

# Coopersale Hall School

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**Dear Parents** 

# Re: January 2024 Headmistress's Letter

Welcome back to our Spring term at Coopersale Hall and a very Happy New Year. I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and that you are looking forward to the new term.

I want to extend a big thank you to our team of FoCHS volunteers for organising and funding all the wonderful Christmas events and opportunities for the children. All the children loved their visit to Santa and meeting the reindeer and their trips to the pantomimes. My thanks also to the FoCHS committee and parent volunteers who gave up their time to wrap Santa gifts for the very successful Christmas Gift Shop.

This term is also a very busy one for Year 6 pupils as they sit their various 11+ senior school examinations. We wish them good luck. Coopersale Hall School will also host our 11+ internal exam on 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 to another vehicle. We should also be grateful if parents would return to their vehicles as soon as possible after dropping off their children to move them from the car park to ease congestion.

We encourage all children from Years 1-6 to use the drop off lane. It does help to clear the car park and installs some independence with our children.

I would also like to remind you to please drive with care up and down Flux's Lane, as there are pedestrians and cyclists who use this.

# **Safeguarding Children**

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. You can also request a paper copy from the school office, if you prefer. In school we have 'Designated Leads' for Safeguarding: I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead, and all of SLT are Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

#### **Snow and Wintry Weather**

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.

During the winter months, please ensure that your children 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.

# **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**

Tuesday 9 Jan 2024		BACK TO SCHOOL – SPRING TERM 2024 ALL CLUBS START TODAY/THIS WEEK	All Children
Thursday 11 Jan	8.30-9.45am	Coffee Morning - Studio	Parents of Reception Children
Friday 12 Jan	PM	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 5 Children
Tuesday 16 Jan	9.00-1pm	11+ Entrance Exams to CHS	Year 6 Children + External Applications
Wednesday 17 Jan	1pm-2pm	Football Match @Coopersale v Braeside	Years 5 to 7 Girls By Invitation Only
Thursday 18 Jan	8.45-9.45am	Coffee Morning - Studio	Parents of Lower & Upper Kindergarten Children
Friday 19 Jan	PM	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 5 Children
Wednesday 24 Jan	8.45-9.30am	Maths Workshop with Mrs Zylstra - Hall	All Parents Welcome
Thursday 25 Jan	3.30-4.30pm	Netball Match v Braeside @ Braeside	Year 6 Girls By Invitation Only
Friday 26 Jan	PM	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 5 Children
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	<b>8</b> .10-8.45am	Parent's Drop in Session	Parents of Children in Years 3 – 6
	9.30-3.30pm	ISA Netball Competition @ Redbridge Sports Centre	Year 6 Girls By Invitation Only
Thursday 1 Feb	1.15-3pm	Cross Country Races – (State Schools) @ Coopersale Hall – Parents Welcome	Years 3 to 6 By Invitation Only

Tuesday 6 Feb	12.45-3.45pm	Oak-Tree Tag Rugby Festival 7 a side  @ Peter May Centre Walthamstow	Year 6 Mixed By Invitation Only
	3.15-4.30pm	FOCHS Early Years & Year 1 Disco – Hall	Lower & Upper Kindergarten, Reception & Year 1 Children
		3.30-4.30pm ATOM Webinar	Parents of Children in Years 3 to 6
Wednesday 7 Feb	8.45am	Class Assembly both Year 3 Classes	Parents of both Year 3 Classes
Friday 9 Feb	PM	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 5 Children

## MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2024 - HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Friday 23 Feb	AM/PM	Mad Hair Day – For Charity Bring a £1 donation All Children		
	PM	Swimming @ Waltham Abbey Pool	Year 6	
Monday 26 Feb	9.15-12.15pm	Oak-Tree Swimming Gala @ Loughton Pool	Years 4 to 6 By Invitation Only	
Wednesday 28 Feb	8.40-9.10am	Class Assembly Reception H	Parents of Children Reception H	

I hope your child has a positive start to the Spring Term. As ever, please do feel free to get in touch with the Senior Leadership Team or me if you need to.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Anna Doherty

Interim Headmistress

