

## December 2022



### Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a lovely range of festive events and celebrations over the last two weeks of term, culminating in a delicious Christmas lunch and a Christmas party for the children. There has been a sense of awe and wonder in our Christmas celebrations, from the Early Years children's joy at the arrival of the 'elf on the shelf' in a Christmas stocking, to the thought provoking and reflective re-telling of the Christmas Story in our Nativity performances and Carol Service.

Of course, much learning has also been taking place and the older children have sat their 11+ exams. With some fantastic results achieved already.

The articles in this newsletter give you an indication of some of the opportunities the pupils have enjoyed over the last three weeks. Enjoy reading them.

May I wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas, and a restful holiday. I look forward to welcoming back all the pupils on Tuesday 10 January, to begin an exciting new term together.

With all good wishes for the New Year.

Miss Barnard

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## Lower Kindergarten Visit Loughton Library

Lower Kindergarten had lots of fun listening to stories and exploring the sensory area at Loughton Library. Both their teachers and the library staff noted their excellent behaviour!



## Christmas Card Competition

Well done to all of our Christmas Card Competition winners - 1st place Jesse –2nd place Carter and 3rd place Florence. Many congratulations also to Woolfe, Joseph and Defne for receiving a highly commended work certificate.



## Christmas Winners 2022

We had a wonderful assembly celebrating our Christmas prize and raffle winners. Many congratulations to them all.



Science Awards	W/C 14.11.22	W/C 21.11.22	W/C 28.11.22	W/C 5.12.22
Reception GM	Alfie	John	Carlo	Camille
Reception S	Emmie	Caitlin	Lavinia	Yarema
Reception G	Lorenzo	Siena	Louis Mo	Louis Mi
Year 1 C	Harry	Arthur and Grace	Louise	Charlotte
Year 1 H	Jenson	Blake and Ivy	Not awarded	Isabella
Year 2 B	Grace and Luke	Penelope	Oliver	Roshni
Year 2 V	Verity and Woolfe	Frey	Samuil	Isla
Year 3 B	Edward	Lilly	Robyn	Abigail
Year 3 C	Marnie	Annie	Beatrice	Ralph
Year 4 G	George	Henry	Arran	Not awarded
Year 4 H				
Year 5 G	Abigail	Aimee	Not awarded	Oscar and Elena
Year 5 N				
Year 6 B	Clara and Evie	Ruby-Summer, Daniel and Stanley	Andres	Delilah
Year 6 Z				

## Letters to Father Christmas in UKF

With the help of the Year 6 prefects, Upper Kindergarten took the long walk down the hill to the post box to post their letters to Santa. All the children have been very good this year and are hoping for a reply from Father Christmas himself!





## House Cross Country 2022

We recently held a very successful House Cross Country event for Junior pupils. There were 8 races in total, with boys and girls from each year group competing in a race. The children were encouraged to pace themselves as they lapped the field, and to race their own race. As long as they crossed the finish line, they earned points for their team.

The results were so close this year, but when the points were added up, it was announced that Chestnut House were the overall winners! Well done Chestnut!

We are so proud of our pupils for showing such team spirit, cheering on their team mates, and making sure that everyone crossed the finish line.



## Year 4 Girls Football

On Thursday 24 November, all of the Year 4 girls played 6 matches against other schools. They were resilient and showed a wonderful attitude and sportsmanship. Here are some of the comments the girls have made when reflecting on their football experience:

"We had a great time and we came third out of 25 schools!"

"Although we lost some matches, we won 3 and stayed positive!"

"We did some amazing dives to block the goal!"



## Football Mania at Coopersale Hall

We raised £203.75 for the Children's Ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.





## ISA Swimming Gala

Arriving at school for an early departure, Years 4, 5 and 6 went to the ISA Swimming Gala on Friday 18 November, held at Southbury Road Leisure Centre.

The squad members were:

- Year 4: Arty (4H), India (4H), Xander, (4H) and Iman (4G).
- Year 5: Elena (5G), Gregor (5G), Poppy (5N) and Tommy (5N).
- Year 6: Francesca (6B), Alexander (6B), Jessica (6B) and Maxwell (6Z).

