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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

How quickly the end of term has arrived. My thanks to FOCHS, the staff and pupils who have helped with many festive events this year.

Congratulations to Darcy, winner of the Mayor's Christmas Card competition and to Charlotte K and Alice S who were runners-up.

Well done to Jaden, who won the Chess Club trophy this term in a closely fought match against Louis, last term's champion.

Wishing you all a Peaceful and Merry Christmas.

Kind regards

Kaye Lovejoy

Cooking Up a Feast in Reception

Both Reception classes have been very busy with lots of different cooking activities and have also been trying some new foods. The children learnt how to follow a recipe and worked in a team to mix all the ingredients together.



The new foods they tried included pomegranates and apple and honey as both of these foods are special for Jewish people during the festival of Rosh Hashanah (The Jewish New Year).



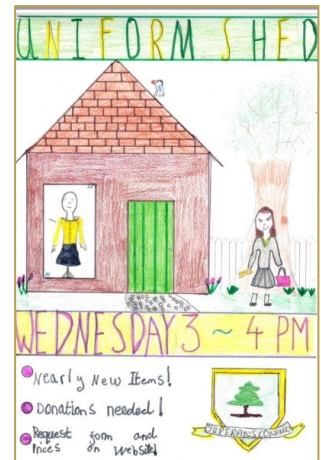
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FOCHS Second Hand Uniform Sales Poster Competition Winner

A HUGE well done to Evie in Year 4 who is the winner of the FOCHS Second Hand Uniform Sales Poster. A lot of work went into this fantastic design, it looks great!

The poster is now being displayed around the school to help parents find out more about how to buy and donate second hand uniform.

Many congratulations Evie.



Year 6 Visit Wensley House Care Home in Epping



"On Friday 29 November, some Year 5 and 6 children went to sing jolly Christmas songs to the residents of Wensley Care Home in Epping.

We sang some of the traditional songs such as 'Frosty the Snowman', 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer', 'Away in a Manger' and many more. When we sang we wore reindeer ears on our heads.



The people there smiled and clapped as we finished the songs. Afterwards we went to say hello and ask the elderly people questions. We were in groups of three, two and one to chat to the elderly residents before having refreshments. They gave us some Haribo sweets and a delicious chocolate reindeer.

We thanked them and left with a smile on our faces. What an exciting day!"

Alexa

A Historic TV News Bulletin from Year 5

Why DID the Mary Rose sink? Children presented their theories and findings, including an interview with an emotional Henry VIII (who was crying on the shoulder of his aide), to the rest of the class. What a fun way to learn about history.



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Everyone Loves a Baby

Early Years took part in a festive performance recently of 'Everyone Loves a Baby' for their family and friends. The Lower and Upper Kindergarten sang a variety of songs with jingle bells to accompany them. The audience's favourites were definitely 'Sleep Little Baby' and 'The Reindeer Dance'. Reception then followed by telling the Nativity story with some wonderful acting and confident singing! Well done to everyone who took part!



Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics Tournament



On Friday 29 November, Coopersale Hall School took part in The Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics Tournament, held at the Peter May Centre in Walthamstow. Our team competed in a wide range of athletic events which included standing long jump, standing triple jump, vertical jump, chest throw, javelin and speed bounce. After the field events, we ended the competition with a series of races. These were the obstacle race, under and over race and sprint relay races of different distances.

Our runners were amazing, winning many of the races. Well done to our team who finished second in the overall tournament. Mr Robinson would like to thank the children for their effort and determination.





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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.



YouTube

Subscribe to our YouTube account to watch some of pupils in action in class, during performances, at Sports Day and more.



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.

My Christmas Poem

Hang up your stocking
Have a mince pie
For Santa is coming
Be good, don't cry

Get out the biscuits
One, two, three
Wrap up the presents
One for you and me

Sleep tight now
Snuggle up in bed
Open your presents
Look, it's shiny and red

Decorate the Christmas tree
Every little bit
Hang a bauble there and
there
Make sure the candles are lit

Now it's Christmas Eve
Tomorrows the big day
Jump out of bed in the
morning
And then shout "Hooray"

