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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

We are approaching the end of another very busy term. The children have enjoyed trips, enrichment activities and visits, in particular the extremely popular visit from the Easter animals, organised by FOCHS.

We have enjoyed a range of exciting House events this term including our House Quiz, House Cross Country, Key Stage One Junk Modelling and Key Stage 2 Doodle competition. Thank you to our staff and pupil Heads of Houses and Mrs Jones for all their hard work in organising these lovely opportunities for the children.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you all when we return for the summer term.

Kind regards

Mrs Doherty

Reception Haq Class Assembly

Reception Haq welcomed everyone to their class assembly on Wednesday 28 February. The children spoke very well about Great Britain, famous landmarks and British values as well as sharing pictures, songs and artwork.

Mrs Haq was extremely proud of all the children and how they performed to their audience. It was a lovely assembly appreciated by all.



Year 1C Class Assembly

Year 1C welcomed everybody to their class assembly all about toys. They began by retelling one of their favourite stories, Lost in the Toy Museum, by David Lucas. The children looked wonderful in their costumes and we learned that when the lights went out at the toy museum and the doors were locked, all the toys woke up. They bounced off the shelves, giddy and laughing and squeaking with delight.

In their topic lessons the children had thought about their favourite toys and everyone agreed on how much they loved their teddy bears - and we enjoyed listening and watching them dance to Teddy-Bear Rock.

Miss Crick was so proud of the Year 1 children for working fantastically as a team.



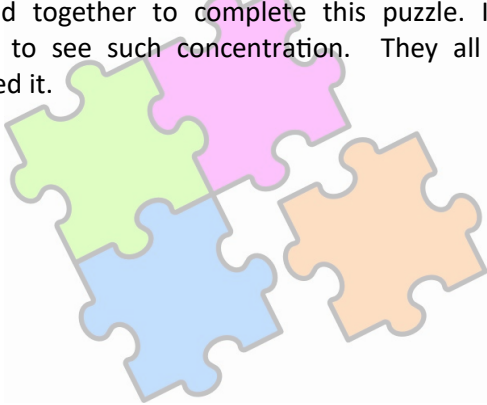
World Book Day at Coopersale Hall



World Book Day was a roaring success. The children dressed up as their favourite story book character. We saw costumes of characters from Wizard Of Oz, Harry Potter, Gangster Granny, Willy Wonka, several Disney princesses, ninja turtles, characters from Alice in Wonderland and many more! All of the children took joy in sharing why they chose to be their character for the day. They all spent the day celebrating reading by designing bookmarks, and completing quizzes about their favourite books. Each child received a £1 book token. A huge thank you to everyone for their efforts – staff and children – to make our World Book Day so special. We look forward to next year!

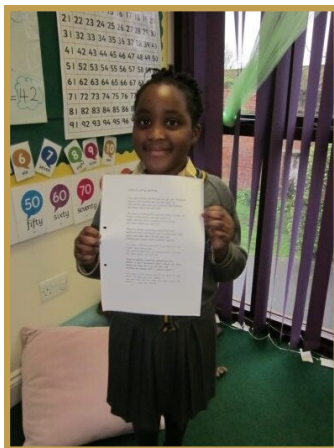
UKC Completes Puzzle

The children in Upper Kindergarten Cambridge all worked together to complete this puzzle. It was lovely to see such concentration. They all really enjoyed it.



Olive Performs to Class 2H

Class 2H were treated to a performance from their classmate Olive this week, she sang them a song that she had been learning during her singing lessons with Mrs Hadjipanayi. They were all very impressed that she had learnt such a long song with so many actions. Well done, Olive!



Reception Cook Italian Food

Reception children have been busy cooking recently. They have been learning all about the country of Italy in their topic Around the World. The children enjoyed making some pizzas by spreading the tomato and adding cheese. Some children added extra toppings too.



Pupil Spotlight - Richard 5H

On Sunday 10 March, Richard in 5H took part in the Essex Hockey Championship U10 representing Crostyx Hockey Club and won the gold medal with his teammates. Richard was thrilled to share with us how much he enjoys playing hockey.

"I initially went to join the club because my older brother was already playing. I found that I liked it so much that I was really happy to join my own team.

