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Dear Parents

Re: Headmistress's Letter

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year. I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and that you are looking forward to the new term. Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts I received at the end of term. I really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

I would like to thank FoCHS for funding all the wonderful Christmas events for the children. All the children loved their visit to Santa and meeting the reindeer and the children also enjoyed their trips to the panto. I am also grateful to the FoCHS committee and parent volunteers who gave up their time to wrap Santa gifts for the very successful Christmas Gift Shop.

This Spring Term is a very busy one for Year 6 pupils as they sit their various 11+ senior school examinations: we wish them all the very best. Coopersale Hall School will also host our first internal 11+ exam on Monday 16 January as part of our dual offer.

Car Park

Please restrict your speed and take care when manoeuvring in the car park as there are young children around. All drivers should park courteously so that you do not restrict access for another vehicle. We would also be grateful if parents could return to their vehicles as soon as possible after dropping off their children to free up spaces and ease congestion.

We encourage parents of children from Years 1 to 6 to use the drop off lane if possible, as this helps to clear the car park and instils some independence in our children.

Safeguarding Children – A Termly Update

Keeping children safe in school is our utmost priority and the up-to-date Safeguarding Children Policy is available for all our parents to read on the school website. In school, we have a number of 'Designated People' for Safeguarding trained to Level 3: I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead, and all of the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Doherty, Miss Crick, Mrs Bull and Miss Gowland) are Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

Snow and Wintry Weather

As you experienced before the Christmas break, our aim is always to stay open even in snowy weather, unless there is a health and safety concern in doing so. The maintenance team arrive on site early to clear paths and to make the site safe, and updates are texted by 7am so that parents are informed about arrangements for the day.

During the winter months, please ensure your sons and daughters wear the appropriate plain hats, scarves and gloves, according to the uniform list. If boots are worn to school in snowy weather, shoes should be brought to change into on arrival.

The Oak-Tree Challenge Award

As you know, we introduced the Oak-Tree challenge a few years ago and a good number of pupils have decided to take part. There is still time to become involved and take up the challenge. Any pupils from Year 4 up to Year 6 have the chance to complete the awards, which require a commitment over time to four different aspects of personal development, participation and contribution.

Mrs Bull is the Oak-Tree Challenge Coordinator and she will happily answer any questions you or your children have about the award. The Senior Leadership Team will look at the award booklets and evidence during the May half-term and the award will be presented in the final assemblies. Any Gold Awards for Year 6 will be awarded at Speech Day.

Speech Day and Prize Giving 2023

An advance date for your diaries: the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving will take place on Tuesday 4 July at 4.00pm at Coopersale Hall School. As last year, Speech Day and Prize Giving is for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. Please do add this special date to your diaries, as all pupils must attend and all parents are welcome to join us.

Early Years Celebration 2023

The Kindergarten and Reception children will have their Celebration of the Year on Tuesday 4 July at 1.30pm at Coopersale Hall School. Again, please do add the date to your diary if you have children in the Early Years.

Pupil Information

Please remember to update the school office, and the school portal, whenever there are any changes to your family circumstances or your children's details. Addresses and parent phone numbers must be up-to-date. We must have at least two emergency phone contact numbers for your child, and these must be in current use.

We need to be informed if your child is taking any regular medication and have information about any medical conditions. Please check your portal details, and contact the school office if changes need to be made.

DATES LIST

Tues 10 January 2023		FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM 2023 ALL CLUBS START THIS WEEK	Whole School
Thurs 12 January	8.40-9.30am	Coffee Morning - Studio	Year 2 Parents
Mon 16 January	9.00-11am 3.00-5pm	11+ Entrance Exams to Coopersale Hall Football Match - Boys at Shooters North Weald Fixture sheet to follow	Year 6 By Invitation
Tues 17 January	8.40-9.30am 2pm-3pm 2pm-3pm	Reading Workshop - Hall Football Match CHS Year 5 v Year 6 Netball Match CHS V Braeside	UK to Year 1 Parents Yrs 5 & 6 by invitation Yrs 5 & 6 by invitation
Thurs 19 January	8.40-9.30am 2.30-3.30pm	Coffee Morning – Studio Ski Trip Meeting – Hall	Year 1 Parents Year 6 Parents
Fri 20 January	4.00-5pm	Winter Concert – Hall	Yrs 5 & 6 Parents
Mon 23 January	4.00-5pm	Oak-Tree Maths Challenge – at Braeside	Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 by invitation
Tues 24 January	8.40-9.30am 9.00-3pm 12.00-3.30pm	Maths Workshop – Hall Trip to Epping District Museum Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics – Peter May	Reception Parents Year 3 Yrs 5 & 6 by invitation
Wed 25 January	9.30-12noon	Walk to see streams/fields down the Lane	Year 4
Thurs 26 January	8.40-9.30am 2.00-3pm 2.00-3pm	Coffee Morning – Studio Football Match CHS v Avon House Football Match CHS v Avon House	Reception Parents Yr 6 Girls by invitation Yr 6 Boys by invitation

Mon 30 January	8.15-9am	Parent's Drop-In Morning	Early Years Parents
Tues 31 January	8.15-9am	Parent's Drop-In Morning	Years 1 & 2 Parents
Wed 1 February	8.15-9am TBC	Parent's Drop-In Morning Netball Tournament at Redbridge Centre	Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Parents Yrs 5 & 6 by invitation
Thurs 2 February	8.40-9.30am	Coffee Morning – Studio	Upper Kindergarten Parents
Mon 6 February	3.00-5pm	Football Match – Shooters	Yrs 5 & 6 by invitation
Tues 7 February	1.30-3pm	Oak-Tree Tag Rugby Festival – Eton Manor 7 A Side	Yrs 3 to 6 by invitation
Wed 8 February	1.30-4.30pm	Junior Science Competition Forest School	4 x Yr 6 by invitation
Thurs 9 February	8.40-9.30am 1.30-3.30pm 4.00-5pm	Coffee Morning - Tea Time Room Cross Country Races State Schools at CHS PGL Meeting – Studio	Lower Kindergarten Parents Yrs 3 to 6 by invitation Year 6 Parents

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY – HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Mon 27 February	9.45-11.30am	Swimming Gala at Loughton Pool	Yrs 4, 5 & 6 by invitation
Tues 28 February	9.00-2pm	Cross Country Races: Prep Schools at CHS	Yrs 3 to 6 by invitation

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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