

Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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Newsletter – November 2020

As we are in the full midst of the second National Lockdown as a country, I would like to thank you for your understanding particularly when we have had to close a bubble due to having a positive case in the class. We acknowledge that for our whole community this continues to be an uncertain and anxious time, and that as a community we need to continue to support each other. We still firmly believe, and it is supported by senior clinicians, that school is the best place for children to be in terms of their education and also mental and emotional wellbeing.

Like you, we are desperate to keep the school open for all our children and to do this we need to tighten our risk assessment further in some areas. Below we have set out reminders of the key things we are asking of you and have also introduced a few extra measures that we hope will keep our children, staff and community safe.

COVID Restrictions

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Please leave school as quickly as you can and avoid speaking to staff or peering through windows to watch your child. We ask that you continue to try to keep 2m away from other bubbles, but as we know that can be difficult at times. **We would like to encourage all adults to wear masks on the school grounds at drop off and pick up until further notice. Staff will also be encouraged to wear masks when in the playground or at the end of the day and in communal areas of the school.**



Remember – if you or any member of your family has symptoms and you need to self-isolate while you wait for a test result, this means that you cannot go out at all. You must stay home and not leave your house or garden until you have a negative result. If a person in the home has a positive result the whole household must continue to self-isolate for the specified period of time.

Drop off and pick up times – Reminder- only one person

Drop-off	Gate opens at 8.40 and closes at 9am
Pick-up	Gate opens at 3.00 and closes at 3.20

All children need to arrive by 9am and gates will be closed at this time. Anyone arriving after this time will have to enter through the main entrance.

Do you want to be a school governor?

Do you have a few hours to spare each month and would like to help govern our school? We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor at Coopersale and would like to fill this post for January. Watch this space for election details which will take place in January.

Remembrance Service



On Wednesday 11th November the whole school took part in a remembrance service. Year 2 had exclusive access to the hall where they could sit 3 metres away from Revd. Lee. The children have really missed the real Revd. Lee as opposed to seeing him virtually. We were also joined virtually by Ashlar Care Home and each class contributed a poppy to a special wreath that was made for them. Miss Usher delivered the Wreath last week where the Care Home Manager Mrs Rita Sandhu was so happy to receive a special surprise.



Worship in Wellies

On Thursday 12th December all pupils took part in a wellbeing workshop on our muddy field! The event was led by the Rev. Jaimee Summers for all year groups. Jaimee is part of the Epping clergy team who have been producing weekly assemblies via YouTube for us this term. Each class met Jaimee on the field and then every child was sent off to 'find something beautiful'. We talked about the beauty of God's world,



even in winter and looked carefully at all of the natural things around us. Jaimee finished the session by leading us in signing one of our favourite songs, 'My Lighthouse'. We so miss singing, but signing is fun and we are all getting much better at it!



Tractor Visit

Year 3 & 4 have been really enjoying their Learning journey -The Rise of the Machines. As part of their learning they all got to meet a real-life farmer and he also brought along his Fendt 939 Tractor. Our children had prepared plenty of questions to keep Robert Padfield busy, whilst learning about the history of his local farm which is based in Magdalen Laver and has been in his family for over 200 years.

Ashlar Care Home Virtual Sessions

Some of you may remember that last year, Year 3&4 visited the care home as part of their learning. Due to Covid restrictions we are not currently able to visit again, however, thanks to technology the whole school are now able to interact with the residents as we hold weekly 'virtual' meets over Teams. Each week one class either presents work, reads a story, listens to a story or does a quiz with the residents, then they have the opportunity to ask each other questions and find out about the opposite generation. This is a worthwhile project for both the children – the feedback from them has been really positive so far – and the residents, one of whom said her favourite hobby was seeing the children! Especially when they are unable to have any friends or family visit, this is such an important project that we as a school can do to help improve their lives and support our local community.

Supporting families in Epping

The world is now a place in which more people have been forced to flee their homes than at any other period since the Second World War. Half the world's 50 million refugees are children. In these turbulent times, schools have a critical role to play in helping develop that sense of place and belonging to all vulnerable families in our community. Each class at Coopersale will be creating a shoe-box gift for a child in need and will be filling it with small items such as small toys/ notepads/ gel pens/ erasers/ packets of sweets (non-gelatine) / chocolate/ paper/ shower gel/ skipping rope etc. You will receive a note from your child's class teacher with more details.

Epping St Johns	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Epping			2190
Epping Upland	1320	2039	2412
St Andrews	1291	2013	2597
Coopersale & TG			2460
Stapleford Abbotts			
Ivy Chimneys		1248	2216

Virtual Sports Hall Athletics Competition

This term Miss Marbe & Mr Bromley organised Upper KS2 to take part in a virtual competition. 26 schools took part and out of the 26 schools we won 3rd position. We also did well in our Epping St Johns Group too!

Now we have the hang of 'virtual' competitions, we can't wait to enter more competitions to ensure we are still encouraging our competitive spirit.

Upper KS2	Score	No. of Children
Dr Walkers	2476	23
High Ongar	2470	41
Coopersale & TG	2460	47

ActiveLearn Platform

It will now be possible for teacher to allocate Maths e-textbooks, Teaching Tools, Power Ups, Strengthen and Deepen activities and videos for children to access via their own logins to the *Active Learn Pupil World*. This means that children are able to access PowerMaths at home. Click on the link here [ActiveLearn Primary Pupil World - YouTube](#) to find out how to access these on your child's account.



Dates for your diary

- **Virtual Parents Consultation (Staggered School closure from 1.15pm to 1.30pm) - Thursday 10th December** (letter to follow tomorrow). Shine club will be available for the additional session if required (details to come).
- **Year 1 & 2 Nativity learning** available for parents to view on our School website -Thursday 10th December
- **Christmas Jumper Day** – Friday 11th December (Save the Children).
- **Virtual Pantomime:** Sleeping Beauty on Tuesday 15th December
- **Virtual Pantomime:** A Christmas Carol on Wednesday 16th December
- **Pyjama Day for the whole school** - Thursday 17th December
- **Last day of term** – Friday 18th December