We practise on Saturday mornings for about an hour and a half and we play our matches on Sundays. I used to be a defender but now I'm a striker up front. It is really fast paced and I am sure that it has helped my sporting skills because you really need to be quick and take your chances to score. My accuracy is always being put to the test.

The coaches are really good and they help us develop our skills and ensure that our dribbling, general fitness and understanding of the tactics of the game are always being reviewed. The team is from a lot of different schools and it is good to play together and make new friends.

At the moment I really think that I will be playing this game for quite a few years because it is so enjoyable."

Richard and his teammates will be representing Crostyx in the finals at Harleston Magpies Hockey Club in Norfolk on the 27 April.



Junk Modelling

The children of KS1 gathered in the hall in their Houses to enjoy a Junk Modelling event. Pupils were asked to create their own Coopersale Town from recycled paper, boxes and plastics. Everyone worked enthusiastically and collaboratively to create their buildings.

Once the town had been created, the children enjoyed looking at each other's buildings and some of the children shared their thoughts and inspirations to the listening audience.

The Heads of Houses were proud of the work that their children had imagined and how well everyone worked together.



ISA Tag Rugby Competition

On Thursday 28 February some boys and girls in Year 6 attended an ISA Tag Rugby Tournament. Our team consisted of: Elena, Blaise, Sophie, Florence, Oscar, Tommy, Gregor, Donald and Emre.

We were against 16 teams in total. During the group stages, we drew our first match and won our second. We had to go to sudden death in order to make it to the quarter finals. We won 12-10 in the quarter finals and then 10-8 in the semi-finals. The final was a really exciting match and we all played well; we came out on top, winning 10-8!



Thank you to the referees for making the matches fair and to Mr Barham for helping us to win.

By Tommy and Gregor, Year 6

Mother's Day Cards



Year 7 Visit Mountfitchet Castle

On Monday 11 January Year 7 visited Mountfitchet Castle in Stansted. This reconstructed Norman Motte and Bailey castle allowed us to see in real life what we had been studying in class. As we approached the castle we could see the siege tower in position and ready to attack! It was much larger than the textbooks suggested. The dry moat was visible. It could be soaked in oil and set alight to stop an invading army, and was dotted with pointed stakes to damage any horses that made it that far up the hill. As we entered under the portcullis we saw the Great Plague stone. In times of pestilence this was filled with vinegar and newcomers were encouraged to wash their money in the substance to prevent the spread of disease. On entering the village we could see a variety of small dwellings including the blacksmiths, the brewer's hut, the weaver's house and the surgeon's house. They were all pretty basic. It was clear that they did not waste anything. When they killed an animal they used absolutely every part of it. Bones were used for tools, sheep bladders were made into drinking vessels and hides were used for rugs and clothes. What fascinated us the most were the methods of punishment doled out in the medieval times. We saw a ducking stool, a prison, many pillories and stocks, a rack, a St Andrew's cross and a gibbet. We enjoyed trying out some of the simulator activities, trying to aim the catapult at the oncoming attackers and gauging the accuracy of our arrows. Our final stop on the tour was the inner bailey where the Grand Hall and Baron's quarters were. These were more sophisticated than the rest of the buildings and were draped in richer and warmer materials. As well as stepping back into history we got to spend time feeding and stroking the rescue animals including ducks, geese, deer, goats and peacocks.



Reception Gowland - The Highway Rat Assembly

"The Highway Rat was a baddie.

The Highway Rat was a beast.

He took what he wanted and ate what he took.

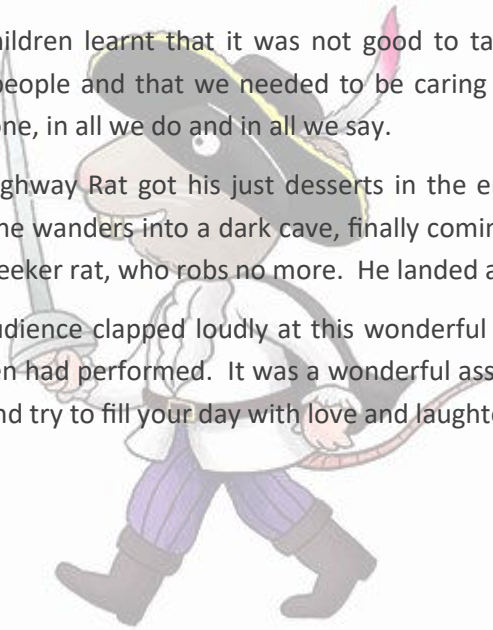
His life was one long feast."

