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Dear Parents

Re: February 2024 Headmistress's Letter

I hope your children have enjoyed the first few weeks of our spring term. It is already proving to be a busy term with exciting trips and visits. We are particularly excited about the upcoming day trip to France for our Year 5, 6 and 7 children, which is taking place in March. With lots going on in school, do continue to check our website and social media for all the latest news and pictures.

Year 6

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have been sitting exams both externally and internally at Coopersale Hall. They have been working extremely hard, whilst still continuing to fulfil their roles and responsibilities at school; we are very proud of each and every one of them.

Uniform Policy

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct winter uniform and that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please check the website or Parent Handbook for details. (<https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/school-uniform/>). **Parents must ensure that all children have long hair tied back fully when they arrive for school.** The children should then make sure that their hair remains tied back throughout the day.

Parent Workshops

We look forward to welcoming you to our parent workshops that will be taking place this term, including workshops for Maths, Read, Write Inc and Atom. Please refer to the dates list below for the individual dates and times for workshops. If you are unable to attend, we will be sending the information and presentations to all parents via email and are happy to repeat workshops if there is demand.

Internet Safety

As you are aware, we consider the protection and safeguarding of children to be of the highest priority. Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the Tuesday 6 February 2024, with activities and learning based around the theme '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'. Mrs Butler, our Computing Coordinator, will lead an assembly on 6 February to introduce the topic for 2024 to all the children in the school.

We want to encourage families to be vigilant and talk to their children about online safety. Do take a look at the help sheets 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/>

Snow and Wintry Weather

Although the weather has been quite warm recently, we are still in winter. 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 an update will be posted on the website by 7.15am so that parents are informed about arrangements for the day.

Please ensure that your children wear the appropriate plain hats, scarves and gloves, according to the uniform list, during wintry weather. If boots are worn to school in snowy weather, shoes should be brought to change into on arrival.

Late Arrival

If you are unavoidably delayed bringing your child to school and arrive later than 8.40am, 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 staff.

Absence due to Illness

In the colder months, lots of our children are struggling with winter illnesses. Please do not send the children to school when they are not well. 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 other children.

Sports Day

Our sports day this year will be held on Tuesday 18 June – all parents welcome to come and support their children. The schedule is as follows:

- **Lower & Upper Kindergarten** - 9am-10am
- **Reception** - 10.30am-11am
- **Years 1 & 2** - 11.30am-12.30pm
- **Years 3 to 7** - 1.30pm-4pm

DATES LIST

Thursday 1 Feb	1.15-3pm	Epping & Ongar State Schools Cross Country Races @ Coopersale Hall	Years 3 to 6 By Invitation
Friday 2 Feb	1.30-2.30pm	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 5 Children
Tuesday 6 Feb	12.45-3.45pm	Oak-Tree Tag Rugby Festival - 7 a side	Year 6 Mixed By Invitation
	3.15-4.30pm	FOCHS Disco in the Hall	Early Years & Year 1 Children
	3.30-4.30pm	ATOM Webinar Training for Parents In the Studio	Years 3 to 6 Parents
Wednesday 7 Feb	8.40-9.15am	Class Assembly for Both Year 3 Classes - Hall	Parents of both Year 3 Classes
Thursday 8 Feb	9am-3pm 10am-1pm	Trip to Celtic Harmony ISA Football Match @ St. John's School Epping	Year 1 Children Year 6 Boys By Invitation
Friday 9 Feb	1.30-2.30pm	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 5 Children
MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY – HALF TERM HOLIDAY			
Monday 19 Feb	3.45-4.15pm	French Trip Meeting – Studio	Parents of Years

			5 6 & 7 Children
Tuesday 20 Feb	15.45-4.30pm	PGL Parents Meeting in the Studio	Parents of Year 6
Wednesday 21 Feb	8.45-9.15am	Read, Write Inc. Workshop	Parents of Reception Children
Friday 23 Feb	All Day	Mad Hair Day for Charity £1 donation	Whole School
	1.30-2.30pm	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 6 Children
Monday 26 Feb	9.15-12.15pm	Oak-Tree Swimming Gala @ Loughton Leisure Centre	Years 4 to 6 By Invitation
Tuesday 27 Feb	8.45-9.20am	Maths Workshop - Hall	Parents of Early Years
Wednesday 28 Feb	8.40-9.15am	Class Assembly for Reception Haq - Hall	Parents of RH
Thursday 29 Feb	9am-3pm	ISA Tag Rugby Competition	Years 5 & 6 By invitation
Friday 1 March	1.30-2.30pm	Swimming @Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 6 Children
Tuesday 5 March	9am-11.30am	Open Day - All Parents Welcome	All Parents
Wednesday 6 March	8.40-9.15am 4pm-5.15pm	Class Assembly for Reception Gowland - Hall Spelling Bee Competition @Oaklands	Parents of RG Years 3 to 6 By Invitation
Friday 8 March	1.30-2.30pm	Swimming @Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 6 Children
Monday 11 March	8.45-12.15pm	Trip to Mountfitchet Castle Trip	Year 7 Children
Tuesday 12 March	8.45-9.20am	Maths Workshop - Hall	Parents of Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 13 March	8.40-9.15am 1.15-2.30pm	Class Assembly for Reception Marks - Hall Oak-Tree Cross Country Relay Races @ Coopersale Hall	Parents of RM Years 3 to 6 By invitation
Thursday 14 March	1.30-3.30pm	House Cross Country Races @ Coopersale Hall	Years 3 to 7 All Children
Friday 15 March	1.30-2.30pm	Swimming @Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 6 Children
Monday 18 March	9.45-12.15pm 12.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 1 Day 1 Bikeability Course 1 Day 1	Year 6 Children Year 6 Children
Tuesday 19 March	8.45-9.20am	Maths Workshop - Hall	Parents of Years 3 to 7
	10-12pm	Bikeability Course 1 Day 2	Year 6 Children
	12.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 1 Day 2	Year 6 Children

Wednesday 20 March	8.40-9.15am	Class Assembly for Year 1 Crick - Hall	Parents of 1C
	9.45-12pm	Bikeability Course 2 Day 1	Year 6 Children
	12.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 2 Day 1	Year 6 Children
Thursday 21 March	8.30-11.30am	Oak-Tree Girls 5 A Side Football Competition @ Shooters North Weald	Years 5 & 6
	10-12pm	Bikeability Course 2 Day 2	By Invitation
	12.30-2.30pm	Bikeability Course 2 Day 2	Year 6 Children
Friday 22 March	1.30-2.30pm	Swimming @Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 6 Children
Monday 25 March	5am-9.30pm	Day Trip to Boulogne France	Years 5 6 & 7
Tuesday 26 March	2.15pm	Easter Bonnet Parade	LK,UK Reception
	2.40pm	Easter Bonnet Parade	Years 1 & 2
	3.00pm	Easter Bonnet Parade	Years 3 to 6
Wednesday 27 March		Last Day of Term	Whole School
		Finishing time - Early Years	11.30am
		Finishing time - Years 1 & 2	11.45am
		Finishing time - Years 3 to 7	12pm

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



Anna Doherty
Interim Headmistress



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