay open even in snowy weather, unless there is a health and safety concern in doing so. The maintenance team arrive on site early to clear paths and to make the site safe, and an update will be posted on the website by 7am so that parents are informed about arrangements for the day.

## Forthcoming Events

### Tuesday 3 December

- **Early Years (Lower/Upper/Reception)** Christmas Concert 9.15am  
**Parents of Upper Kindergarten & Reception** are welcome to attend - Coffee/Mince Pies after in the studio with Miss Leeks
- Last Violin Lessons of the term
- Last lunchtime Rock Band of the term
- Last Netball of the term
- Last Tuesday Piano lessons of the term
- Last Wellies and Woodlands of the term
- No Chess Club finished last week
- No Football with Mr Grenfell finished last week
- No Speech & Drama finished last week
- **Year 4** Singing Carols @ Ashlar House, Epping – 2pm-3pm
- **Upper Kindergarten** Christmas Parties 1.30pm
- No Science club for **Year 2** finished last week

### Wednesday 4 December

- **Years 1 & 2** Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal 9.15am
- Grandparents ONLY from all class are welcome to attend
- Last Art club of the term
- Last Music lessons with Paul Bartels of the term

- Last Wednesday Sparks of the term
- Last lunchtime Recorder club of the term
- Last Tennis Club with David/Joy of the term
- Last Tennis Club with Mr Robinson of the term
- No Karate finished last week
- No Spanish finished last week
- Last Creative Writing at Coopersale
- Last Recorder club

#### Thursday 5 December

- FOCHS Panto Day
- **Lower & Upper Kindergarten** In-house Panto 9.15am
- **Reception & Year 1** In-house Panto & Workshop 10.00am
- **Years 2-6** Panto at Harlow Playhouse – leaving at 9am 10.15am
- **Year 2** Parents Coffee Morning with Miss Lovejoy & Mr Hagger 9.00am
- Last after school Rock Bank of the term
- Last Choir club of the term
- Last Fencing of the term
- Last Thursday Sparks of the term
- No Multi Sports finished last week
- No Science club with Mrs Carter finished last week
- No Speech & Drama finished last week

#### Friday 6 December

- **Upper Kindergarten Baker** Parents Christmas Craft Session 9-10am
- **Years 1 & 2** Christmas Play – All Parents Welcome. Coffee/Mince pies available in the science classroom from 9am-9.45am 10am
- School Christmas Lunch – Whole School
- Last Art club of the term
- Last Nifty Fingers of the term
- Last Orchestra of the term
- Last Street Dance of the term
- No Piano finished last week
- Last Tennis with David/Mrs Cambridge of the term
- No Yoga finished for the term last week
- **Year 2** visit to St. John's Church – Parents to collect from Church at 3.15pm
- **Year 2** children to be taken outside Costa to sing at Epping Christmas market 4pm

#### Saturday 7 December

- **Junior Children** Singing at St. Johns Church, Epping @ The Christmas Tree Festival 10.45am

#### Monday 9 December

- **NO CLUBS TAKING PLACE AFTER SCHOOL THIS WEEK**
- **Junior Children** Carol Service/Nativity dress rehearsal in the hall
- **Years 3 to 6** Christmas Parties (Bring Party clothes in named bag) 1.30pm

#### Tuesday 10 December

- **Upper Kindergarten Baker** Parents Christmas Craft Session 9-10am
- **Upper Kindergarten Cambridge** Parents Christmas Craft Session 9-10am
- **Upper Kindergarten Thomas** Parents Christmas Craft Session 9-10am
- **Junior Children** Carol Service/Nativity - Dress Rehearsal at St. John's Church - children will be brought back to school for normal collection time.
- **Reception Classes** Christmas Parties - Children can wear party clothes all day 1.30pm
- **Years 1 & 2** Christmas Parties – Children can wear party clothes all day 1.30pm

#### Wednesday 11 December

- **Junior Children** Carol Service/Nativity – St. John's Church Epping – Coffee/Minces pies 2pm

will be served from 1.30pm – All Parents Welcome

## **LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM 2019**

**Thursday 12 December**

- Wear A Christmas Jumper Day – **Whole School** - Bring a £1 Donation for “Samaritan’s Purse Charity”

## **SCHOOL FINISHING TIMES**

**11.30AM FOR EARLY YEARS (LOWER KINDERGARTEN – UPPER KINDERGARTEN – RECEPTION)**

**11.45AM FOR YEARS 1 & 2**

**12PM FOR YEARS 3-6**

## **FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM 2020**

**Tuesday 7 January**

- Chess club starts
- Speech & Drama starts
- Piano lessons start
- Rock Band at lunchtime starts

**Wednesday 8 January**

- Music lessons start with Paul Bartels
- Spanish starts
- Tennis starts with David/Joy
- Tennis starts with Mr Robinson
- Recorder club starts
- Karate club starts

**Thursday 9 January**

- **Year 3** Parents Coffee Morning with Miss Lovejoy and Mr Hagger 8.45am
- Fencing starts
- Speech & Drama starts
- Choir club starts at lunchtime
- Rock Band after school starts

**Friday 10 January**

- Yoga starts
- Piano lessons start
- Street Dance starts
- Swimming for **Years 3 & 4** starts
- Tennis starts with David/Mrs Cambridge
- Orchestra starts
- Violin starts

**Monday 13 January**

- Dance club starts
- Gym club starts
- Gym squad starts
- Singing Lessons start
- Monday Sparks starts

**Tuesday 14 January**

- Football starts with Mr Grenfell
- Netball starts
- Wellies and Woodlands starts

**Wednesday 15 January**

- Art club starts
- Wednesday Sparks starts

#### Thursday 16 January

- Multi Sports starts
- **Year 4** Coffee Morning with Miss Lovejoy & Mr Hagger 8.45am
- Thursday Sparks starts
- Science Club with Mrs Carter for **Year 4** starts

#### Friday 17 January

- Art club starts
- **Year 3G** Class Assembly followed by coffee with Miss Lovejoy 8.50am
- Nifty Fingers starts

#### Monday 20 January

- Science Club (Mad Science) starts for **Year 1** 3.20pm

#### Tuesday 21 January

- Science club (Mad Science) starts for **Year 2** 3.30pm

#### Monday 27 January

- Scottish Dancing Assembly - **Year 1** Parents Invited 8.50am

#### Thursday 30 January

- **Year 5** Coffee Morning with Miss Lovejoy & Mr Hagger 8.45am

#### Friday 31 January

- **Year 2D** Class Assembly followed by coffee with Miss Lovejoy 8.50am

With kind regards



Kaye Lovejoy  
Headmistress



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