Each race was 50 meters and we all swam to the best of our ability.

India in 4H won a medal for her fantastic front crawl.

We all had a great competitive day.

*By Jessica and Francesca in 6B*



## Tag Rugby Competition

The Year 5 Tag Rugby Team were delighted to take part in the West Essex School Sports Partnership Tournament on Friday 25 November, at Davenant School in Loughton. It was lovely that so many schools within the area came together to enjoy mixed Tag Rugby.

**The team from Coopersale Hall School were:**

**5G – Lewis, Jack, Gregor, Oscar, Sophie, Florence**

**5N – Donald, Emre, Poppy, Blaise**

These are Poppy's thoughts on the day:

"When we arrived, we enjoyed doing our warm-up and drill moves on the grass in the sunshine. We worked hard together to keep our formation and warming-up to catch the rugby ball.

The first game was tough, but we soldiered on even though we lost. We had masses of energy for the second game against Ivy Chimneys C which we lost by just 1 point! Our last game was against St Andrews's B which we were thrilled to win especially as we felt they were one of the fastest teams in the tournament. We had a great day and really enjoyed the atmosphere and the experience of playing in a mixed tournament."



## Stir Up Sunday

Year 5 have been thinking about the Christmas Story and some of the traditions that surround the season.

One activity they decided to try out for themselves was Stir Up Sunday. This is traditionally the last Sunday before Advent when families get together to make a Christmas Pudding. Everyone takes part and takes a turn to stir up the ingredients. As they do, they each make a wish or a prayer for the coming year.

Stirring a pudding sounds like a great reason for calling it Stir Up Sunday. However, the name stems from a prayer that is said in church on that day:

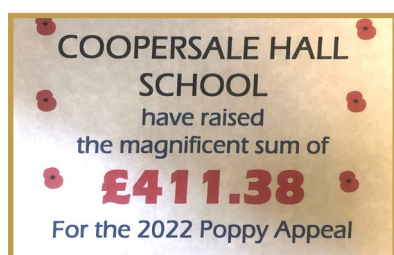
“Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people”.

Each class gathered around a table to work together to make a Christmas Sponge Pudding. This is a little lighter than a traditional Christmas Pudding, and is quicker to cook.

The children took turns measuring out the ingredients, and stirring them all together. The mixture was spooned into individual pie dishes, and cooked in the school kitchen so that each child had their own pudding to take home and try.

We know the mixture tasted good before it was cooked, by way of a few licked fingers and the gorgeous smell. We await the feedback after the children have tried them at home!

Thank you to Mrs Graves for the idea and the planning. And we have to give a HUGE thank you to Vicky, our Kitchen Manager, who provided the ingredients and cooked the puddings in the school steamer.



## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to every who made a donation to our recent Poppy Appeal we raised a massive £411.38 all for a very worthy cause. Thank you again.



## House Points

House Points Autumn Term	Beech	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Points	4611	5130	5054	4600
Position	3rd	1st	2nd	4th



## Christmas Tree Festival St. John's Church Epping

On Saturday 3 December Coopersale Hall Choir had the wonderful opportunity to sing in Epping for their day of festive fun.

The morning started bright and early with the choir singing in St John's Church for their Christmas Tree Festival. The church was sparkling with tinsel and fairy lights as the children sang some wonderful Christmas favourites, including 'Away in a Manger' and 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree.'

After exploring the Christmas Tree Festival, having a festive snack in the Church and looking around the craft stalls, the choir then met up outside Costa Coffee to sing once again, this time in the open air of the high street. The children sang beautifully and were great ambassadors for our school. What a lovely way to start off the festive season.



## Visiting Local Care Homes at Christmastime

On Monday 5 December, the children in Year 5 enjoyed visiting the local care homes, Wensley House and Ashlar House, both in the Epping area.

The children were welcomed into the homes and enjoyed singing Christmas carols to the residents. They also took time to talk to these older members of our community, handing out Christmas cards that they had made.

