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Dear Parents

Re: July 2021 Headmistress's Letter

In my final Headmistress's letter of the year, the first thing I want to do is thank all of our families for your support since September. Your support and understanding have made it far easier for us to navigate through a tricky year. Thank you!

I also wanted to thank all of the staff in school for their hard work and commitment this year. The maintenance team, the lunchtime supervisors, office staff, kitchen staff, support staff and teachers have all had to rethink everything we do to keep our children safe and happy. I am proud of what we achieved during such a difficult time.

PE Kits

After the success of having the children come to school in their PE kits on PE days, we have decided to trial continuing this arrangement in September. When we start the new academic year, children should come to school in their PE kits and stay in their PE kits on the days they have PE, unless there is a special event taking place during the day such as open mornings or school photographs, when parents will be advised in advance.

This is not the case for extra-curricular clubs. Children need to wear their full school uniform and change into PE kits after school on the days when they have a sports club.

Earrings

I want to thank parents for supporting us with our earrings policy this term. The policy had been in place at Coopersale Hall for some time, but had not been fully implemented previously. We have now reviewed the earrings policy across the Oak-Tree Group and made the decision that we will trial allowing **Year 6 only** to wear a plain stud earring in each ear to school on the days they don't have PE.

Earrings must be a small plain gold or silver stud. No other earrings will be allowed. It is important that parents realise that members of staff are not permitted to assist the pupils with the removal of earrings and the school can take no responsibility for any earrings that are brought on site.

No other year groups will be allowed to wear earrings in school, in line with the clear guidance provided by Essex County Council's Health & Safety Team. There used to be a practice of taping over earrings in some schools, but this was recently withdrawn and is no longer permitted.

May I therefore encourage any families who are considering ear piercing to use the long summer holiday so that ears are pierced early enough to allow the earrings to be removed by the time we return to school in September. There is usually a period of six weeks in which the earrings should remain in place after piercing. As no other year groups apart from Year 6 will be allowed to wear earrings after the summer break, please plan accordingly.

Pencil Cases and Equipment from Year 3

Pupils may bring their own small, plain pencil case into school from Year 3 upwards. The pencil case should fit easily into their school bag and be without any embellishments. Once a pupil has received their pen licence, we ask parents to buy Frixion blue erasable pens for their children to use in school. These pens are inexpensive and widely available online and in store.

Pupils might also like to have pencils, colouring pencils, a small ruler, eraser or highlighter. Pupils should not bring mathematical equipment including pairs of compasses into school nor pointed scissors.

Wellbeing and Learning Ideas for the Summer Holidays

Everyone has worked very hard this year in school and deserves to have time away from screens and school work over the summer. However, if families are looking for some optional activities to support their children's wellbeing or to provide some consolidation and enrichment over the summer break, the Government has provided some useful resources for families to access.

- For children in Kindergarten or Reception: <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/#3>
- For children in Year 1 – Year 6: <https://www.thenational.academy/enrichment>
- For older children: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/summer-learning-support>

FOCHS

I have enjoyed working with FOCHS this year and I can see what an incredibly strong team of volunteers we have. They have done a brilliant job working within the many COVID related lots of constraints. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank them for all their support and initiatives during this year as they have tried to provide those extra treats for the children despite the long list of restrictions.

Your Generosity

On behalf of the staff, please allow me to say a massive thank you for all your generosity towards the teachers in school. It is humbling to see the exchange of gifts, which the staff really appreciate.

Farewells to Staff

Having joined Coopersale Hall in September 1999, Mrs Lane is retiring at the end of the school year, after contributing tirelessly to the school for 22 years. Alongside her excellent classroom teaching, Mrs Lane leaves a legacy of her brilliant gymnasts, excellent results on the sports field and beautiful art work.

Mrs Daly joined Coopersale Hall in September 2007 and will be leaving at the end of the academic year to have more flexibility to look after her parents by working part-time in local schools. We thank her for all she has done for the children over that time.

Miss Dawson has been at Coopersale Hall since September 2012. From September, she will be following her dream of becoming a full-time yoga teacher. We are therefore saying goodbye to Miss Dawson as a key worker in Upper Kindergarten, but will be welcoming her back as a yoga and fitness instructor. Miss Dawson will continue to provide yoga lessons after school for our younger students, as well as run fitness and wellbeing lessons for all of our Early Years children.

Miss Carthy will be leaving us at the end of term to work in her family business from September. We are very grateful for her contribution to school since she joined the staff in 2017, initially as the Breakfast Club coordinator before training to be an Early Years Key Worker.

Last Day of Term

Just a reminder that the last day of term is Friday 9 July. We will have our normal pick-up times for a final day:

- **Early Years** to be picked up at 11:30
- **Years 1 and 2** at 11:45
- **Years 3 to 6** at 12:00.