The words of Julia Donaldson were beautifully enacted by Reception Gowland in their class assembly.

The children learnt that it was not good to take from people and that we needed to be caring to everyone, in all we do and in all we say.

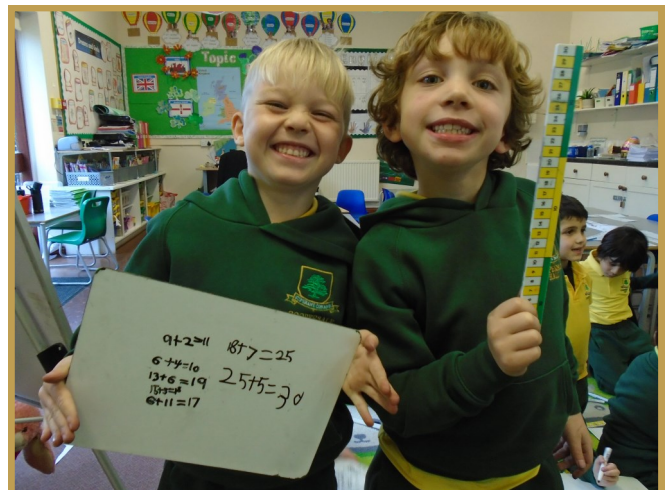
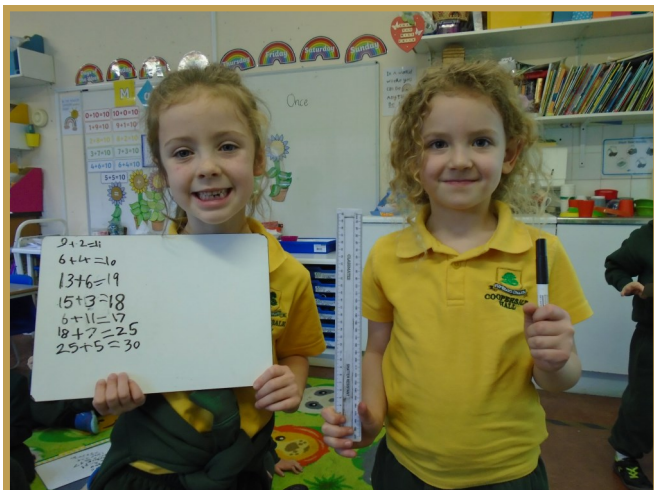
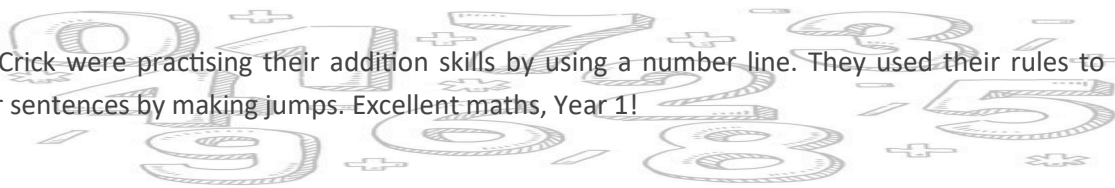
The Highway Rat got his just desserts in the end when he wanders into a dark cave, finally coming out on the other side of the hill. He is now a thinner, greyer and meeker rat, who robs no more. He landed a job in a cake shop and still works there sweeping the floor.

The audience clapped loudly at this wonderful tale, as everyone had enjoyed the singing and acting that the children had performed. It was a wonderful assembly and a lovely way of showing how it is always good to be kind and try to fill your day with love and laughter.



Measuring Maths in Year 1C

Year 1 Crick were practising their addition skills by using a number line. They used their rules to solve missing number sentences by making jumps. Excellent maths, Year 1!



Year 3 - Extreme Weather

The children in Year 3 have been learning about extreme weather and physical geography during their lessons this term. They made a huge effort crafting a 3D model to represent their chosen extreme weather. We had exploding volcanoes, a spinning 'in jar' tornado, and dioramas of blizzards.

The teachers were so impressed with the outcome of their projects and the interest they took into the different effects which these aspects of weather can have. The children loved sharing their research and projects with each other and they showed a lot of pride in their brilliant creations.

