



# COOPERS LANE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019



## Welcome

We would like to welcome you all back for another exciting school year at Coopers Lane. We would also like to say a special hello to any new families joining our community. We look forward to meeting you and sharing many great experiences together.



## Meet the Teacher



You are invited to come and find out about the year ahead at Coopers Lane on the following dates. There will also be time for you to visit your child's class. All meetings are from 9am-10am:

Year 6 - 9<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Year 5 - 10<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Year 4 - 11<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Year 3 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Year 2 - 13<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Year 1 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sep

## New Staff

We are very happy to welcome the following new members to our staff team at Coopers Lane:



Lettisha Baldwin  
Year 1 Teacher



Andrea Ellis  
Year 2 Teacher



Katie Thurlow  
Year 2 Teacher



Sian Bentley  
Year 4 Teacher



Katie Maynard  
Year 4 Teacher



Laurie Carter  
Year 6 Teacher  
and Year Group  
Leader



Gabrielle McIlroy  
Learning Mentor



I know you will all help to make our new staff feel welcome at Coopers Lane.

## STAYING SAFE

Last year, a young child was seriously injured in the playground after being knocked to the ground while waiting with a parent after school. This accident was as a result of other children running around the busy playground after being dismissed by their teacher.

Please be responsible by ensuring that your child/children are well supervised. It is not safe for children to run around, or to ride bikes or scooters in the playground either before or after school. I am sure that you want to keep the children safe so please make sure that these simple rules are followed at all times.



## Who to Contact

If you have any queries about your child's learning, please try to **speak to their class teacher first**, as they know your child best. Teachers have more time to talk to you once the children have left for the day, so please ensure you see them after school.

We have **year group leaders** in each year, who are also available to help:

EYFS = Jenny Eldridge

Year 1 = Poppy Williams

Year 2 = Kim Allen

Year 3 = Amy Riley

SEND = Tonia Pancucci

Year 4 = Erica Walker

Year 5 = Liz Gough

Year 6 = Laurie Carter

Centre for the Deaf = Sarah McGill



Should you need to speak to a member of the **senior leadership team**, please contact the school office and they will direct you to:

Paul Hooper (Head Teacher)

Amy Riley (Assistant Head)

James Mole (Deputy Head)

Sam Pepper (Acting Deputy Head)

## Break Times

We have 3 classes in every year group, which means that playtime and lunch time can get a little crowded in the playground. The safety of the children is always at the forefront of our minds so we have put the following daily timetable in place. We believe that this will keep the children safe and also allow them to play happily in the playground:

### KS1 Playground

#### Playtime

10:45-11:00

Reception, Year 1+2

#### Lunch

12:00-1:00

Reception, Year 1+2



### KS2 Playground

#### Playtime 1

10:45-11:00

Year 3+5

#### Playtime 2

11:00-11:15

Year 4+6

#### Lunch 1

12:15-1:15

Year 3+5

#### Lunch 2

12:30-1:30

Year 4+6

## Forget-Me-Nots

### School Uniform

- A school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo
- A white polo shirt
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress (gingham in summer)
- Sensible black shoes/ankle boots or plain black trainers (no logos)

*NB: No leggings/tracksuit bottoms or jeans, no jewelry*

**P.E. Kit** – Team colour t-shirt and appropriate shorts/bottoms/trainers

### Holiday Requests

- Good attendance has a significant impact on your child's progress
- Term time absence will not be authorized



## Come and Join Us – Parent drop Ins



This year, we will be continuing our fortnightly open mornings for each year group (first 20 mins of the day) where parents/carers can come and spend time with their children in class. The date of the first open morning for each year group is as follows (the rest of the autumn term dates are on the 'important dates' letter):

Y1: 30/09/19, Y2: 27/09/19, Y3: 25/09/19

Y4: 24/09/19, Y5: 26/09/19, Y6: 23/09/19

We hope you are able to join us at least once a term to share in your child's learning

## School Improvements

It's been a busy summer at school, with lots of building work and improvements being completed:



The new roof on the KS2 building will keep us dry for years to come!



We have installed a large canopy in the KS2 playground, providing much needed shade and shelter.



The PTA have kindly purchased new picnic benches which we will be using for packed lunches and for having some lessons outside



We have had a complete refurbishment of our reception classrooms, with new state of the art furniture and resources.

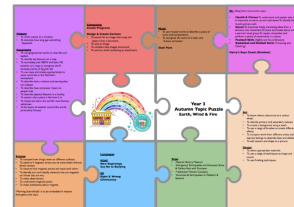


Our fire and security alarm systems have been updated across the whole school

A huge thank you to our premises manager, Kevin Teasdale, for making sure all of work was finished in time for the new term.

## Curriculum

We have reviewed the school curriculum and made exciting changes to the termly topics. Our new curriculum is action packed and full of interactive and exciting learning opportunities throughout the key stages. It is stimulating, engaging and promotes independence. You can find out more on our website.



The termly Topic Puzzles, which detail what we will be teaching, are also available from the website.



### VALUES

Values are the principles that drive our thinking and behaviour. Our school values are embedded in all we do at Coopers Lane. Please reinforce our school values at home too.

*Honesty*

*Happiness*

*Love*

*Perseverance*

*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Kindness*

## Highlights Video

We've made a fantastic video showing some of the school highlights from last year. Watch it by following the link on our website or follow this link

<https://vimeo.com/358086825>





## **Trips**

We are proud to offer a wide range of fantastic learning experiences for our children, which includes educational day trips, residential visits and workshops. The children benefit greatly from being able to visit a range of museums, theatres and other establishments that fit with the curriculum topics and provide memorable learning experiences.



Rather than make charges for individual trips, this year we are asking parents for a one-off voluntary contribution of £15.00, which will cover all class day trips and workshops for the year. This payment is due on the first day of every academic year and is available on Parent Pay (thank you if you have already made payment).

*Please note: This contribution does not include residential trips or the annual Broadstairs trip.*

## **Rights Respecting Schools Award**

The Unicef UK Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) supports schools across the UK to embed human rights in their ethos and culture. The award recognises achievement in putting the UN Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of a school's practice to improve well-being and help all children realise their potential.

We are a Rights Respecting school and we are currently working towards achieving the Gold Award. This is the highest award granted by Unicef UK and there is a lot of work for us to do in order to achieve it.

Find out more about how we are embedding our rights respecting work in our curriculum by visiting the school website.



## **Mr Mole's Charity Hike**

Mr Mole (and friends) is trying to help The Royal Marsden Hospital to buy some new equipment to help identify and treat a range of different cancers. The cost of the equipment is not cheap (£86,000!) so he is after all the generosity he can muster!

In order to fundraise he is attempting the national 3 peaks challenge (hiking up 3 big hills in 24 hours). While he is doing that he is challenging people to stay in one night instead of going out to the pub or for dinner and donate the money they save to the Royal Marsden. Please follow the following link if you would like to support Mr Mole with a donation:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gr8tefuleight>



## **Parking**

Some parents are still parking across the driveways of the residents on Pragnell Road, despite many requests from the school to stop doing so. Please don't block the driveways of our neighbours. It is very disrespectful and causes a lot of distress. In addition to this, it is very dangerous as there are less opportunities for the children and parents with buggies to cross the road safely. The school also spends a great deal of time dealing with complaints and conflict as a result of the inconsiderate parking.

If you can, please try to walk to school. If you must drive, then please park sensibly and avoid Pragnel Road. Remember, one of our school values is Respect!

