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Dear Parents

Re: February 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. Do check our website and social media feeds for all the latest news and pictures.

Our Year 6 children have been working extremely hard; the majority have sat challenging entrance examinations for various senior independent schools throughout December and January. They have all continued to fulfill their prefect duties every day and acted as role models to the younger children of the school despite the pressure of the examinations. They are a credit to Coopersale Hall and you, their parents, and we are very proud of them.

11+ Entry Exams To Enter Year 7

It has been lovely to meet so many excellent 11+ candidates this year who have applied to join Coopersale Hall's inaugural Year 7 class in September. As well as sitting their exam papers with us, I have met each of them for an interview and had the opportunity to talk to them about our school. Offers will be sent out at the end of this half-term. Some of our internal Year 6 pupils have also applied for scholarships in areas where they are particularly talented and I shall be interviewing these applicants over the next week. Our Year 6 pupils were excellent ambassadors for Coopersale Hall School on the examination day. They welcomed the prospective pupils warmly, as well as approaching the exam papers with maturity, determination and focus. I was very proud of them all.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week 6 – 12 February 2023

During this week, pupils will have the opportunity to participate in well-being activities. The timetable will run as normal, but pupils will have the option to talk about Mental Health. Mrs Doherty and Mrs Burgess will plan activities for our staff and children during this week. Mrs Doherty is our Mental Health Lead in school.

We live in challenging times and there are times when we may need support. Please remember that we have trained Mental Health Champions and Mental Health First Aiders available in school, and any child can access our Listening Ear. The group Mental Health booklet produced by Mrs Osborn also has some helpful tips and useful websites to seek further advice. <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/pupil-mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

Whatever your personal circumstances, we are here to help and support you, this is the true spirit of the Coopersale Hall School community.

Internet Safety

As you are aware we consider the protection and safeguarding of children to be of the highest priority and I know from conversations I have had with parents that this is a subject of much concern. Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on 7 February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Mrs Butler, our Computing Coordinator, will lead an assembly on 6 February to introduce the topic for 2023 to all the children in the school.

We want to encourage families to be vigilant and talk to their children about online safety. Please do take a look at the helpsheets on our website as they have been designed to help parents understand the various apps, games and social messaging sites that the children appear to be interested in at home. <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/e-safety/>

Keeping your child safe online is not always an easy task. New technology, regular updates or upgrades can change how things work, sometimes making it difficult to keep up. So, to help, Essex Police have put together some simple things you can do to make your child's online devices safer. Please take a look at their helpful website: <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/sort-your-settings/>

Parent Workshop 28 February

A conversation to debrief seems like such a great end to the school day. And yet, when you pick your child up from school, your enthusiastically delivered question of, "How was your day?" can be met with an indifferently delivered: "Fine."

During the parent workshop on 28 February at 8.45am in the hall, I will share some ideas on how to engage your child in a meaningful conversation about their day in school. Please look out for the text to confirm your attendance.

Treats in School

We are very grateful to all of our families for sending in cakes to celebrate birthdays for the children. However, we are a nut free school and several children have severe nut allergies – some of which are airborne. Please remember that we can only accept shop bought treats that explicitly state on the packaging that they are nut free. We appreciate your continued support in this matter.

Late Arrival

If you are unavoidably delayed bringing your child to school and arrive later than 8.45am, please do not take them to their classroom, but sign in first at the office, from where they will be taken to their class by a member of the office staff.

Flux's Lane

More of our families are walking to school during the drop-off and pick-up times. This is something we want to encourage need our families to be aware that small children often walk in the designated area along the side of our lane. Please be patient with these pedestrians when driving to and from school.

Absence Due To Illness

In the colder months, many of our children are struggling with winter illnesses. May I ask all families not to send their children to school when they are ill. The children struggle to concentrate during lessons and germs spread through the year groups rapidly. We want to make sure that our staff stay well enough to continue to provide a high level of education to the children.