All of the year 3 staff were blown away by their amazing work!



Bancroft's Science Fair

On Tuesday 12 March, 10 Year 6 pupils were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to attend a Science Fair at Bancroft's school. The morning was themed 'Time' and consisted of four sessions; Rocket Launching, The Biological Zone, a Chemistry Show and The Science Fair in the Great Hall.

The pupils were able to get involved in the exciting interactive experiments during each of the 4 sessions.

They were able to make our own slime, launch rockets, investigate diffusion in agar jelly, observe the heartbeat on a Daphnia, and even 'pin the electron on the atom'. A busy morning and a lot of fun was had. Thank you for inviting us Bancroft's.



Reception Marks Assembly

Reception Marks held their assembly on “Emotions” in the hall on Wednesday 13 March. Leopold told everyone that reception have been learning how to be sensitive to others feelings.

Each child took turns to come to the front of the stage and inform us that that have learnt to be kind, to listen respectfully and to treat others how they would like to be treated.

It was wonderful to hear the children sing their songs “Wake Up” and “Keep on Smiling” during the assembly. We then learnt from everyone what were the things that made them smile – Arthur saying “I feel loved when mummy and daddy hug me.” William told us “I feel excited when it’s my birthday,” and Hudson shared “I feel excited when it’s Christmas.”

So how do you know how somebody is feeling? Ava informed us “Look at their face. Are they smiling or are they frowning?” They also noticed that our bodies might look different when we feel different emotions.

At the end of this lovely assembly George told the audience that the class were feeling happy today and you could tell by looking at the smiles on everyone’s faces. The song that made them happy was “Happy” by Pharrell Williams and we enjoyed watching the children having a dance to this wonderful song.



Inter-House Cross Country Competition

On the afternoon of Thursday the 14 March the whole of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 took part in the annual inter-house cross country competition.

All the children did very well, with everyone finishing their race – even those who managed to lose a shoe in the mud on their way round the track. Year 3 and 4 all completed a single lap whilst Years 5-7 completed 2 laps. The second lap was far more gruelling than the first, but children battled up the hill and then enjoyed the downhill run to the finish line.

Congratulations to our winners:	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Year 7</u>
Defne was proud to raise the cup on behalf of Oak House.	Reeva Luke	Valentina Arlo	Emilia Richard	Flo Gregor	Chanel Jackson



Oak-Tree Cross Country

On Wednesday 13 March, Coopersale Hall School hosted a cross country competition. We were racing against the other Oak-Tree schools plus St Aubyn's and Avon House. It was a dry day but very muddy, which made it more exciting.

In the first race the Year 3/4 girls came third, their team consisted of Reeva, Valentina, Jessica and Abigail. The Year 3/4 boys came second in their race and their team was Jesse, Teddy, Arlo and Barnaby. Year 5/6 girls raced next and they also came third; the team was Sophie, Poppy, Emilia and Florence. The Year 5/6 boys came second and their team included Henry, Oscar, Richard and Gregor. The spectators were all very supportive and cheered us round the course.

We all really enjoyed the afternoon and were all proud to receive a medal. Thank you to Mr. Barham for organising it.

Gregor, Sports Captain & Oscar, Head Boy



Easter Egg Competition

Below are a selection of the 3D pieces the children created for our Easter Egg Competition. Everyone did so well and we had a wonderful selection. Well done children.

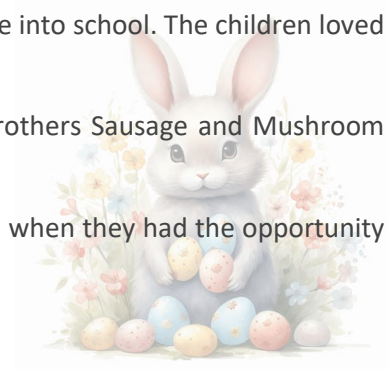
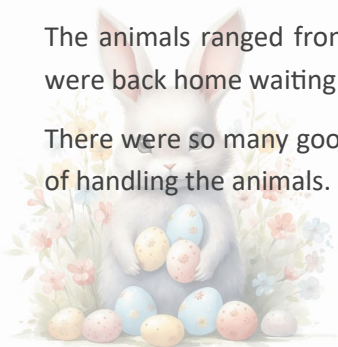


FOCHS - Easter Animal Visit

We would like to thank FOCHS for kindly organising for the spring animals to come into school. The children loved seeing the animals and having the chance to stroke them.

