



Copley Junior School Newsletter



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Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

Thank you for supporting our 'Red Nose Day' for Comic Relief. We had lots of fun and raised **£193** for a very worthwhile charity. Thank you to Miss Tierney and the School Council for organising our fundraising day.



CSA Matchbox Cram

Thank you to everyone who entered our CSA matchbox cram competition. Ever wondered how many different items can be crammed into a matchbox? Quite a lot as it turns out! Well done to the winners from each class, who each received a prize in our Friday achievement assembly:

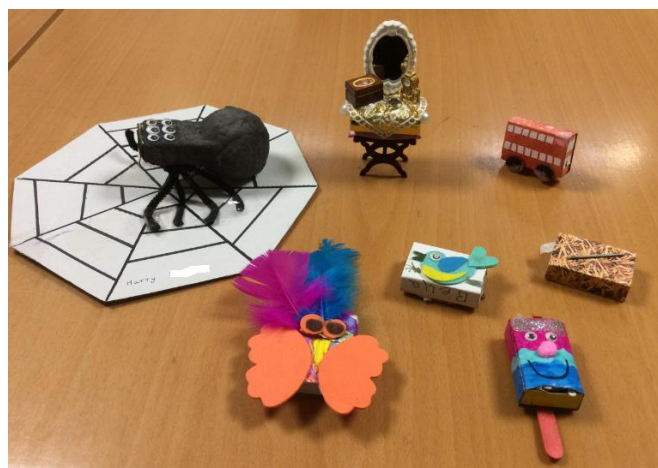
Hattie F, Allegra P-P, Anna W, Annabelle W, Noah W, Alfie K, Amelia F and Neve R

Our overall winner was **Allegra P-P** who crammed in a record breaking **203** items and her prize is a £10 pocket money treat.

Thank you to my trusty House leaders who very patiently counted and verified the winning crammed matchboxes for each class during a lunchtime break.

Thank you to our art subject leader, Miss Passant, who had the tricky job of judging the design aspect of the competition. As you can see below, we received some very creative and imaginative entries. Well done to **Evie S** in Y3/4 and **Amelia F** in Y5/6, who both received a lovely art set as their prize.

We are grateful to everyone who supported the sponsored aspect of the competition so every child who returned an entry received a small treat. Thank you very much to CSA members for organising such a fun activity. We raised £410 towards our CSA aim of funding a new interactive SmartScreen so your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.



World Book Day



New Books - 'All Creatures Great and Small' Themed Collection

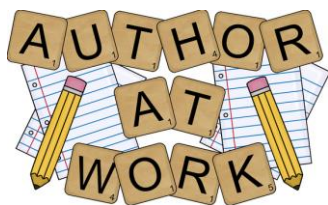
Our new themed reading collection of 65 book titles, on the theme of 'All Creatures Great and Small', has proved to be very popular. After the first week, the titles have been read 118 times so we are delighted by the enthusiastic response of the children. Please encourage children to complete the reading review slip inside the front cover and to return books to the central display, once read, so that other children can enjoy reading them.

World Book Day Competition

Mrs Henfield has launched a poetry competition on our World Book Day theme of 'All Creatures Great and Small'. The letter has been sent home and a copy is available on the 'Letters' page of the website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters>

Mrs Henfield will select a winner from each year group who will win a prize and she will forward entries for the national competition. The closing date for competition entries is **Friday 29th March**.



Reading Challenge

On Friday, we presented our first twelve certificates to children who have already completed their first challenge card, representing five hours of reading. Children have all brought home their 'All Creatures Great and Small' Reading Challenge card. When the children read at

home over the coming weeks, please could you continue to sign your child's reading diary and also sign the reading challenge card too. When children have achieved 5 hours of reading they will receive a certificate and after 10 hours they will receive a further certificate and small prize. There is no rush to achieve the reading challenge - the main aim is that children enjoy their reading.



Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent-Teacher meetings this week. Teachers greatly appreciate the many kind comments we received about the children's work and the progress they can see so far this school year. If you have not yet had your Parent-Teacher meeting, please contact the school office to make a mutually convenient appointment as soon as you can.

Year 6 Morning Revision and Breakfast

Our Year 6 morning revision and breakfast sessions started this week. All children in Year 6 are welcome to attend to undertake revision using materials provided by the school.

The expectation is that children who have signed up will attend the session every week. Toast and juice will be provided. The remaining dates of the sessions are as

follows: 27th March, 3rd April, 10th April, 1st May and 8th May. The original letter sent out is available on the 'Letters' page of the website.

