



# Coopersale Hall School

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Dear Parents

### Re: Headmistress's Letter

We are half way through the academic year already and finally Spring is arriving, which is lovely to see. We are also very pleased to be able to share that the building work on the senior department development is now underway and the project team are busy on site every day.

### 11+ Entry Exams to Enter Year 7

For our Year 6 pupils and parents, January and February have been nerve wracking times. From the last term of Year 5 through the Autumn term of Year 6, the pupils have been hard at work preparing for their entrance examinations to a variety of different senior schools. They finished covering the curriculum requirements at the end of Year 5 and set off in earnest on the challenging trail of practice papers and mock interviews with Mrs Osborn, the Group Educational Principal. Each week they tackled sample questions and past papers in English, Maths and Reasoning as well as revisiting areas where they were not a 100% secure.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for all of their hard work towards these entrance exams. Twelve of the cohort decided to sit external 11+ exams for schools this year. Fourteen offers have been made, including a number of scholarship offers, as well as a small number of reserve list offers. In addition, nine children sat for the seniors at Coopersale Hall School resulting in offers for all and several scholarship offers.

The fact that so many pupils have places in their first choice school is a true testament to their great efforts and to the dedication of the staff in preparing the children over the years.

Congratulations to Year 6.

### Open Morning – Tuesday 7 March

You are welcome to come to our Open Morning. Prospective and current parents will have the opportunity to see the school at work and to hear more about what is happening at school. Refreshments will be available from 9am in the Hall. I shall be giving a short talk at 9.30am with tours commencing at 9.45am. Our Years 5 and 6 act as guides and they are always happy to talk about life at Coopersale Hall from a pupil's perspective.

### Easter Bonnet Parade – Wednesday 29 March

In line with tradition, we want to encourage our students to come to school with their Easter Bonnets. In the afternoon we will have a parade on the terrace, weather permitting, to share all the lovely creations with the rest of the school.

Parents are welcome to view the parade from the terrace lawn and then take their children home:

EYFS – Kindergarten and Reception at 2:15pm

Key Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2 at 2:40pm

Key Stage 2 – Years 3 to 6 at 3:00pm

### Other Events

We have a very busy second half of term so do check our website for news of all activities. Among the highlights are: Bikeability for Year 6, a visit from some Easter animals, courtesy of FOCHS, Cross Country races for all the local schools as well as a variety of class visits and activities.

Please remember to check this letter and of course the website, for dates and times of the various events. Details will be sent out to the relevant group of parents in advance of events, but if you do have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself.

### PSHE and Relationships Education

During the Summer term, we will continue to deliver the Government required Relationships and Sex Education unit of work to our children in Years 1 – 6.

The 'Changing Me' unit is taught over a period of 6 weeks in the second half of the summer term. Each year group will be taught appropriate to their age and development stage. Please note: at no point will a child be taught something that is inappropriate; and if a question from a child arises and the teacher feels it would be inappropriate to answer, the child will be encouraged to ask his or her parents or carers at home. Questions will not be answered in class if they are outside the remit of that year group's programme.

The key concepts that children learn through the PSHE lessons are inner strength, self-esteem and resilience. These are really important as they help to empower children, to keep them safe and to enable them to make healthy decisions later in life.

We would like to invite our families to view the resources that we will be using during the lessons on Tuesday 28 March from 3.45pm – 4.45pm. The teachers will have the resources ready for you to view in the year group classrooms. Please feel free to pop in to look at the resources and discuss the material with the class teachers.

We will also send out the dates and the topics we will be teaching in the Summer term so that you can prepare yourself for any questions that your children might have after the lessons.

### DATES LIST

<b>Wednesday 1 March</b>	9.30-11am	First Aid Course @ Coopersale Hall	<b>Year 6 Children</b>
<b>Thursday 2 March</b>	All Day	World Book Day – Dress Up as your favourite Book Character £2 Donation to Epping Foodbank	<b>Whole School</b>
<b>Friday 3 March</b>	9.00-3pm 11:00-3.30pm	World Book Day Book Fair @CHS Tag Rugby ISA Competition Mixed @Woodford Wells	<b>All children</b> <b>Year 6 By Invitation</b>
<b>Monday 6 March</b>	9.00-12.30pm 9.00-3pm	Trip to Epping Learning Centre World Book Day Book Fair @CHS	<b>Year 5 Children</b> <b>All Children</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 March</b>	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	<b>All Children</b> <b>All Parents Welcome</b> <b>Yrs 5 &amp; 6 By Invitation</b>
<b>Wednesday 8 March</b>	9.00-3.00pm	World Book Day Book Fair @CHS	<b>All Children</b>
<b>Thursday 9 March</b>	9.00-3.00pm 9.30-12.30pm 9.30-12.30pm 1.30-3.30pm All Day	World Book Day Book Fair @CHS Trip to the Visitors Centre Chingford Trip to The Visitor Centre Chingford Cross Country Races Prep Schools @CHS Trip to Barleylands Farm	<b>All Children</b> <b>Year 5 Children</b> <b>Year 5 Children</b> <b>Yrs 3 to 6 By Invitation</b> <b>Year 1 Children</b>
<b>Friday 10 March</b>	8.00-4pm	Acappella Competition in Reading	<b>Yrs 3 to 6 By Invitation</b>
<b>Monday 13 March</b>	9.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 1@CHS	<b>Year 6 Children</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 March</b>	9.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 1 @CHS	<b>Year 6 Children</b>

	4.00-6.30pm	Parents Evening	All Children
<b>Wednesday 15 March</b>	9.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 2 @CHS	Year 6 Children
	4.00-6.30pm	Parents Evening	All Children
<b>Thursday 16 March</b>	9.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 2@CHS	Year 6 Children
<b>Monday 20 March</b>	9.00-3pm	FOCHS Easter Animals visit	Whole School
<b>Tuesday 21 March</b>	8.45-1.30pm	Trip to William Morris Gallery	Year 6 Children
<b>Wednesday 22 March</b>	9.00-3.30pm	Trip to Roald Dahl Museum	Year 4 Children
<b>Thursday 23 March</b>	9.00-11am	Oak-Tree 5 A Side Football Match @Shooters, North Weald	Yr 5&6 Girls By Invitation
<b>Friday 24 March – Friday 30 March</b>		Ski Trip to Italy	Year 6 Children
<b>Monday 27 March</b>	9.00-2.30pm	Trip to Sun Trap Centre	Year 2 Children
<b>Tuesday 28 March</b>	9.00-3pm	Trip to Ongar Railway	Upper Kind. Yr 3 Children
	3.45-4.45pm	View Jigsaw Resources	Parents of Years 1 to 6
<b>Wednesday 29 March</b>	2.15-3.15pm	Easter Bonnet Parade	Whole School
<b>Friday 30 March</b>			
<b>Last Day of Term</b>			
<b>Finishing Times</b>			
<b>Early Years</b>			11.30am
<b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b>			11.45am
<b>Years 3 to 6</b>			12Noon

**Wishing all of our families a very happy Easter holiday – we look forward to seeing you back again on  
Tuesday 25 April 2023**

<b>Tuesday 25 April</b>	8.40am	First Day Back to School	Whole School
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### **ALL CLUBS START BACK THIS WEEK INCLUDING MULTI SPORTS & TENNIS**

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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