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Dear Parents

Re: June 2021 Headmistress's Letter

It has been lovely to have all of the children back in school for the first half of the summer term. I have enjoyed walking around and seeing our children excited about their learning and participating enthusiastically.

Following the latest Government update, we are now able to share some dates and events with you.

Class Photos

We were not able to take any class photos at the end of last year. Fortunately, we can now invite our photographers back into school. They are booked to come on Monday 5 July for the class photos. The office will send out another reminder closer to the time. In the meantime, may I remind families to ensure that the children are in their full summer school uniform, including a blazer, on the day.

If your child is in LKG or UKG and does not usually attend school on Mondays, please feel free to bring them to have their photo taken with their class. The teachers will talk to you about the timings nearer the day.

End-of-Year Events

As you can imagine, I am excited to welcome our families back into school at the end of the summer term after a year of virtual interaction, if the Government plans are confirmed on Monday 21 June. I would never have thought that my first year at Coopersale Hall School would involve me meeting parents mostly on Zoom and policing facemasks and social distancing, rather than spending time with parents on site as I had hoped to do.

End-of-Year Celebrations

We will be inviting families in for an end-of-year celebration assembly on the terrace for each year group:

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| • Upper Kindergarten Dawson | Wednesday 23 June at 9.00am. |
| • Reception Gowland | Wednesday 23 June at 10.30am. |
| • All of Year 2 | Wednesday 23 June at 2.00pm. |
| • Upper Kindergarten Cambridge | Friday 25 June at 9.00am. |
| • Reception Smith | Friday 25 June at 10.30am. |
| • All of Year 3 | Friday 25 June at 2.00pm. |
| • Upper Kindergarten Thomas | Wednesday 30 June at 9.00am. |
| • Reception Marks | Wednesday 30 June at 10.30am. |
| • All of Year 4 | Wednesday 30 June at 2.00pm. |
| • All of Lower Kindergarten | Thursday 1 July at 9.00am. |
| • All of Year 1 | Thursday 1 July at 10.30am. |
| • All of Year 5 | Thursday 1 July at 2.00pm. |

Up to two members of each family are invited to join us on the terrace lawn outside the hall to celebrate the end of the year. Please bring along a camping chair or a picnic blanket. If the weather is not favourable for an outdoor event, we will aim to move the event into the hall.

All of the assemblies will be recorded for our families and shared afterwards. The end-of-year celebration assemblies will last for approximately 30 minutes. The running time for Years 5 and 6 will be longer.

Sports Day 2021

We will have our annual Sports Day Thursday 8 July on the field. It is still our aim to welcome parents to attend, but of course this depends on the Department for Education clearing such larger events in conjunction with the Government's planned exit from lockdown on 21 June 2021. I will be writing nearer the time with the arrangements and timetable for the day.

Year 6 Activities

Mrs Howard has been working hard to organise an excellent activities programme for our Year 6 leavers. Alongside a number of special trips, Year 6 will also continue their weekly swimming lessons for the remainder of the half term.

The activities programme includes the following:

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| • Stubbers Adventure Centre (Paddleboarding and sailing) | Tuesday 15 June |
| • Fairlop Waters (Aqua bounce and picnic) | Monday 21 June |
| • Sleepover and BBQ in the school hall | Friday 25 June to Saturday 26 June |
| • Harlow Outdoor Pursuit (Kayak and wall climbing) | Monday 28 June |
| • Year 6 End-of-Year Celebration (including parents) | Friday 9 July |

Sex and Relationship Education (RSE) for Years 1-6

Thank you to all the families who attended the SRE Parent Consultation with Mrs Osborn and Miss Barnard. All parents were sent the materials after the meeting and are already aware that SRE is taught through our PSHE curriculum. Following on from the meeting, all the year groups will receive an overview of the topics that will be taught next half term. We hope that this will help you to prepare for any questions your children might have or to open a conversation at home.

