



# Coopersale Hall School

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## HEADMISTRESS

Miss Moreen Barnard B.SC. (HONS), B.ED.

1 December 2021

Dear Parents

### Re: December 2021 Headmistress's Letter

How quickly this term has passed! We welcomed many new children into the school in September and I am happy to see how well they have done in their first term, there is much to celebrate in the pupils' achievements in class, and lots to praise in their successes beyond the classroom.

### Parent Coffee Mornings

We have had several very informative and helpful Parent Coffee Mornings this term. Thank you to all who were able to attend; your ideas are invaluable to us for our forward planning.

### Christmas Events

The coming weeks are certainly going to be busy with our various Christmas Concerts taking place. The Kindergarten, Reception and Year 1 & 2 performances will be recorded and the DVDs available to purchase, a lovely reminder of some very special occasions. Upper Kindergarten will be having their Christmas Craft Sessions - Year 3 will be visiting St John's Church to see the Christmas Tree Festival - Years 3 to 6 will be singing at St John's Church, always a most entertaining event with a wonderful display of decorated Christmas trees from the many community organisations, including Coopersale Hall School.

A special thank you to FOCHS who have been working tirelessly to produce so many enjoyable festive activities, including pantomimes, a virtual Christmas shop and a visit from Santa and his reindeers.

### Christmas Carol Service

I look forward to seeing many of you, who have children in Years 3 to Year 6, at the Carol Service at St John's Church on 9 December at 2pm. The staff have worked hard to prepare the children for what promises to be a lovely occasion. I have had the pleasure of listening to the singing rehearsals and the children sound superb. All parents, and families are welcome to join us for the Carol Service, and it will be lovely to share this festive event with you. The pupils will be reading, performing and taking us through the Christmas story.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Monday 13 December, all children are invited to pay a pound and wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school in aid of Haven House and to celebrate the end of term and the beginning of the festive holidays.

### Staff News

Miss Surtees has decided to take up an exciting new role from January 2022 at a school in Singapore. This will provide her with the opportunity to relocate abroad while teaching in a school that uses the British curriculum. I know you will join us in thanking Miss Surtees for her hard work and dedication in Year 2 and to wish her well when she moves at the end of this Autumn Term.

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Michele Zylstra to take over the class from the start of the Spring Term 2022. Mrs Zylstra is an extremely experienced teacher who spent many years as an Assistant Head at Elmhurst Primary School in Forest Gate before joining Essex Primary School in East Ham as Deputy Head. Essex Primary School is an Ofsted-rated 'Outstanding' school for some 1000 children. Mrs Zylstra is looking forward to working with her new class.

## Festive Wellbeing

The festive period can bring immense joy when we reunite with family and connect with relatives and friends. It can often be an exhausting for young people as their normal routine is disrupted (for pleasant reasons). I have included a link to a website that provides some helpful tips to support children's wellbeing over the busy festive period: <https://happiful.com/6-ways-to-support-childrens-mental-health-this-winter/>

## Forthcoming Events

### Monday 29 November – Friday 3 December

All Clubs finish this week with the exception of Speech & Drama, Music Lessons (Mr Bartels) and Violin, which will finish the following week.

Our Christmas Events letter, which details the many Christmas events, will be sent out to you again with all the relevant dates, times, and information you need for all the Christmas Activities. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### Thursday 2 December

Coffee Morning for **Year 3 Parents** with Mr Hagger/Mrs Osborn/Miss Barnard 8.45am-10am

### Thursday 9 December

Coffee Morning for **Year 2 Parents** with Mr Hagger/Mrs Osborn/Miss Barnard 8.45am-10am

### Wednesday 15 December – Last Day of Term

#### Timings for the end of term:

11.30am for **Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and Reception Children**

11.45am for **Years 1 & 2 Children**

12pm for **Years 3 to 6 Children**

### Thursday 6 January 2022 – First Day of Spring Term 2022

### Monday 10 January – Friday 14 January

All Clubs starts this week.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions you wish to discuss, please contact your child's class teacher or telephone/email the school office to arrange an appointment with me or a member of the leadership team.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Moreen Barnard  
Headmistress



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