Tommy in 5N felt that it was a lovely experience, not just for Year 5 but also for the elderly people because they sang Christmas songs and some of them got up to enjoy a little dance!

Defne in 5G went to sing carols at Wensley House. "The songs we sang were 'Winter Wonderland', 'Jingle Bells' and many more. At the end we did asked the residents what they would like to hear again and they asked for Winter Wonderland. At the end we gave out cards that we had made in school. I really enjoyed singing to the residents in the home."

A wonderful message was passed along to the school from Ashlar House:

'She emailed me to thank me very much as the residents really enjoyed the singing today. She said the children were delightful and her husband is sadly bed-ridden and the children even sang to him in his room and he loved it.'



## Coopersale Hall School Becomes Part Of The Queen's Green Canopy

The Eco Council, with support from the School Council, Year 6 pupils and lead by Amelia Green the Head of the Eco Council, helped in the planting of trees donated by The Woodland Trust. The children enjoyed planting 30 saplings, including Wild Cherry, Rowan and Silver Birch with the help from the Deputy Mayor of Epping.

The planting of the trees will count towards The Queen's Green Canopy, an initiative that marks The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II. The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites everyone across the UK to plant trees. Following the death of Her Majesty The Queen, and the wishes of His Majesty The King, the initiative will give people the opportunity to plant trees in memoriam to honour The Queen. The Queen's Green Canopy will create a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen's service and the legacy she has built. This will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

The Eco Council and children choose a tree sampling to be named after them and were given the responsibility to plant and nurture it.



## Reception Go On The Hunt For Minibeasts

The children in Reception enjoyed their school trip to The Hive in Epping Forest on Friday 25 November. It was a beautiful sunny autumn morning. The group leaders at The Hive lead the children on a walk through the forest, to splash in the stream, find minibeasts with magnifying pots and identify them. The children also enjoyed making patterns using leaves and walking through the forest. The children were delighted to experience holding a variety of creatures and insects, such as the salamander, hissing cockroach, giant snail, stick insect and snake.





## A Special Time Of Year

On Monday 28 November, we took time to think about the lead up to Christmas and the traditions around this time of year. The four weeks prior to Christmas are called Advent, with each week having a particular theme or focus. The start of each week is marked by the lighting of a candle until all four have been lit.

The first candle reminds Christians of the HOPE they have in Jesus as their saviour and the HOPE of eternity in Heaven. Christians pray about this and any other hopes they may have.

The second candle reminds Christians of God's LOVE for us and the need for us to LOVE others and be kind.

The third candle reminds us of the JOY of the gift of Jesus. Many Christians use JOY as a pneumonic to help them remember their priorities: Jesus, Others, Yourself.

The fourth candle reminds Christians of PEACE that comes from God and a relationship with him. Christians will also pray about the peace needed in families, communities and across the globe.

The candles are arranged in a wreath, a circle, which reminds them that God's love is never-ending.

In some churches, a fifth candle may be lit on Christmas Day. This is the birthday candle for Jesus, the light of the world.

On Wednesday 30 November, we were very pleased to welcome Rabbi Posen into our school for our assembly. He came in to tell us about the festival of Hanukkah that will be celebrated from the 18th to the 25th December. He also brought with him a Menorah, a candle holder, which holds eight special candles in a row and a ninth candle in front. This front candle is called the Shamash, and this is the candle from which all the other candles are lit.

This is a lovely time of the year that is spent with family, friends and the community. During this time, Jewish people eat oily foods, exchange presents and give to charity. Charity can mean many things, not only giving money to those who need it, but also giving kindness to the community and those around you. The children listened to the Rabbi and they also had the opportunity to ask him questions.

So, for different reasons, this is a special time of year for many people. The overriding themes are God's provision and love, and the need for us all to share that with others in love and kindness.



## Getting Social

Click the images to visit our social media sites.