Face coverings

As per Mr Hagger's previous email, may I remind all parents to wear a face-covering as soon as you leave your car during drop-off and pick up. Unfortunately, over the last few weeks, more and more parents are not wearing a face-covering which is putting staff in the awkward position of having to remind them to do so.

Staffing News

After joining Coopersale Hall School in September 1999, Mrs Lane is retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs Lane has given remarkable service to the school during her 22 years at Coopersale Hall and, as well as class teaching, she will leave a legacy of brilliant gymnasts, excellent results on the sports field and beautiful art. Mrs Lane will continue to reside in the local area and she will be back with us from time to time as a volunteer. She also hopes to become a globetrotter as soon as the international borders open up.

Mrs Daly joined Coopersale Hall School in September 2007 and will be leaving at the end of the academic year to work part-time in local schools so that she has more flexibility to look after her aging parents. We are very grateful for everything Mrs Daly has contributed in her many years at Coopersale Hall. Her classes have benefitted from her breadth of knowledge and experience, including her love of textiles which has enabled them to create beautiful artwork.

Miss Dawson has been part of the Coopersale Hall family since September 2012. Miss Dawson has made the very exciting decision to follow her dream of becoming a full-time yoga teacher and so her role at school is changing. From September she will no longer be a key worker in Upper Kindergarten but will be a yoga and fitness instructor for children in the Early Years.

I wish all three of those members of staff well and want to thank them for all of their hard work, especially during the Covid pandemic since March 2020.

Forthcoming Events

Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021 – Half Term Holidays

Monday 7 June – Back to School

Friday 11 June –**Year 6** Swimming

Tuesday 15 June –**Year 6** Stubbers Trip

Friday 18 June –**Year 6** Swimming

Monday 21 June –**Year 6** Fairlop Waters Trip

Wednesday 23 June

- **Upper Kindergarten Dawson** End of Year Celebration – 9am (including parents)
- **Reception Gowland** End of Year Celebration – 10.30am (including parents)
- **All of Year 2** End of Year Celebration – 2pm (including parents)

Friday 25 June

- **Upper Kindergarten Cambridge** End of Year Celebration – 9am (including parents)
- **Reception Smith** End of Year Celebration – 10.30am (including parents)
- **All of Year 3** End of Year Celebration – 2pm (including parents)
- **Year 6** Swimming
- **Year 6** BBQ and Sleepover in the school hall

Monday 28 June – **Year 6** Harlow Outdoor Pursuit Trip

Wednesday 30 June

- **Upper Kindergarten Thomas** End of Year Celebration – 9am (including parents)
- **Reception Groman-Marks** End of Year Celebration – 10.30am (including parents)
- **All of Year 4** End of Year Celebration – 2pm (including parents)

Thursday 1 July

- **Lower Kindergarten** End of Year Celebration – 9am (including parents)
- **All of Year 1** End of Year Celebration -- 10.30am (including parents)
- **All of Year 5** End of Year Celebration – 2pm (including parents)

Please note: All Kindergarten End of Year Celebrations are open to all children regardless of what days they normally attend. Please liaise directly with your class teacher regarding timings.

Friday 2 July

- **Year 6** Swimming
- **Whole School** Moving up Day

Monday 5 July

- **All Classes: Lower Kindergarten to Year 6** School Photographs
- **Year 6** Leavers Photographs

Wednesday 7 July

- **Reception to Year 6:** School reports published
- **Lower and Upper Kindergarten** Evidence Me reports published

Thursday 8 July Whole School Sports Day – details to follow after half-term

Friday 9 July – End of Summer Term 2021

- **Year 6** Leavers' Celebration at 9.30am (Including Parents)

End-of-Term Finishing Times:

- **Year 6 – 10.30am**
- **Early Years – 11.30am**
- **Year 1 & 2 – 11.45am**
- **Years 3 to 5 – 12 Noon**

Monday 6 September – FIRST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM 2021

I hope you are able to get a break over half term, and I look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 7 June for the last few weeks of the academic year.

Kind regards and best wishes

Yours sincerely



Moreen Barnard
Headmistress



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