By Riya

Merit Badges

	W/C 18.11.19	W/C 25.11.19	W/C 9/12/19
Reception Gowland	Whole Class	Delilah Dawson	Arlo Carroll
Reception Marks	Nicholas Benson	Abigail Wallin	Whole Class
Year 1 Biddle	Albie Stark	Isavella Mace	George Donovan
Year 1 Rooks	Rajan Dale	Oliver Benson	Florie Curtis-Allen
Year 2 Allen	Oscar De Conti	Blaise Murphy-Zaleska	Elena Wiley
Year 2 Burgess	Max Wetherell	Defne Kaya	River Corbett
Year 2 Daly	Thomas Fragos	Aimee Epstein	Harry Parrington
Year 3 Cricks	Francesca Lancaster	Clara McHardy	Ruby-Summer Jacobs
Year 3 Graves	James Futter	Sofia Box	Whole Class
Year 4 Bull	Ewan Crawford	Maiya Doyle	Oliver Biggs
Year 4 Lane	Sophie Allan	Alina Law	Olivia Ling & Alexander Whitefield
Year 5 Howard	Nathan Russell & Scarlett Wood	Salome Seyerle	Jack O'Malley & Maria Murphy-Zaleska
Year 5 Newbigging	Jaspreet Chahil	Darcy Reuben	Darcy Reuben
Year 6 Leeks	Louis Thornton	Hannah Cirsch	Whole Class

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Year 4 Visit to Ashlar House Epping



"Year 4 visited Ashlar House, a care home for the elderly. It was one of the most memorable experiences of my life. It was extraordinary to speak to a lady who is going to be 100 years old next year.

She really enjoyed our singing. I loved talking to her about her life. It is a

moment I will never forget."

Oliver



Year 5 Visit to Pelly Court Epping

"On Thursday 28 November, Year 5 went to Pelly Court to visit the Evergreen Club. We sang lots of different Christmas carols including 'Calypso Carol', 'Silent Night', and 'Light One Thousand Christmas Lights'. We all had a great time singing and talking to the elderly. Also, we had some treats at the end. I really enjoyed my time at Pelly Court."

Maria



Year 4 Art and DT

Year 4 have been using clay to form Christmas wreaths and Christmas plaques. They used several different techniques to form the shapes for their pieces of work, along with clay tools and cutters to make Christmas embellishments.



The second stage was to glaze their fired clay pieces ready for a second firing. All pupils took great care and worked hard. Well done, they looked great!





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Science Awards	W/C 18.11.19	W/C 25.11.19	W/C 02.12.19
Year 1 Biddle	Albie Morgan	Alex Puschmann	No Lesson KS1 Production
Year 1 Rooks	Florie Curtis-Allen	Resham Vadgama	No Lesson KS1 Production
Year 2 Allen	Alice Shaw	Tommy Fragos	No lesson School Pantomime trip
Year 2 Burgess	Oscar De Conti	George Edwards	No lesson School Pantomime trip
Year 2 Daly	Florence Morgan	River Corbett	No lesson School Pantomime trip
Year 3 Crick	Jessica Lavery	Ruby Smith	Ruby-Summer Jacobs
Year 3 Graves	James Futter & Evie Leighton	Jemima Andrews	Anna Soosai
Year 4 Bull	Chloe Tetherton	Ines Cordwell	Oliver Thornton
Year 4 Lane	Luke Gipson	Evie Shirley	Sophie Allan
Year 5 Howard	Neve Magill	Darcy Reuben	Kobi Cohen
Year 5 Newbigging	Scarlett Wood	Maria Murphy-Zaleska	No lesson KS2 Production rehearsal
Year 6 Leeks	Rishi Vijn	Alexa Stead	Arthur Drabwell

Year 2 to 6 Get Their Glow On



Nearly 120 children from Years 2-6 joined FOCHS for a Glow in the Dark disco this term. The hall was transformed for the event with neon balloons, signs and floor tape and the children had glow sticks and neon face paint. UV lights ensured everyone could get their glow on!

The DJ kept the tracks coming and had plenty of games lined up too. The

children had a brilliant time and both Miss Leeks and Miss Crick were spotted throwing a few moves on the dance floor. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it such a success.



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Advent Assembly by Rev. Batson

We welcomed Rev. Batson, from St. John's Church in Epping, into our assembly last week. He came in and spoke to the pupils about 'Advent', encouraging some pupils to take part.

Christians turn to Advent as a time of light and preparation. The four Sundays preceding Christmas, which is when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, are recognised for four virtues. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolise hope, love, joy and peace. The candles are lit in that order, beginning on the 26 November. Everyone really enjoyed the assembly.



Stars of the Epping Christmas Market



On Friday 6 December our Year 2 choir sang on stage at the Epping Christmas Market. The high street was packed with members of the local community, including plenty of Coopersale Hall families.