The animals ranged from baby lambs to snakes, and a rat named Bacon. His brothers Sausage and Mushroom were back home waiting for him!

There were so many good questions asked and the children were very thoughtful when they had the opportunity of handling the animals. Everyone really enjoyed this lovely visit.



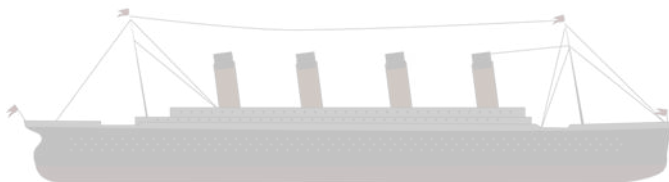
Toy Sale in Year 5

Year 5 recently held a toy sale with the proceeds going to charity - The Dream Factory. The sale was held over two afternoons raising a total of £200. Mrs Howard was very proud of how industrious her class was with organising and being part of this event. The children worked hard together as a team and have also managed to complete part of their Oak-Tree Challenge Award by taking part in this charitable event.



Year 2 Learn About The Titanic

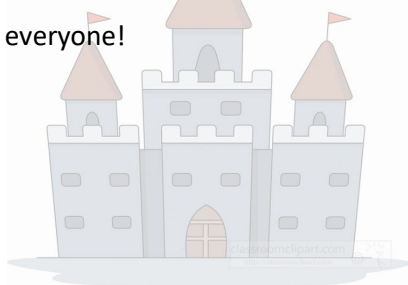
Year 2 have been learning about the tragic voyage of the Titanic. Well done to Jasper in 2H, who went home and rebuilt the Titanic out of Lego. Amazing work Jasper!



Upper Kindergarten Build a Castle

The children in Upper Kindergarten Cambridge worked so well together putting forward ideas, to build this super imaginative castle using the magnetic tiles.

Great work everyone!



Chanel in Year 7 Performs at the Palladium

Chanel in Year 7 was thrilled to have performed on stage at the London Palladium on Sunday 10 March. This event was held as a memorial to Bill Kenwright, an English theatre and film producer. Chanel performed as part of the Carmel Thomas Performing Arts School, they performed a song from "Joseph" on stage. It was a wonderful event.

How long have you been performing?

I have been going to the Carmel Thomas Performing Art School for around 2 years now. I go on a Saturday morning from 9am to 1pm. During this time I do many different things from singing, musical theatre, tap, ballet, drama and LAMDA. I have recently moved up in my tap and ballet groups so my timetable has changed around and I am with different people in my classes.

How much do you enjoy doing so many artistic skills?

I really enjoy doing so many different things. At the moment I feel that I will be doing these things for a very long time. I think that it is wonderful to act and learn to become different characters. There are so many other things that benefit you also like how to stand, project my voice, listen to people and it really helps with memory recall – things I think will help me as I get older in many different situations.



Year 4 Create mosaics

In art over the last few weeks, Year 4 have been designing and making their own mosaic pieces. First, the children planned their ideas on to a grid which helped them organise their thoughts with sizes, shape and pattern. Pupils then used MDF as a base similar to the size of a coaster along with PVA to stick tiles on to the base.

The children had a wide variety of different size and coloured mosaic tiles to choose from including glass tiles, ceramic and vitreous tiles. Once the pieces had set, the children used a child friendly grout as an adhesive to fill in the gaps and hold the tiles firmly in place. The children were very careful to wipe off the residue and clean up the individual tiles so that their patterns and images could shine through.

It was a very messy process but everyone worked very hard! The children did a great job from start to finish, working hard to produce their finished result. All of the pieces look stunning in the sunlight and all the children are very pleased with their efforts. Well done Year 4!



Year 6 Bikeability Challenge

This week the Year 6 children all completed the Bikeability challenge and test. There were two separate groups that had two days to show what they could do.

In the morning of the first day, we all had to bring in our bikes (there were some really bright and bold ones, ones with special horns, even ones that were huge compared to others).