DATES LIST

Wed 1 February	8.15-9am 9.00-4.30pm	Parent's Drop-In Morning - Classrooms Netball Tourn. @Redbridge Leisure Centre	Years 3 to 6 Parents Years 5 & 6 By Invitation
Thurs 2 February	8.40-9.30am	Coffee Morning - Studio	Upper Kind Parents
Mon 6 February	3.00-5pm	Football Match - @Shooters North Weald	Year 6 By Invitation
Tues 7 February	1.30-3pm	Oak-Tree Tag Rugby Festival - @Eton Manor 7 A Side – Mixed	Years 3 to 6 By Invitation
Wed 8 February	1.30-5.30pm	Junior Science Competition @Forest School	4 x Year 6 By Invitation
Thurs 9 February	8.40-9.30am 1.30-3.30pm 4.00-5pm	Coffee Morning - Studio Cross Country Races State Schools @CHS PGL Meeting - Studio	Lower Kind Parents Years 3 to 6 By Invitation Year 6 Parents
Fri 10 February	9.00-3pm	Trip to Natural History Museum – London	Reception Children

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY – HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Tues 21 February	9.00-3.30pm	Tag Rugby ISA Competition Mixed @Akeley Wood School	Years 3 & 4 By Invitation
Mon 27 February	9.45-11.30am	Oak-Tree Swimming Gala @Loughton Pool	Years 4, 5 & 6 By Invitation
Tues 28 February	8.45-9.15am	Parent Workshop – How to talk to your child about their day at school - Hall	All Parents Welcome
	9.00-2pm	ISA Cross Country Races - Mixed @Abbots Hill School	Years 4 to 6 By Invitation
Wed 1 March	9.30-11am	First Aid Course @Coopersale Hall	Year 6 Children
Frid 3 March	9.00-3pm 11:00-3.30pm	World Book Day Book Fair @CHS Tag Rugby ISA Competition Mixed @Woodford Wells	All children Year 6 By Invitation
Mon 6 March	9.00-12.30pm 9.00-3pm	Trip to Epping Learning Centre World Book Day Book Fair @CHS	Year 5 Children All Children
Tues 7 March	9.00-3pm 9.00-11.30am 2.00-3.30pm	World Book Day Book Fair @CHS Open Morning Girls Football Match – CHS V Braeside @CHS	All Children All Parents Welcome Years 5 & 6 By Invitation
Wed 8 March	9.00-3.00pm	World Book Day Book Fair @CHS	All Children
Thurs 9 March	9.00-3.00pm 1.30-3.30pm	World Book Day Book Fair @CHS Cross Country Races Prep Schools @CHS	All Children Years 3 to 6 By Invitation
Fri 10 March	8.00-4pm	Acappella Competition in Reading	Years 4 to 6 By Invitation
Mon 13 March	9.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 1@CHS	Year 6 Children
Tues 14 March	9.30-2.30pm 4.00-6.30pm	Bikeability Course 1 @CHS Parents Evening	Year 6 Children All Children
Wed 15 March	9.30-2.30pm 4.00-6.30pm	Bikeability Course 2 @CHS Parents Evening	Year 6 Children All Children
Thur 16 March	9.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 2@CHS	Year 6 Children
Fri 17 March	10.30-2.30pm	Football Match – Boys - @Milton Keynes	Years 3 & 4 By Invitation
Mon 20 March	8.40-9.40am	Easter Assembly – Hall	All Children
Tues 21 March	8.45-1.30pm	Trip to William Morris Gallery	Year 6 Children
Wed 22 March	9.00-3.30pm	Trip to Roald Dahl Museum	Year 4 Children
Thur 23 March	9.00-11am	Five A Side Football Match - Girls @Shooters, North Weald	Years 5 & 6 By Invitation
Fri 24 March – Fri 30 March		Ski Trip to Italy	Year 6 Children

Friday 30 March
Last Day of Term

Finishing Times

Early Years

11.30am

Years 1 & 2

11.45am

Years 3 to 6

12 Noon

Start of Summer Term – Tuesday 25 April 2023

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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