We will send any older siblings to be ready for your youngest child's pick-up time.

First Day of Term

Staff will return to school on Thursday 2 July for two training days. The children return to school on Monday 6 September. The doors will open at 8:25 am for the children to go to their classrooms and begin their morning activities.

Complaints

As you are aware, we have an open door policy throughout the school and we make every effort to respond quickly to any queries or concerns you may have. I thought you might like to know that over the course of the last academic year we had one formal complaint, which was resolved quickly and to the satisfaction of all parties.

Forthcoming Events

Monday 6 September - Return to School - Autumn Term 2021

Singing lessons start - Years 2 to 6	School Hours/Lunchtime
Golf club starts - Years 3 to 6	3.30-5pm
Hama Beads club starts - Years 1 & 2	3.20pm to 4.20pm
Lego club starts - Years 3 to 6	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Mindful Mondays club starts - Years 3 to 6	1pm to 1.30pm
Netball club starts - Years 3 to 6	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Sparks starts - Years 1 & 2 By Invitation	8.20am to 8.40am
Violin lessons start - Years 1 to 6	School Hours/Lunchtime
Cookery club starts - Years 3 to 6	3.45pm to 4.45pm
Wellies & Woodlands club starts - Upper Kindergarten & Reception	3.15pm to 4pm

Tuesday 7 September

Film club starts - Years 3 to 6	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Football club starts - Years 3 to 6	3.40pm to 4.40pm
Piano lessons start - Years 2 to 6	School Hours/Lunchtime
Recorder club starts - Years 1 & 2	Lunchtime
Speech & Drama starts - Years 2 to 6	Lunchtime
Touch Typing starts - Years 3 to 6	Lunchtime
Yoga club starts - Upper Kindergarten & Reception	3pm to 3.30pm
Yoga club starts - Years 1 & 2	3.35pm to 4.15pm
Chess club starts - Years 3 to 6	1pm to 1.30pm

Wednesday 8 September

Hama Beads starts - Years 3 to 6	Lunchtime
Karate starts – Group 1 - Years 1 & 2	3.15pm to 4.00pm
Karate starts – Group 2 - Years 3 to 6	4.05pm to 5.05pm
Music Lessons with Mr Bartels - Years 2 to 6	School Hours/Lunchtime
Pottery/Sculpture club starts - Years 3 to 6	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Rock Band starts - Years 3 & 4	Lunchtime
Running club starts - Years 3 to 6	Lunchtime
Spanish club starts - Years Reception & Year 1	3.25pm to 3.55pm
Spanish club starts - Years 2 & 3	4pm to 4.30pm
Spanish club starts - Years 4 to 6	4.35pm to 5.05pm
Sparks starts - Years 3 & 4 By Invitation	8.20am to 8.40am
Tennis starts with Mr Watson & Mrs Cambridge - Reception to Year 2	3.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 9 September

Summit Rock Adventure Camp - Year 3 @ Oaklands School	All Day
Art club starts - Years 3 to 6	3.30pm to 4.45pm
Art club starts - Years 1 & 2	3.20pm to 4.20pm
Fencing starts - Reception to Year 2	3.10pm – 4pm
Fencing starts - Years 3 to 6	4.10pm to 5pm
Multi Sports starts - Reception to Year 2	3.10pm to 4.10pm
Nessy Fingers starts - Years 2 to 6 By Invitation	8.20am to 8.40am
Rock Band starts - Years 5 & 6	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Science club starts - Year 3 Only	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Speech & Drama starts - Years 2 to 6	Lunchtime
Tennis starts with Mr Robinson - Years 4 to 6	3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday 10 September

Summit Rock Adventure Camp - **Year 3** @ Oaklands School
Computing & Coding starts - **Years 3 to 6**
Piano lessons start - **Years 2 to 6**
Sign Language - **Years 3 to 6**
Sparks starts - **Years 5 & 6 By Invitation**
Street Dance starts - Group 1 - **Years 1 & 2**
Street Dance starts - Group 2 - **Years 3 & 4**
Tennis starts with Mr Watson & Mrs Cambridge - **Reception to Year 2**
Tennis starts with Mr Watson & Mrs Cambridge - **Year 3 only**

All Day
Lunchtime
School Hours/Lunchtime
Lunchtime
8.20am to 8.40am
3.30pm to 4.15pm
4.20pm to 5.05pm
3.15pm to 4.15pm
3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday 17 September

Whole School Photo – School Lawn – **Lower Kindergarten to Year 6**

8.30am

Monday 27 September

Children's Individual Photos – **Lower Kindergarten to Year 6**

8.30am to 11.30am

May I wish you all a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6 September 2021 for the start of the Autumn Term.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



Moreen Barnard
Headmistress



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