Firstly, we had to walk our bikes down to the Astroturf to learn how to mount, steer and how to use the brakes on our bikes. We also learned how to fit our helmets on properly. We cycled around the Astroturf and learned how to ride behind people without crashing. This was a chance to show the instructors that we could go on the road. We then learnt how to safely go in different directions to other people and then forming a snake behind a specific person. The instructors then taught us how to signal to turn, stop and look. After we had lunch, we went on to the roads and were taught about primary and secondary positions so we knew where to go when we turned and cycled.

On the next day, we had a recap of everything and went straight to the roads. We did lots of drills, learning how to turn into and out of junctions. After lunch we were taught about the different road signs and were tested on them. On the way back, we had to cycle up the hill that took us back to school, and as it was steep; it was a hard journey by itself. When we were back in school we all sat down in the courtyard and shared something we learned to earn our badges for completing the Bikeability Challenge.

Well done to everyone in Year 6 who put lots of effort into this challenge and we thank all the teachers who made this possible.

Donald, Deputy Head Boy & Poppy, Deputy Head Girl



KS2 House Doodle Competition

KS2 children had a wonderful time at their House Doodle Event on Friday 22 March. The children were separated into their houses and doodled images related to the colour of their House. For instance, those in Willow doodled bumble bees, pineapples, those in Oak doodled football pitches and snakes, those in Chestnut doodled hearts, watermelons and lastly in Beech the children doodled the ocean and blue birds. It was lovely to see the children from different age groups come together and apply their creativity to their house doodle display. They thoroughly enjoyed looking around after at the other creations drawn.

We look forward to hosting this event next year and will enjoy seeing their work up on display.



Easter Bonnet Parade

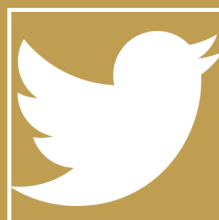
The grey weather didn't dampen our spirits as pupils from across the school donned their homemade bonnets for the annual Easter Bonnet Parade!

Each year group took it in turns to parade along the terrace, through the gate and onto the grass, finishing at the steps for a perfect photo opportunity.



Getting Social

Click the images to visit our social media sites.



FoCHS Update

Thank you to everyone for your support of our Easter baskets this year. We hope all the winners enjoy the lovely goods inside.

Events

It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the animal visit we arranged which allowed them to get up close to discover, ask questions and learn all about them.



The children made great use of the House colour bibs we provided for them to use during school sporting events, these were debuted recently during the House cross country races.

Our first quiz night, with a resident DJ from one of the school's Boys in Blue, was also a great success with a lot of positive feedback so we hope to plan more of these in the future.

Up next is a disco for years 2,3 and 4 and an event for years 5,6 and 7 with posters and information to follow.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable break over the holidays and we look forward to being back in the summer term for more exciting events!

Second-Hand Uniform

Purchasing second-hand uniform is one more way that we can all do our bit to help the environment and reduce waste, so we really appreciate your support.

Our order form can be downloaded from the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Order-Form.pdf>

If you wish to place an order, please hand in your completed form to the school office and we will let you know if the items requested are available. Please do not email any order forms to us. Once your order is confirmed, payment should be made to us electronically using the details on the form.

Our price list can also be found on the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Price-List.pdf>

We also very much appreciate any donations of good quality, school-branded uniform. Please leave it with the school office and one of our volunteers will collect it. If you have any queries, please do speak to your class rep.

Easyfundraising

Sign up to easyfundraising and you can donate to FoCHS every time you shop online, at no extra charge. Hundreds of retailers make donations and it is simple to sign up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs>

Yr 3- Rachel Concadoro

Yr 4- Nicola Wiley & Victoria Moyses

Yr 5- Rachel Concadoro

Yr 6- Sarah Cook & Jagdeep Chahil

Yr 7- Gemma White & Angela Szucs

You can also email us at FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk or speak to any members of the committee:

Get in touch

If you are interested in getting involved this year, have some ideas or if you simply have a question, we would very much like to hear from you.

Each year group has at least one FoCHS rep and the easiest way to get in touch is to message your year rep on WhatsApp:

LK- Billi M

UK- Eleanor Fawcett, Rachel Concadoro & Sarah Ede

Reception- Susan Tetherton

Yr 1- Stacey Cummins

Yr 2- Emma Plant

Yr 3- Rachel Concadoro

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