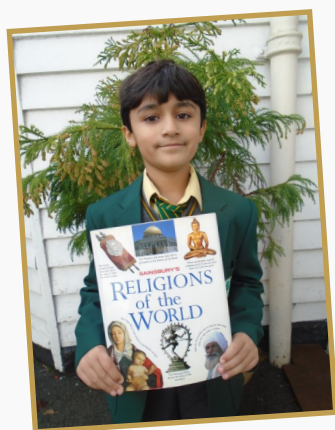
## Year 6 Christmas Post Boxes 2022

In a recent assembly, Year 6 showed off their handmade post boxes that they have all been working very hard on.

The pupils had all been very innovative this year, using lots of different materials and coming up with new ideas and styles from last year. There were giant gingerbread men, penguins, classic red post boxes and even a whole post office! Florence did a wonderful job of describing how she made hers. These post boxes have now been delivered to each class ready for the children to put their Christmas cards into!



Thank you for your Book Donations!





## Year 6 Orchestra

The children in Year 6 have been working hard in their music lessons and have created their own orchestra. In just six weeks, they are now able to perform a few pieces as an ensemble, including a very tuneful version of Jingle Bells. Well done, Year 6!



## It's Behind You!'- Pupils Enjoy A Day At The Pantomime

The children in KS1 and KS2 were thrilled to attend the Beauty and the Beast Pantomime in Colchester on Thursday 8 December. Everyone settled down happily as the curtain went up.

Lucas in 6B was to be picked to go onto the stage. He said, "Even though I felt nervous, I went up to the stage happily and answered all the questions that the Dame asked me. She was so impressed with my good manners and attitude to this surprise event that in the second half she called me back on stage to give me an autographed picture of the cast and a bag of treats! I really enjoyed watching the panto and was pleased with my surprise Christmas treat!"

Thank you to FOCHS for organising this wonderful event for all the children and also for the ice-lollies that the children enjoyed in the interval.



## Year 5 Paper Chain Challenge

There was a flurry of excitement in the Year 5 classrooms as the children competed in the annual Paper Chain Challenge! Each class competed against each other to produce the longest paper chain made from scrap paper to decorate the fences outside of the school.



MERIT BADGES	W/C 14.11.22	W/C 21.11.22	W/C 28.11.22
RG	Robert	N/A	Amelia
RM	Reeva	Blakely	Reeva
RS	Emmie		N/A
Year 1C	Robyn	Ella	Golda
Year 1H	Oliver	Jacob	Louis
Year 2B	Reeva	Martin	Penelope
Year 2V	Woolfe		Lakshimi
Year 3B	Alexander	Valentina	Lilly
Year 3C	Marnie	Florence	Theo
Year 4G	Alex		Whole Class
Year 4H	Maria	Maria	Whole Class
Year 5G	Defne	Whole Class	Sophie
Year 5N	Evie	Emre	Tommy
Year 6B	Ruby S	Jessica	Whole Class
Year 6Z	Evie	Delilah Andres	Whole Class

## Gingerbread House Raffle

Clara and Lucas were delighted to show the gingerbread house made by Miss Thomas to all the classes in school last week. The house will be raffled off to raise money for St Clare Hospice, with tickets priced at just £1 each. It looks too good to eat!





## Christmas at Coopersale Hall

Pupils of Coopersale Hall enjoyed what is always the most magical day of the year. Santa made room in his busy schedule to pay our children a visit, and everyone loved saying hello, telling Santa what they would like for Christmas, and having a sing-song with him!

Santa even brought along two of his reindeer, Dancer and Prancer, who were exceptionally well behaved. The reindeer keepers told the children all about the lives of reindeer, and everyone had a lot of questions to ask.



The children and their teachers loved donning their finest Christmas jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day!

There were funny jumpers, fluffy jumpers, animal jumpers and even light-up jumpers!

The school hall was filled with laughter and cheer as Christmas lunch was served. The teachers enjoyed pulling crackers with their pupils and listening to the jokes inside whilst tucking into their feasts.

A huge thank you to Vikki and her team for serving such lovely food for over 350 guests!





