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Dear Parents

Re: **November Headmistress's Letter**

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and are looking forward to the forthcoming few weeks until Christmas.

Winter Uniform Reminders

We take great care to maintain high standards of uniform and presentation at school, and as we return to wintery weather, I would like to remind you of the school's uniform expectations. From November, all pupils should be wearing the winter uniform. Pupils from Reception class upwards are expected to wear the regulation school coat purchased from the uniform shop; please do not wear alternative coats.

Cold weather accessories: the school woollen hat and scarf available from the uniform suppliers should be worn. No pupils should wear coloured or patterned hats, gloves or scarves. Boots are not a part of school uniform in any part of the school, including the Early Years classes, so please make sure that pupils have sturdy black school shoes through the winter. When it snows, pupils may wear boots to and from school but will need to wear shoes on site and in the buildings.

All pupils from Reception are expected to wear the official school blazer. Please see the full list of the expected uniform: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/school-uniform/>

All pupils will continue to wear the full PE kit on the days they have PE.

Christmas Card Competition

Miss Smith, our new Art Coordinator, will be holding a Christmas card design competition to be the official school Christmas card. We will be welcoming entries from pupils of any age. Please encourage your sons and daughters to take part by designing and submitting an original design by Friday 6 November for judging.

Armistice Day and the Poppy Appeal

Every year we remember those who gave their lives in battle during WW1 by supporting the Poppy Day appeal. Remembrance Poppies will still be on sale in school in a safe way. I will be helping some of our Year 6 prefects to sell the poppies and other memorabilia at the front of the school every morning. We ask that children bring in the correct amount of money if they wish to buy an item. Money will be dropped in a collection box so that we do not handle it. The prefects will hand over the item selected by children so that we limit the amount of children touching the items. If needed, I will organise an orderly line to make sure we maintain appropriate social distancing.

We will hold a minute's silence on Wednesday 11 November in our classrooms.

Celebrating Christmas Together

December is usually very busy with a number of seasonal festivities. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we will not be hosting many of the activities that our children will be used to. We are, however, in the process of recording a virtual Christmas concert that we will share with all of the families to watch with your children.

FOCHS have been busy thinking of ways to make Christmas special in a Covid-friendly way. My thanks to all their members for all their enthusiasm and hard work. They have arranged some of the usual Christmas activities including a visit from Santa and a Christmas Gift shop. More information will follow shortly.

Holiday Requests

May I respectfully remind parents that we have more than enough allocated holiday for our families to enjoy time together. It is very important for your children's learning that they attend school and do not go on family holidays during term time – especially given the constant threat of lockdowns and bubbles self-isolating. Our teachers spend a lot of time planning a full curriculum to deliver to your children, which includes assessments towards the end of the term. If you take your children out of school, they do miss learning and it is difficult for teachers to find time for your child to complete those assessments and not miss out on learning again.

Virtual Coffee Morning/Afternoon Meetings

Although I would like to meet parents face to face for the popular coffee meetings, the current restrictions will not permit that. We are therefore going to hold the coffee meetings virtually. Mr Hagger, Mrs Osborn and I are very much looking forward to discussing the school and your thoughts during these meetings.

More information will be sent out closer to the time, but please see the dates for your diaries further down the letter.

As always, if you have any questions you would like to raise with the school, please contact your child's class teacher, a member of the Leadership Team or telephone the school office to arrange an appointment. We are always happy to meet with you.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 6 November

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| Yoga on | 7.45 to 8.30am |
| Art Club finishing at 5pm (For the rest of the term) | 3.30 to 5pm |

Tuesday 10 November

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| Parents of Lower & Upper Kindergarten Children - Virtual Coffee Meeting With Mr Hagger, Miss Barnard and Mrs Osborn. | 1pm to 1.45pm |
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Monday 16 November

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| Parents' Evening for Lower & Upper Kindergarten Parents | 3.15 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Reception Parents | 3.15 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 2 Parents | 3.30 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 3 Parents | 3.45 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 5N Parents | 3.45 to 6pm |

Tuesday 17 November

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| Parents of Reception Children - Virtual Coffee Meeting With Mr Hagger, Miss Barnard and Mrs Osborn | 1pm to 1.45pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 1 Parents | 3.30 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 4 Parents | 3.45 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 5L Parents | 3.45 to 6pm |

Wednesday 18 November

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| Parents' Evening for Lower & Upper Kindergarten Parents | 3.15 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Reception Parents | 3.15 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 2 Parents | 3.30 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 3 Parents | 3.45 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 5N Parents | 3.45 to 6pm |

Thursday 19 November

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| Parents' Evening for Year 1 Parents | 3.30 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 4 Parents | 3.30 to 6pm |
| Parents' Evening for Year 5L Parents | 3.45 to 6pm |

Monday 23 November

Parents' Evening for Year 6 Parents

3.45 to 6pm

Tuesday 24 November

Parents of Year 1 & Year 2 Children - Virtual Coffee Meeting

With Mr Hagger, Miss Barnard and Mrs Osborn

1pm to 1.45pm

Parents' Evening for Year 6 Parents

3.45 to 6pm

I hope to see you at some point during morning drop offs and I wish you and your children a happy and productive second half of term.

With my very best wishes

Yours sincerely



Moreen Barnard
Headmistress



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