CSA News

Coppers for Copley - Children are invited to continue to bring in their coppers (1p and 2p coins only) for their class jar up to Easter when the initiative ends. The children then count their savings and the CSA kindly matches the total for each class. The children then have the fun of deciding how they wish to spend their savings.

Mother's Day Shop - This is a very enjoyable CSA event, which has been very successful in previous years.

On **Thursday 28th March**, children who have purchased a ticket via ParentPay (by the deadline date of 22nd March) are able to choose a gift for their mother/carer and CSA members will wrap it so that the child can then write the label and be ready to take their gift home at the end of the day.

A couple of children have asked me this week about their ticket - on this occasion we are not issuing tickets. As all places have been booked via ParentPay, office staff will collate class lists of the children taking part, teachers will remind children to attend the event and CSA members will tick off the class lists to double check that everyone has chosen their gift over the lunchtime period.

For the event to be a great success, we would greatly appreciate donations of new small gift items - the children really enjoy purchasing teddies and chocolates as well as toiletries (no glass bottles please).



CSA Family Bingo Evening - CSA members are holding a Family Bingo event on **Thursday 11th April**. Children may attend straight from 3.30pm in the care of our staff to be collected at 4.30pm or you are warmly welcomed to attend as a family group. Further details will be sent out via ParentPay in due course.

Diary Dates

Monday 25th March - Following our work with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, we have been given a number of sapling trees and a member of the Trust is visiting on Monday afternoon to help eco-councillors in Y3 and Y4 to plant them.

Thursday 28th March - Emerald Class will be walking to the Methodist Church on Thursday 28th March for their next Godly Play session. They will leave school at 1.10pm and will be back in school for 3.20pm.

Thursday 28th March - Street dance Club final session - parents are welcome to join us at 4.20pm to see a short routine!

Friday 29th March - Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew. Children need to be in school for 8.45am for a prompt departure at 9am and the children will be back in school for 3.30pm.

Friday 29th March - Aquamarine Class will be walking to the Methodist Church for their Godly Play session, leaving at 1.10pm and they will be back in school for 3.20pm.

Monday 1st April - Children's University Passport Count: Please remember to bring your passport (all up to date with clubs hours) for the passport count. Following her visit, our link tutor will send us certificates to celebrate the children's achievements.

Monday 1st April - Robinwood Information Meeting: We hope Year 5 parents and children will be able to join us for a short meeting at 6pm so we can provide information about our planned residential visit and answer any questions you may have.

Thursday 4th April - Easter Disco 3.30pm-5pm; further details to follow

Sprotbrough Music Society Concert

Many thanks to Sprotbrough Music Society, who organised a Year 4 and Year 5 workshop led by one of their visiting musicians.

Catriona McDermid graduated from Oxford with First Class Honours in music and subsequently received a distinction for her Masters degree at the Royal College of Music. A keen orchestral musician she has performed with the Royal Philharmonic, BBC Philharmonic, and BBC Symphony Orchestras plus many other leading Ensembles. She led a very engaging workshop on the bassoon - we hope this will help to inspire our many budding musicians in school!



E-Safety

At last week's Parent Forum meeting, we discussed the work we do in school to help keep children safe online.

If you would like guidance about how to protect your child's online safety at home, including parent guides about popular apps and games, please visit our website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/day-by-day/e-safety>

As you scroll down the page you will see picture links to a series of 'What Parents

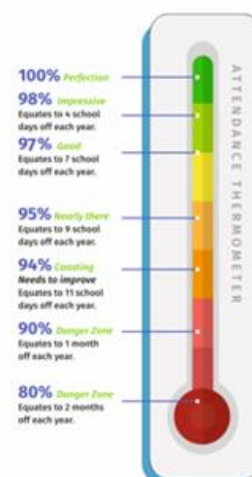
'Need to Know' leaflets with really helpful information about popular games and apps that we know are used by some of the children in school and steps you can take to keep your child safe online.

Thank you to one of our Parent Forum members, who has recommended the Barnardo's website and their top five e-safety tips for parents. We have added the link on our E-Safety page - thank you!

Dinner Money Increase

We have been informed that Doncaster Meals Service is increasing the cost of a school meal by 5p a day to **£2.55 from 1st April**. This still represents excellent value for money. New summer menus will be shared shortly.

Attendance



School attendance target = 97.8%	
Pearl	98.0%
Opal	99.3%
Aquamarine	100%
Emerald	96.2%
Topaz	88.6%
Diamond	100%
Amethyst	94.2%
Jet	100%
Weekly average attendance for the school = 97.2%	

Best wishes,
E.A. Crayton