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HEAD

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Dear Parents

Re: December 2024 Head's Letter

Christmas has certainly arrived at Coopersale Hall. The children were very excited to see Father Christmas and his reindeer, and many of our FOCHS parents have been helping the elves by giving the children early Christmas presents from Father Christmas. I would like to thank them for their support. The children had a lovely day and it was the perfect way to kick off our festive activities over the coming weeks.

We have just two weeks until the end of term, which finishes on Friday 13 December at 11.30am for Early Years, 11.45am for the Years 1 & 2 and at 12 noon for Years 3 to 8. Please do also remind yourself of all of the events in the Christmas Events 2024 letter.

Celebrating Achievement

Last month, we awarded our first Coopersale Hall Achievement Trophy and Nomination Certificates to our pupils for their many achievements in school. 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 assemblies.

Daily Mile

Pupils continue to enjoy our daily mile, supporting the mind, body and community spirit. We will continue to run the daily mile every morning during the winter season. If it is pouring down with rain, we will not have the children out on the netball court, but with light drizzle, we will encourage our children to continue to walk or run together. Please send your child in with their school coat to help keep them dry.

Book Fair

This week, we will be welcoming the Book Fair to Coopersale Hall, organised by Travelling Books. The Book Fair will run until Thursday 5 December and it will be in the studio from 8.15am until 8.45am 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. High engagement with reading has been proven to not only support literacy but also correlate with higher levels of mental wellbeing in children.

Snow and Wintry Weather

I would like to remind everyone of our policy should we have any significant snow in the coming months. 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 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.

Oak-Tree Challenge

Mrs Bull introduced the ever-popular Oak-Tree Challenge Scheme to our pupils from Years 4-6 in an assembly at the beginning of term. This is a successful initiative that provides our children with an incentive to participate in the huge variety of opportunities both inside and outside of school. The scheme runs from January and children receive awards for their participation at the end of the summer term. This scheme is voluntary and pupil-initiated.

Some challenges are achievable in school time, others are designed to be undertaken out of school with minimal parental support. Throughout the challenges, there is a mixture of skills and activities being assessed, including voluntary work and independent study. For each stage, there is a requirement of self-reflection that is intended to become more detailed as the children get older. Evidence of the successful completion of challenges will be recorded in a logbook that must be kept up-to-date and completed by the pupils themselves, during school time. Bronze certificates, for Year 4, and Silver Award certificates, for Year 5, will be presented in the final assemblies at the end of each academic year, and Gold Award certificates, for Year 6, will be presented at Speech Day and Prize Giving. All pupils who gain an award will also receive a pin badge to wear on their lapel. The Awards will be entered onto the pupils' permanent records and may be referred to in future references.

We hope that all children will choose to participate and enjoy the challenges and personal success that they will bring to them. The class teachers and Mrs Bull will give the children more information, as and when they need it, so they are aware of what they need to do in order to complete each challenge.

Any questions, please do email Mrs Bull.

Dates For The Diary

Please refer to our Christmas Events 2024 document, which contains all the information and dates for our Christmas Activities & Events.

Monday 2 December	8.15-8.45am	Book Fair	All Welcome
Tuesday 3 December	8.15-8.45am	Book Fair	All Welcome
Wednesday 4 December	8.15-8.45am 1.30-3.30pm	Book Fair Oak-Tree Sports Hall Athletics @ Peter May Centre Walthamstow	All Welcome By Invitation
Monday 9 December	ALL CLUBS WILL RUN THIS WEEK UP UNTIL THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER		
	3.45-4.15pm	Football Match Epping & Ongar League @ Shooters North Weald	Years 5 & 6 By Invitation
	17.45-19.45pm	Wreath Making Workshop FOCHS (Tickets Available from Ticket Source)	Parents Welcome
Friday 13 December			

FINISHING TIMES: EARLY YEARS 11.30AM - YEARS 1 & 2 - 11.45AM - YEARS 3 TO 8 - 12 NOON

Tuesday 7 January **FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM 2025
ALL CLUBS START BACK THIS WEEK**

Monday 13 January	3.45-4.15pm	Football Match Epping & Ongar League @ Shooters North Weald	Years 5 & 6
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Tuesday 14 January	9.30am	11+ Entrance Exams for Coopersale Hall	Year 7 Applicants For Sept 2025
Thursday 23 January	3.30-4.30pm	LAST STEM CLUB – COURSE FINISHED	
Monday 27 January	8.15-8.45am	Parents’ Drop In Morning - Classrooms	Parents of Children In Lower & Upper Kindergarten – Reception & Years 7 & 8
Tuesday 28 January	8.15-8.45am	Parents’ Drop In Morning – Classrooms	Parents of Children In Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 29 January	8.15-8.45am	Parents’ Drop In Morning – Classrooms	Parents of Children In Years 3 to 6
Friday 31 January	3.30-4.30pm	LAST STEM CLUB – COURSE FINISHED	

Please remember that the Autumn Term finishes at lunchtime on Friday 13 December. There are no afternoon sessions. It just remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 7 January 2025.

Yours sincerely



Paul Wilson
Head



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