The choir sang a range of festive songs to help get everyone in the Christmas spirit including 'Silent Night'. They then finished off with a very energetic performance of 'Nazareth Hustle' from their recent production of 'Lights, Camel, Action 2!' which was a particular favourite! Well done Year 2!

Reception Arts and Crafts Session



The children have been taking part in lots of arts and crafts this Autumn Term. They have enjoyed making salt dough in the form of poppies for Remembrance Day and Christmas decoration stars which certainly look very festive.

The children also experimented with clay and learnt about the process of how it dries before it could be painted. The children love painting and experimenting with different colours and textures which made the lessons a very fun experience.

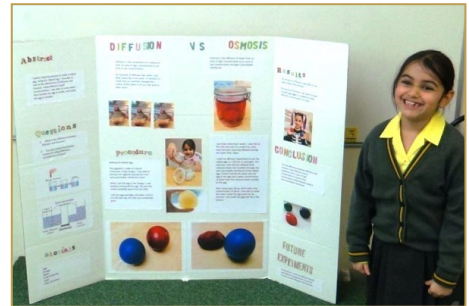


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Special Awards For Science Week

1B	Grayson
1R	Rajan
2D	Elizabeth
2A	Abigail
2B	Gustav
3C	Amelia
3G	Isabelle
4B	Sienna
4L	Louis
5N	Harry
5H	Salome
6L	Louis

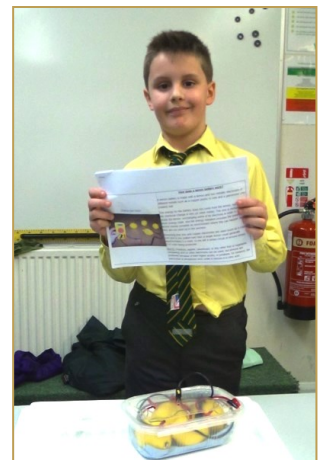
Once again we have had some wonderful projects and experiments prepared and presented by the pupils during Science Week this half term. We have seen a full array of presentations from demonstrations, posters, power points, models, and videos. All of these wonderful projects help to explain various science topics, such as chemical reactions, electricity, magnetism, insulation, forces, density, and plants and animals to name just a few.



It was great to see the enthusiasm of the pupils when they proudly presented their work to their peers, but also the excitement they showed when listening and watching all the fantastic displays, as well as discussing the topics afterwards.

Each pupil was awarded a certificate for contributing to the learning experience, but one pupil from each class was selected to be given the Special Science Week Award. This task was very hard to judge as all the pupils really worked hard and produced some excellent projects.

Congratulations to all pupils on such a successful and enjoyable Science Week.



House Points Autumn Term	Beech	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Points	890	842	926	940
Position	3rd	4th	2nd	1st

Well done to everyone in Willow - a fantastic achievement for the term.

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FOCHS Christmas Fayre 2019

Friday 22 November was the FOCHS Christmas Fayre, and as always it was a huge success! All afternoon the hall was packed with teachers, pupils, friends and family armed with their Coopersale Cash ready to spend on the many stalls and activities on offer. Stalls included making reindeer food, pin the nose on the reindeer, a photo booth with fun props, cupcake decorating, hook a duck, pocket money toys and lots more. A huge thanks to FOCHS for taking the time to arrange and run such a great event. The countdown to Christmas has really begun!



Christmas Craft Morning



In Upper Kindergarten everyone loved welcoming their families to make some crafts with them in class. They were very busy in 'Santa's Workshop' and had a lovely time making cards, decorations and presents!



Upper Kindergarten Baker's final craft activity of the year was to create table decorations for their families. They got an early start to their topic next term of 'Our Senses' as they used their senses to look at similarities and differences in the different types of greenery. The classroom smelled very Christmassy too!



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Guide the Way

Friends and family gathered at St John's Church in Epping during the last week of term to celebrate Christmas with a wonderful festive performance. 'Guide the Way' was written, composed and directed by our own Mr Reich-Storer. It followed the Nativity story with a fun and modern twist. The Junior pupils sang songs such as 'Shooting Stars' and a very energetic and entertaining 'Camel Fury'.



Christmas Jumper Day



The children had a very fun time on the last day of term all coming into school in their favourite Christmas jumper or outfit. We had some fantastic elves, Santa's, funky accessories and some fantastic jumpers. Everyone brought in a donation for the charity Samaritan's Purse, which will be very gratefully received. Thank you all for your donations.



Also on the last day of term, the school held a very special assembly, filled with performances and Christmas cheer. During the assembly, Annabel in Year 4 played beautifully on the piano for everyone which was lovely. The children also made their own Christingles for the occasion. Christingle is a candle-lit, festive celebration that's perfect for bringing families and communities together.



