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HEAD

Mr Paul Wilson B.A. (HONS), PGCE

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Dear Parents

Re: January 2025 Head's Letter

I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break with your family, and that the children are looking forward to an exciting and productive Spring term.

For those pupils in Year 6 sitting 11+ exams, whether that is here at Coopersale Hall School or elsewhere, I would like to wish them the best of good luck. Our internal examinations take place on 14 January and we have record numbers sitting the examinations this year.

Uniform

School uniform is one of the ways in which we promote the importance of standards in our pupils. Not only does uniform create a sense of a bonded school community, it also reminds pupils of the importance of a smart appearance when making a good first impression. Please could parents ensure that pupils are in the correct school uniform at the beginning of the school day.

In particular, may I remind everyone of our expectations around earrings. Our handbook states that 'no jewellery is allowed for boys or girls except a wristwatch and a discrete religious symbol. A single stud earring is only permitted for pupils in **Year 6 upwards.**' It can be very awkward for pupils if they have had their ears pierced, only to find they are not allowed to wear an earring. **Pupils below Year 6 will be asked to remove any earrings or studs, whether these are plastic or otherwise.**

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.

A Nut Free Site

All of the schools in the Oak Tree Group are nut free sites. Please may I remind parents that any product containing nuts or labelled as: 'Not suitable for nut allergy sufferers', 'This product contains nuts' or 'This product may contain nut traces' must not be brought onto site. Whilst it might be tempting to remove the post-Christmas temptation of those uneaten boxes of Celebrations, Roses, Heroes and Quality Street by donating them to your child's class, or sending them into school as an Easter treat as we near the end of term, please keep these for home consumption.

5 Star Rating

Congratulations to our Chef Vikki and her team for securing another 5 star food hygiene rating when the Environmental Health Officer visited just before Christmas. Our catering team operates with consistently high standards and I am pleased that these were evidenced during the local authority inspection.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 7 January		FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM 2025 ALL CLUBS START BACK THIS WEEK EXCEPT ART & SCULPTURE BACK 14.1.25	
Monday 13 January	3.45-4.15pm	Football Match Epping & Ongar League @ Shooters North Weald	Years 5 & 6 By Invitation
Tuesday 14 January	9.30-12Noon	11+ Entrance Exams for Coopersale Hall	Year 7 Applicants For Sept 2025
Wednesday 15 January	9-3.30pm	Trip to National Portrait Gallery	Year 5
Thursday 16 January	8.30-2pm	Trip to British Library NW1	Years 7 & 8
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
	3.40-5pm	Football Match Epping & Ongar League @ Shooters North Weald	Years 5 & 6 By Invitation
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	
Monday 3 February	1.15-2.30pm	Cross Country Relay Epping & Ongar	Years 3 to 6 Mixed By Invitation
Monday 10 February	3.45-5pm	Football Match Epping & Ongar League @ Shooters North Weald	Years 5 & 6 By Invitation

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2025 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Wednesday 26 February	9.30-3.30pm	ISA Tag Rugby Match @ Woodford Wells	U11 By Invitation
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Yours sincerely



Paul Wilson
Head



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