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Dear Parents

A Personal Message from Miss Lovejoy

As we are not having our usual Prize Giving and Celebration of the Year, I thought I would just write a few words to all the children, parents and staff of Coopersale Hall School.

I have been teaching for 43 years. When I began the world was a very different place. No one worried about risk assessments, the National Curriculum was in its infancy and Ofsted was unheard of. I have had experience in both day and boarding schools, specialising in teaching English, History and Geography to 9-13 years olds and preparing children for 13+ and 11+ independent school exams. By the time I had finished my first Headship, I like to think that I had mastered the art of juggling and spinning the myriad of jobs that go with being Head, as well as teaching half a timetable, without the need of a dark room in which to recover!

I joined Coopersale Hall in January 2011 in the midst of what as one of the coldest, snowiest winters for a long time, but the warm reception from everyone at the school soon helped me to settle into my new role. Coopersale Hall came with many advantages, not the least being a car park and a spacious office! It also offered the support of being in the Oak-Tree Group of schools. I should like to thank all the team at HQ, my fellow Heads for all their help, advice and companionship, and in particular, Matthew Hagger for all his support over the last ten years. A special thank you to all the staff who have been with me on my journey as Head, you have been amazing, dedicated and hard working.

During my time at Coopersale Hall I became a member of the Independent Schools Association (ISA), becoming the London North Area Co-ordinator and a member of the Executive. I was able to represent the ISA on the Independent Schools Council Child Welfare Committee. I was also accepted by the Independent Schools Inspectorate to inspect schools for Educational Quality and Regulatory Compliance. All of these were not only beneficial for my own experience but also to Coopersale Hall.

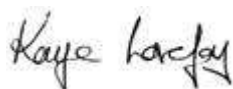
Many of you have asked what I shall be doing when I retire. Firstly, I plan to have some time to relax, read, play badminton, go on walks and visit friends. I hope to continue as an ISI inspector as well. I am also a trustee of the ISA Deakin Trust that supports children in need, in ISA schools. I have been made an Honorary Member of the ISA so I shall be able to continue my association with independent education. I suspect that the time will go faster than I would like!

What will I not miss? Emails - so many that are not from parents but from companies trying to sell their goods; getting up to go to school when the weather is icy and snowy; checking reports (sorry staff!) and new Education Secretaries with their own education agendas creating yet more and often unnecessary paperwork!

I will take away many fond memories from Coopersale Hall, from the little Upper Kindergarten child stroking my shiny shoe and foot when I first popped in to see them to the delight of children achieving things that they hitherto had thought impossible, and the sheer pleasure on their teachers' faces too; the endeavour and determination of children at Sports Day to finish their race, no matter whether they were first or last; the amazing musical performances. I will miss the children, their smiles, spontaneous hugs and cheery waves but most of all I shall miss the kinship and comradery of the school as a whole.

I wish you all much success and happiness for the future as Coopersale Hall enters the next phase in its life. May it go from strength to strength.

With warmest wishes



Kaye Lovejoy
Headmistress

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