

Coopersale Hall School

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Dear Parents

Re: April Head's Letter

We are looking forward to welcoming our families back for the Summer Term. I hope you enjoyed your Easter break with the gradual lifting of restrictions and the good news about reducing infection rates in Epping Forest. We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term with your children. You have already received an update from Mr Hagger about arrangements for the return to school. Please note that we will be continuing to follow the same procedures on the school site that were in place during the Spring Term.

Start to the day

Arrival in the morning for pupils not attending Breakfast club is between 8.25-8.40am this term. May I remind families to not send their children in any earlier. Morning clubs and meetings will start back up after Easter, therefore the teachers may not be available to supervise their classes before 8.25am.

Bubbles

We will continue to run year group bubbles to minimise the impact if anyone within a bubble tests positive for Covid-19.

Lunches

With the weather hopefully improving over the summer term, we are going to introduce a weekly picnic lunch for Years 1-6. We will also have a lunch rota in place that allows some more time in the hall for the children to enjoy eating their hot lunch. We will continue to monitor the lunchtimes as the term progresses, and make any further adjustments as needed.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

As I explained in the March Headmistress's letter, we are running all of the planned clubs this term. There will be certain restrictions and guidelines we need to adhere to, so each of the clubs have now been sent an individual email to outline the arrangements that will be in place this term to ensure that the clubs are delivered in a COVID-safe way. If you have not yet received one of these emails, contact the school office.

Uniform Reminders

As you already know, all pupils return in their full summer uniform this week, including blazers. The uniform shop is well stocked and open once again to supply families, as well as operating their online service.

Pupils will continue to wear PE kit on the days when they have PE or attending an after school club.

Sex and Relationship Education Parent Consultation

In September 2020 the Government introduced some changes to the ways all schools, state and independent, should teach the aspect of the curriculum called 'Sex and Relationships Education'. These are statutory changes that all schools need to introduce from the Summer term 2021.

In order to meet these curriculum requirements, we have a new PSHE resource called 'Jigsaw', which we have been using in lessons. We would like to invite parents to hear more about the changes and to see the resources that we are planning to use for the Relationships Education in the Summer term.

There will be a parent consultation meeting, hosted by Mrs Osborn and me, for all families with children in Year 1-6 on Thursday 22 April at 5.00pm via Zoom. Please click on the link below to join that meeting.

Topic: SRE Parent Consultation Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://zoom.us/j/96154928113?pwd=OEEvdXcwSTk4a1k2U29IMWNnRUtBZz09</u> Meeting ID: 961 5492 8113 Passcode: Coopersale

The PSHE and Sex and Relationships Education policies have been updated to reflect the new guidance and can be found on the website or by following this link: <u>https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/policies/</u>.

Staffing

The Coopersale Hall caretaker, Eddie Boyle, will be retiring at the end of April. We are thankful for all Eddie has done for Coopersale Hall since he joined us. Not only has he looked after the large school site, but he has also developed positive and friendly relationships with many parents and children at Coopersale Hall. We wish Eddie and his wife a very happy and restful retirement. Our current Assistant Caretaker, Tony Armstrong, will be taking over as Site Manager and we are currently recruiting an assistant to join him.

Class Photographs

Bentley Photographic will be taking class photographs and the year 6 fun photo on Friday 25 June. Weather permitting, they will be taken outside, or alternatively, in the school hall. The photographs will be available for parents to order before the end of term. These photos provide a special memento of the year for the children and their families.

Summer Term Events

Normally the list of dates included in this Head's letter at this time of year is huge, including trips, sports days, productions and the Celebration of the Year and Prize Giving. Although we are currently unable to organise mass gatherings on the school site, we are planning to hold a number of smaller scale events for the children, albeit in a different format, so that we can celebrate and share their achievements.

More information about these will follow prior to the May half term holiday.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 20 April 2021 – FIRST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM

Piano lessons start (During School) Speech & Drama starts (During School) Football club starts (After School)

Wednesday 21 April

Art club starts (After School) Karate club starts (After School) Music lessons start with Mr Bartels (During School) Rounder's club Starts (After School) Spanish club Starts (After School) Tennis with Mr Watson/Mrs Cambridge starts (After School)

Thursday 22 April

Fencing club starts (After School) Multi Sports starts (After School) Rock Band Starts – Year 6 only (After School) Science club starts – Year 6 only (After School) Speech & Drama starts (During School) Tennis with Mr Robinson starts (After School) Friday 23 April Art club starts (After School) Piano Lessons start (During School) Street Dance starts (After School) Tennis with Mr Watson/Mrs Cambridge starts (After School) Yoga starts (Before School)

Monday 26 April

Dance Club starts (During School) Early Years Reception Yoga starts (After School) Early Years Upper Kindergarten Yoga starts (After School) Singing Lessons Start this week via Zoom Sparks Club starts (Before School) Violin Lessons start (During School) Golf Starts (After School) Gym club starts (After School) Bikeability Year 6 Group 1 starts (During School)

Tuesday 27 April Bikeability Year 6 Group 1 continues (During School)

Wednesday 28 April Sparks club starts (Before School) Bikeability Year 6 Group 2 starts (During School)

Thursday 29 April Bikeabillity Year 6 Group 2 continues (During School)

Friday 30 April Sparks club starts (Before School)

Kind regards and best wishes for a safe and happy term.

Yours sincerely

Moreen Barnard Headmistress



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