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An Action Packed Football Tournament for Our Girls

On Friday 15 November, the girls football team went to Barnet Power League to play a tournament. Year 6 had two groups of thirteen teams. We were in Group A. We won five games and drew one against St. Mary's. We scored 22 goals in total. Sadly, we lost on countback. We conceded six goals and St. Mary's conceded three. We came second in our group but as it was a festival, every team received a gold medal. I am very proud of our team performance we played some very tough teams but we didn't give up. Great teamwork.



Thank you to Mrs Lane for coaching and supporting us. **Nia**

The Years 4 & 5 team were at the same tournament. We played against Norfolk House, Oaklands, St. Mary's and Knightsbridge. The teams played very well and we tied 1-1 on our last game. Thank you to both Mrs Lane and Mrs Boulwood for coming and keeping us motivated all day.

Maria

Mrs Lane was extremely proud of all the girls they played brilliantly the whole way through. Special thanks to Nia who did not stop running.



Special Festive Visitors



On the morning of Monday 6 December, some very special visitors arrived at the school... Santa and his reindeers! Throughout the day, each year group had the chance to go and see Father Christmas and tell him what they want for Christmas.

They children were very excited when it was time to say hello to his real life reindeers and sit in the sleigh.



All the pupils then took a trip to the FOCHS gift shop where they could pick out the perfect Christmas present for their families. A huge thank you to the parents' association for arranging the day, everyone had a magical time!





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Thank You for Your Donations!

A BIG thank you to everyone who so kindly donated uniform, shoes, clothes and toys to the Peace and Hope charity. During half term we drove an absolutely fully packed van up to Ross-on-Wye where the Peace and Hope Trust have their warehouse. They were extremely grateful for our donations and will send them to Nicaragua in Central America where the people are desperate, they live off pickings from rubbish dumps! Peace and Hope send 6/7 containers full a year but it costs between £5000/6000 for each one.



Their warehouses contain clothes, medical aids, wheelchairs etc all of which have been discarded by us but are invaluable to someone out there. Could you imagine having a disabled or injured child and not being able to give them the equipment they need for life?

Peace and Hope kit out schools and hospitals in Nicaragua- if you know of hospitals who are replacing essential items (beds etc) on a large scale please get in touch with the Peace and Hope Trust and they will collect them if there are enough to fill their van. If you have smaller items Mrs Lane has kindly offered to deliver them in her car.

Remembrance Day Parade

On Sunday 10 November, pupils from Coopersale Hall School attended the annual Epping Remembrance Parade. The event included representatives from all the local societies, such as Guides, Rainbows and Cadet Forces. Benjamin, Head Boy, and Elara, Head Girl, with Millie, the Deputy Head Girl, had the honour of placing the wreath on behalf of Coopersale Hall School.



This is what some of the pupils had to say about attending the event:

"It was fun being in the parade."

"I was nervous about laying the wreath but it went well."

Mayor's Christmas Card Competition Winner

Many congratulations to Darcy in year 5 who won the Mayor's Christmas Card competition with her wonderful entry. Alice in Year 2 and Charlotte in Year 3 were runners up. Cllr Michael Wright, the Deputy Mayor of Epping attended the whole school assembly to surprise the winners. He told the school that he was very impressed by all of the entries and that winner Darcy had particular captured the festive spirit in her design.

Cllr Michael Wright presented the winners with a certificate and gift, as well as a copy of the final card that will be distributed in the local area this Christmas. Well done everyone!



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Wellies and Woodlands



It has been a very festive and fun time for the pupils of the Wellies and Woodlands club. They have kept busy making some lovely natural Christmas crafts using twigs and sticks collected from our local woodlands. They enjoyed creating some wonderful little Christmas tree and Rudolph Reindeer decorations, adding some festive, rustic charm to their homes over the holidays.

They also had a chance to look at their favourite tree within the school grounds and observed how it had changed during the Autumn term. They noticed how bare the tree now looked, exposing many of its branches with only a few leaves. They also commented on how the colours of the leaves had changed from glossy greens,

reds and oranges to tones of golds and honey browns.

The children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of outdoor activities during the Autumn term and have all demonstrated a very caring, positive and enthusiastic approach to nature. Well done everybody!

A very happy Christmas from all the pupils of the Wellies and Woodlands club!



