



# Coopers Lane Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

September 2013

From school to home keeping you informed

### A Few Words from your New Head of School

Firstly, to echo the words of Mr. Davies, a warm welcome back to everybody and a very warm welcome to everyone who is new to Coopers Lane.

The autumn term is always exciting and full of new beginnings and fresh challenges. The children have new teachers, classrooms and new friends to make and the challenge of new learning. This year particularly I share many of their challenges, new children, new colleagues, a new office (I'm now sharing with Mr. Davies!) and most of all a new role.

I am really looking forward to working with, both you and the children, in my new capacity as Head of School and continuing the journey towards being an outstanding school. So, don't be strangers, feel free to come in and see what I have done to my bit of Mr. Davies' office, cushions and lilac notice boards are now the order of the day!

Karen Cromwell

P.S The newsletter will now be half termly!

### Whole School Dates for your Diary:

**After school clubs start - Week beg:**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sept and end week beg: 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**PTA meeting - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 9-10**

**Target setting evenings - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Staff development day (school closed)**

**- 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Individual school photos - Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**October**

**Panto for Y2 - Y6 - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

### Welcome back from Ms Pancucci

A big hello to everyone who knows me already and to those parents I have yet to meet and work with. My new role as Deputy Head of School at Coopers Lane is an exciting challenge that I am ready to embrace. I am committed to working towards strong, positive relationships with parents and understand the great impact this can have on children's potential. Looking forward to meeting you in the near future.

### Gentle Reminders:

**School Uniform** - This is now compulsory from Reception to Year 5. By its very nature, all school uniform looks alike! So please, please remember to put your child's name in it.

**Coats** - The weather from here on is very changeable so please send your child to school with a coat **every day** and as with uniform, please put a name in it

**Jewellery** - With the exception of small stud earrings and watches, jewellery is NOT permitted.

**School Start and Finish Times** - The whistle is blown at 8:40 and ALL children need to be in class ready for learning at 8:45. Children are dismissed at 3:15 Monday -Thursday and 2:15 on Friday.





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I am delighted to say that the internal improvements to the main school have been completed and we are up and running and ready to get cracking on the Autumn Term learning programme with the children.

However, I am a little disappointed that the new nursery building has been delayed because of planning issues encountered during the summer break. Happily these have now been resolved and the Nursery will open albeit a few days late.

I have spent the last three weeks working between Launcelot and Coopers Lane to ensure that both schools can get off to a flying start this year and I am confident that the new partnership arrangement between the two schools will be very successful.

This term at Coopers Lane Karen Cromwell (Head of School) and Tonia Pancucci (Deputy Head of School) will be leading things on the ground and they should be your first port of call should you need to speak to a member of senior leadership about any school-related matter. However, I have arranged my diary so that I am also available to speak with parents, and Ayse in the school office will organise all appointments for parents as she has always done. My week will be split between the two schools and I will be at Coopers Lane, amongst other times, at the start and the end of each working week. I will be taking the Golden assembly most Fridays and will be out in the playground so please come up and say hello.

We also have some new faces joining the staff team this term and we say a warm hello to the following people:

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Tracey Cardigan - Year 5 Teacher and maths leader

Peter Watts - Year 3 Teacher

Hazen Suleyman - Year 2 Teacher and science leader

Charlotte Otter - Year 1 Teacher and ICT leader

Jenny Cooke - Reception teacher

Margaret George - EYFS Teacher

Carly Thomson - Teaching assistant Y4

Sian Caddick - Teaching assistant Y2

Lisa McAndrew - EYFS TA

We also say welcome back to Mrs Edgell who is returning after her maternity leave, and we are delighted to have her back.

This term we will carry on with the improvement agenda, and although we were all delighted with our results at the end of last term we are determined to at least sustain, if not improve upon these and to continue to be amongst the top achieving schools in Lewisham. The teachers are all refreshed and re charged and ready to provide our children with the very best educational and learning opportunities, and I know our wonderful children are eager to get back and get cracking with their learning and achievement. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children again and I am very excited to be leading Coopers Lane, along with Karen and Tonia, into the next chapter of our amazing story.

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