



# Coopersale Hall School

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1 December 2023

Dear Parents

### Re: December 2023 Headmistress's Letter

Christmas festivities are underway and there is such a lovely atmosphere and sense of excitement around the school. Thank you for you all your support in helping to prepare the children for the various productions. As you know, we have just over two weeks until the end of term, which finishes on Thursday 14 December, 11.30am for Early Years, 11.45am for the Years 1 & 2 and 12 noon for Years 3 to 7. Before we finish there are a number of events to work our way through. Please do remind yourself of all of the events in the Christmas Events 2023 letter. I would like to extend a big thank you to the office and FOCHS who have been working extremely hard to coordinate and organise so many special events and activities for our children.

### Achievement Assembly

It is such a pleasure to celebrate the children's achievements both inside and outside of school at our weekly achievement assembly on a Monday morning. If your child has achieved something outside of school, at an external club or activity, please do encourage them to bring their trophies, medals or certificates into school to share with the rest of the school during our assembly. We have so many talented children and we love to share their successes.

### Daily Mile

All the children in Key Stage 2 complete the daily mile. We have been very impressed by how well the children have taken to this and the improvement in their fitness levels as a result of it. We will continue to run the daily mile every morning. If it is pouring down with rain, we will of course not have the children out on the netball court. But with light drizzle, we will encourage our children to continue to work on their fitness. Please send your child in with their school coat to help keep them dry. Some of our children have brought in a change of socks, which has worked well.

### Toys and Stickers

Across the school, we have noticed an increase in the number of children bringing toys and stickers into school and taking them out onto the playground at break and lunchtime. Could I please ask that the children refrain from bringing these items into school as we have had several incidents of children losing things or issues arising from swapping or trading items.

### Eco Council

Thank you so much to all the children who applied to be member of our Eco Council. Miss Gowland and Skye Cohen, our Head of Eco Council had the difficult task of judging the entries we received and deciding on our new members. Our new Eco Councillors are:

|            |              |            |            |            |         |           |            |           |          |
|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>UKC</b> | Katie O      | <b>UKF</b> | Jason E    | <b>UKH</b> | Kyaan G | <b>RG</b> | Miles T    | <b>RS</b> | Buddy G  |
| <b>RM</b>  | Amelia P.P   | <b>1V</b>  | Jaini K    | <b>1C</b>  | Anne E  | <b>2H</b> | Sophie P   | <b>2N</b> | Beau S   |
| <b>3B</b>  | Phoebe Faith | <b>3G</b>  | Scarlett H | <b>4B</b>  | Theo F  | <b>4G</b> | Olivia C.T | <b>5H</b> | Emilia P |

**Year 6** Skye C

### Book Fair

On Friday 1 December, we will be welcoming the Book Fair to Coopersale Hall, organised by Travelling Books. The Book Fair will run until Thursday 7 December and it will be in the studio from 8.10am until 8.40am each day. The Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity to purchase some quality reading books for the Christmas holidays. Book prices start at just £2.99. Coopersale Hall will receive a percentage of the total sales in vouchers to buy even more books. You can visit with or without your children.

Payment methods will be via a QR code, which you can scan from your phone and then pay online there and then. We do hope that you will be able to support our Book Fair. It is a wonderful way of encouraging our children to read, supporting the school and the book provider.

### Reading Buddies

The children have loved the opportunity to read with children from over year groups, through our Reading Buddies scheme this term. For those of you that are not familiar with the concept, each class in school will be paired with another class, the classes then get together and share a book with a friend in the other class. It is a lovely way to encourage reading across different year groups. We will continue with our Reading Buddies in the Spring term, please do ask your children about the books they have shared.

### Snow and Wintry Weather

Although a white Christmas is probably unlikely, we usually have snow at some point in the winter period. Our aim is always to stay open 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 we will aim to text you by Groupcall and post an update to the website by 7am so that parents are informed about arrangements for the day.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Once a child has a place in one of our paid clubs, a half term's notice must be given in writing (emailed to the office [info@coopersalehallschool.co.uk](mailto:info@coopersalehallschool.co.uk) to withdraw your child from a club). Otherwise, a half term's fee in lieu of notice will be charged for withdrawal from any chargeable extra-curricular clubs.

### DATES LIST

**PLEASE SEE OUR CHRISTMAS EVENTS LIST FOR ALL OUR CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES - SENT 20.10.23**  
**PLEASE TAKE A NOTE OF THE RELEVANT DATES THAT APPLY TO YOUR CHILD OR CHILDREN**

|                 |                   |   |                       |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Friday 1 Dec    | PM<br>8.10-8.40am | Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool<br>Book Fair - Studio | Year 5<br>All Welcome |
| Monday 4 Dec    | 8.10-8.40am       | Book Fair - Studio                                  | All Welcome           |
| Tuesday 5 Dec   | 8.10-8.40am       | Book Fair - Studio                                  | All Welcome           |
| Wednesday 6 Dec | 8.10-8.40am       | Book Fair - Studio                                  | All Welcome           |
| Thursday 7 Dec  | 8.10-8.40am       | Book Fair - Studio                                  | All Welcome           |
| Friday 8 Dec    | PM                | Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool                       | Year 5                |

**ALL CLUBS WILL FINISH W/C MONDAY 11 DECEMBER**

|                    |                                      |                 |                 |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Thursday 14 Dec    | <b>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM 2023</b>  |                 |                 |
|                    | 11.30am                              | Collection time | LK to Reception |
|                    | 11.45am                              | Collection time | Years 1 & 2     |
|                    | 12 Noon                              | Collection time | Years 3 to 7    |
| Tuesday 9 Jan 2024 | <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM 2024</b> |                 | All Children    |

### ALL CLUBS START THIS WEEK

|                  |             |                               | All Children   |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Thursday 9 Jan   | 8.30-9.45am | Coffee Morning                | Parents of Reception Children                              |
| Friday 12 Jan    | PM          | Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool | Year 5   |
| Tuesday 16 Jan   | 9.15-1pm    | 11+ Entrance Exams to CHS     | Year 6 Children + External Applications                    |
| Thursday 18 Jan  | 8.30-9.45am | Coffee Morning                | Parents of Lower & Upper Kindergarten Children             |
| Friday 19 Jan    | PM          | Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool | Year 5   |
| Friday 26 Jan    | PM          | Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool | Year 5   |
| Monday 29 Jan    | 8.10-8.45am | Parent's Drop In Session      | Parents of Lower & Upper Kindergarten & Reception & Year 7 |
| Tuesday 30 Jan   | 8.10-8.45am | Parent's Drop In Session      | Parents of Children in Years 1 & 2                         |
| Wednesday 31 Jan | 8.10-8.45am | Parent's Drop In Session      | Parents of Children in Years 3 - 6                         |

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 senior leadership team.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. I hope to see you at one of our Christmas events before the end of term. The Spring Term begins on Tuesday 9 January at the normal start time, and Breakfast Club will be running as usual.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Anna Doherty  
Interim Headmistress



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