Oak-Tree Football and Netball Tournament 2019



Year 5 and 6 braved the wet and cold weather on the football pitches at the Peter May Centre for a series of competitive matches. Each school had the chance to play each other a couple of times, working on their passing, tackling and marking skills, making use of the space around them effectively. Well done to all those that took part, and also to the parents who came to support!

What an afternoon our year 5 and 6 girls had during the Netball Tournament.

Children from all four Oak-Tree schools gathered together at Peter May Sports Centre to play some competitive netball matches!

All schools worked extremely hard and the team work was fantastic! Well done to everyone who took part, putting the skills they have been learning in PE to good use. A huge CONGRATULATIONS goes to Coopersale Hall for being the overall winner of the netball.



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Year 1 Visit Royal Gunpowder Mills



Pupils in Year 1 enjoyed a fun day out at The Royal Gunpowder Mills celebrating 'A Victorian Christmas.' During the day they took part in a range of creative activities including screen printing Christmas cards, creating a Victorian



decoration, learning about Victorian Christmas feasts and enjoyed taking part in a range of fun Christmas parlour games including Blind Man's Bluff and Hide The Thimble.

Epping Christmas Tree Festival



Coopersale Hall Junior children sang their hearts out surrounded by Christmas trees on Saturday 7 December at the annual St John's Christmas Tree Festival. It was lovely to see so many children and parents. The children sang a compilation of carols and fun songs.



Families then admired the beautiful trees including the Coopersale Tree, which this year was decorated as 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night'.

Working Hard in Reception



words on their magnetic boards.

Mathematics is taught in an active and creative way in Reception. The children are taught new concepts and have fun using a range of different resources. Everyone should be very proud of the hard work they have put in this term!

Throughout the school the children enjoy reading buddies. The Year 4 children come and read with the Reception children. This has boosted the children's confidence and also encouraged the children to read more.

The children have also been enjoying the Read Write Inc scheme. They love writing in their books and spelling new





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FOCHS Update

Poster competition

Congratulations to Evie in Year 4L who won the competition to design a poster for our nearly new uniform hut. We had lots of excellent entries from across the different year groups – thank you very much – and you may have seen Evie's poster and some of the other entries displayed around the school.

The Nearly New Hut is shut during the darker months but if you do require any uniform, you can find a request form on the school website here: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/school-uniform/> and donations can continue to be dropped off in the office.



iPads

Mrs Osborn and Miss Lovejoy joined us on 16 November to share knowledge and experience of how iPads are being used at other Oak-Tree schools. It was a helpful and informative session and a summary of the discussion was emailed to all parents at the end of November.

If FOCHS does go ahead with the gift of iPads, the school would take responsibility for implementation (including upgrading the internet provision and wifi access points across the school and staff training), on-going maintenance and software/ app purchases etc.

Mrs Osborn has offered an additional session for parents on **Thursday 16 January at 6pm** if you would like to learn more or ask any questions.

FOCHS Steering Meeting

On **Thursday 6 February**, please join us in the studio after drop off to brainstorm ideas for what FOCHS could do for our children. We exist to enrich every child's experience at school and we'd love to hear your thoughts on what we should keep doing, what we should change and what new things we could try.

Easy Fundraising

Sign up to easyfundraising and you can make a donation to FOCHS every time you shop online, at no extra charge. Hundreds of retailers make donations and with Christmas around the corner, now is the perfect time to sign up: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs>

New PA system

FOCHS recently gifted the school 80% of the money required for a new PA system with the remaining 20% being provided by the school. The PA system had its first outings at the Christmas events and the hope is that it will enable events to run more smoothly with better sound quality, and so be more enjoyable for pupils and parents alike.

Christmas Events

The Christmas Fayre on 22 November was very well received. The staggered entrance times for children meant that neither the hall nor the car park became overcrowded and, by forgoing the external stalls this year we were able to focus on more fun activities for the children. Reindeer food making, cupcake decorating, glitter tattoos and the photo booth all proved very popular and the expertly compiled playlists by Harry in Year 5N helped get everyone in a festive mood.





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FOCHS Update Continued...



It took a large number of volunteers to make it happen, so a big thank you to them for their ideas and time. As always, if you would like to get involved in a FOCHS event or have some ideas, do get in touch.

As a final FOCHS treat of the year, Years 2-6 went to the pantomime to see Cinderella. Oh no they didn't! They went to see Jack and the Beanstalk. They had a great day. Early Years and Year 1 didn't miss out and had the pleasure of a production at school, delivered by an external drama group.

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. 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 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.

After all that, the FOCHS elves are now off for a much-needed rest over the Christmas period and will be back with more in the New Year. Merry Christmas.