## 'Wriggly Nativity' – Lower And Upper Kindergarten Christmas Show

Lower and Upper Kindergarten put on a fantastic show for their families, full of songs, dance moves and music. The show started off with a jolly rendition of 'Wriggly Nativity' with the children playing their tambourines to the beat, and continued with lots of catchy songs and dances.



## 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' – Reception Christmas Show

Reception wowed the audience with the Christmas show 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. The children really looked the part in their costumes singing songs such as 'We're So Angelic' and 'The First Christmas Day'. Reception even learnt sign language to some of the songs!



## A Miracle in Town – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show

Year 1 and 2 wowed the crowd Monday and Tuesday with an incredible performance of 'A Miracle in Town', complete with singing, dancing, and acting. We had a fantastic Mary and Joseph, Angel Gabriel, King Herod, Inkeepers, Kings, Camels and more, all coming together for a memorable show.

Well done KS1, and thank you for getting us all well and truly in the Christmas spirit.





## FoCHS Update

### Christmas Events

It has been such a pleasure to see the children enjoying the various Christmas events over the last few weeks.

Firstly, our FoCHS volunteers donned their favourite Christmas jumpers and festive hats to man the pop-up Christmas Gift Shop. The children came to visit throughout the day and very much enjoyed choosing gifts for their families and friends. We hope everyone likes their presents!



Father Christmas also braved the cold to visit the school, accompanied by his reindeer. Father Christmas was very jolly, in spite of the chilly temperature, and all the children enjoyed visiting his grotto and learnt all about how to care for the reindeer!

We would love to hear your feedback about our events, so please do contact us if you have any comments. Please see the "Get in touch" section below. We are always keen to hear new ideas or ways in which we can improve.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable Christmas and send you all our very best wishes for 2023.

### Second-Hand Uniform

Purchasing second-hand uniform is one more way that we can all do our bit to help the environment and reduce waste, so we really appreciate your support.

Our order form can be downloaded from the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Order-Form.pdf>

If you wish to place an order, please hand in your completed form to the school office and we will let you know if the items requested are available. Please do not email any order forms to us. Once your order is confirmed, payment should be made to us electronically using the details on the form.

Our price list can also be found on the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Price-List.pdf>

We also very much appreciate any donations of good quality, school-branded uniform. Please leave it with the school office and one of our volunteers will collect it.

If you have any queries, please do speak to your class rep.

## Easyfundraising

Sign up to easyfundraising and you can make a donation to FoCHS every time you shop online, at no extra charge. Hundreds of retailers make donations and it is simple to sign up: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs> [Please make this a live link]

## Amazon Smile

We have also set up another easy way to donate to FoCHS every time you shop with Amazon, via Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know with the same products, prices and service.

Simply log-in to your Amazon account via the website <http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk> [please make this a live link] choose Friends of Coopersale Hall School as your charitable organisation and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of your order (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) to FoCHS. There is no additional cost to you for this donation. If you use the Amazon Shopping app, you can turn on Amazon Smile by going to “Settings” in the main menu and following the on-screen instructions.

## Get in touch

If you are interested in getting involved this year, have some ideas, or if you simply have a question, we would very much like to hear from you. Here's how you can get in touch:

Each year group has at least one FoCHS rep. The easiest way to get in touch is to message your year or class rep on WhatsApp:

LK – TBC  
UK - Susan Tetherton;  
Reception – Stacey Cummins;  
Yr 1 – Nickie Futter;  
Yr 2 – Rachel Concadoro;  
Yr 3 – Nicola Wiley and Victoria Moyses;  
Yr 4 – Rachel Concadoro;  
Yr 5 – Sarah Cook;  
Yr 6 – Nickie Futter and Jess Lancaster

You can also email us at [FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk](mailto:FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk) or speak to any members of the Committee:

Susan Tetherton (Chair)  
Victoria Moyses (Treasurer)  
Nickie Futter (Secretary)  
Sarah Shirley  
Sarah Cook  
Louisa Richards  
Stacey Cummins  
Jagdeep Chahil  
Julia Fahri  
Christie Demetriou

You can also check out our page on the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/parents-association/>