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HEADMISTRESS

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1 February 2022

Dear Parents

Re: February 2022 Headmistress's Letter

We have had a busy, but enjoyable start to the Spring Term and February brings a host of different events and activities to look forward to. Do check our website for all the latest news and pictures.

Coffee Mornings

Thank you to all those of you who were able to join Mr Hagger, Mrs Osborn and me at one of our coffee mornings in January. We value your comments and have been delighted with the positive feedback and useful suggestions.

Safer Internet Day 8 February

Tuesday 8 February is Safer Internet Day. In computing lessons, for that week, the children will be completing various activities to remind them of the importance of responsible and respectful internet use. They will be discussing and writing internet rules to raise awareness of how to stay safe, designing posters and leaflets to promote internet safety and discussing who they need to talk to if anything worries them online. Parents may like to discuss these issues with their children following the lessons.

Attendance Rate

I appreciate that sometimes, due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, a pupil may miss school, but on each occasion there is an impact on learning and progress. Our school target is 95% attendance where possible. This is because pupils with an attendance rate of 95% are statistically more likely to achieve good outcomes at the end of their schooling.

Being in school and having continuity is important for the children if they are to realise their potential and achieve all of which they are capable. As a school, we monitor attendance to ensure all children attend school regularly. Like all schools, Coopersale Hall has a duty to inform the local authority if children do not attend school regularly and are missing out on access to full time education.

Please would you avoid booking holidays during term time. I have noticed an increase in the number of requests for absence due to a family holiday. These can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, so please book any trips for the school holidays.

Year 6

Our Year 6 children have been working extremely hard; the majority of them have sat challenging entrance examinations for various senior independent schools throughout January. They are a credit to Coopersale Hall and to you, their parents: we are very proud of them. We are all be waiting with baited breath for the results. A full list of the results will be published on our website when all senior schools have released them.

Snow

Hopefully, we are past the worst of winter weather but should there be a snowfall, the following applies: our 'Blue Team' work hard to keep the lane clear and we try to keep the disruption to the children's education to a minimum, parents should check the website for updates and announcements in the event of heavy snow. We will also aim to text parents by 7.15am.

The Listening Ear

Mrs Doherty has been talking to the children in assembly about a new school initiative: The Listening Ear. We are very lucky to have several members of staff across the school who are trained Mental Health First Aiders and they will be available at certain break and lunch times to meet with any children who may have worries or concerns which they would like to speak about. If the children would like a chat with one of our Listening Ears, they can fill in a slip in class and place it in our special new post box. If you would like any further information, please do contact Mrs Doherty and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Oak-Tree E-Safety Workshops 3 March

On 3 March, The Oak-Tree Group have organised e-safety workshops for pupils from Year 3 to Year 6. The staff will also have their own workshop to be able to support your child through the ever changing world of the internet. The day is run by two ex-police officers, known as 'The Two Johns', who have worked with CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) and within the police service. This is an incredibly useful and eye-opening support for parents. More details will follow in a separate communication.

Summer Ball 2022

Plans are in hand for the Oak-Tree Ball in the Summer Term. Head Office has booked The Prince Regent Hotel in Chigwell on Saturday 18 June 2022 from 7pm until 1am, so do save the date! The Ball will have a 1920s Great Gatsby theme and will be open to parents and friends of the four schools. Mr Hagger will write in due course with further details.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 2 February

ISA Netball Tournament **Years 5 and 6 By Invitation** at Redbridge Sports Centre 10am - 3.30pm

Thursday 3 February

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

Year 3 Trip to Epping Forest Museum for History Workshop 9.30am - 3pm

Friday 4 February

FOCHS Mini Magic Show for **All Reception Children** - School Hall 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Monday 7 February

Oak-Tree Tag Rugby Competition **Years 5 and 6 By Invitation** at Eton Manor
Rugby Club TBC

Epping & Ongar District 5-A Side Football **Years 5 and 6 By Invitation** at Shooters North
Weald 3.15pm - 4.45pm

Thursday 10 February

Sun Trap Residential Trip - Waltham Abbey - **Year 4** all day
ISA Boys Football Competition **Years 5 and 6 By Invitation** at Power League Barnet 10am - 3pm

Friday 11 February

Sun Trap Residential Trip Waltham Abbey - **Year 4** all day

Half Term Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February

Monday 28 February

Oak-Tree Swimming Gala Years **Years 4 to 6 By Invitation** at Loughton Leisure Centre 10am - 11.30am

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.

I wish you all a happy half-term holiday when it eventually comes.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Moreen Barnard
Headmistress



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