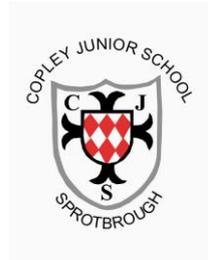




Copley Junior School Newsletter



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As always, our first few days back at school have been very busy with many exciting curriculum opportunities.

Eco Success!

We are very proud to share that our wonderful Eco Council, led with great dedication by Mrs Westerman, has been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag Award. This is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning and the highest Eco Schools Award that can be achieved. As you can see, the children in the Eco Council were delighted to hear the good news!



We are looking forward to receiving our green flag and hoisting it on our flag pole before too long. To retain our accreditation, we will now choose new environmental projects to develop over the next two years.

To read all about our eco successes this year, please visit the website page at:
<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/eco-council>



Mountain Explorer Academy

To launch their geography project on mountains, Year 4 entered the Mountain Explorer Academy for an action packed day of learning and activities. Delivered by an experienced mountaineer and expedition leader, the workshop was a mixture of short, interactive presentations (full of photos, videos and stories from recent mountaineering expeditions) and hands-on activities in small teams (e.g. mapping exercises, mountain-themed problem solving challenges, a quiz on the hazards of mountain travel, a wildlife identification competition etc.)

A gallery of photos from the day is available on the Year 4 class page at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-4>



Copley Cracks the Crime of the Century

Year 6 returned to school to discover a crime scene! Could our Year 6 detectives use their knowledge of forensic science skills to eliminate suspects and solve the case? No stone has been left unturned and even Mrs Crayton's fingerprints have been examined under the microscope...



Swim Safe

Many thanks to the RNLI and Swim England for providing our Year 5 Swim Safe session. Young people love swimming outdoors - but swimming in the sea, rivers and lakes is very different to swimming in a pool. Swim Safe gives children aged 7-14 an opportunity to learn how to be safe in and around open water. Our strongest 24 swimmers were selected by our weekly swimming instructor for a fun outdoor swimming session with fully qualified lifeguards and swimming instructors. All Year 5 children learned about the dangers of falling into cold water and guidance to improve the chances of survival.



Open the Book

Many thanks to the lovely 'Open the Book' team who led their final assembly for the year on Wednesday. They really help to bring Bible stories to life and we look forward to their visits next school year.

Sports Afternoon

Our Sports Afternoon is scheduled for 1pm on **Wednesday 12th June**. The children are kept active all afternoon in track events as well as rounders and cricket matches. Parents and relatives are warmly invited to join us. Children collect points for their House and will wear the smart tabards purchased by the CSA, which are in House colours. **In the event of poor weather on 12th June, our Sports Afternoon will be on our reserve date of Friday 28th June at 1pm.** We will use the front page of the website, Twitter and our ParentPay service to keep you informed if the weather looks in any doubt.

Participation at our Sports Afternoon - We ensure that all children are involved in a cricket match, rounders game and our spoke relay event as well as at least one other track event. Please be aware that the number of races each child participates in may vary for a number of reasons. This includes the number of children in each House, to ensure each House has an equal chance of winning the whole event.

Club News

All clubs are running as usual after our Sports afternoon.

'10 Day Active Travel to School' Campaign

Our school will be taking part in South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership's 10 day Active Travel Challenge starting on **Monday 10th June** and finishing on **Friday 28th June** (we have extended the challenge period to enable all Year 6 to take part for 10 days around their residential visit). In order to give flexibility to enable every

child to take part, children may start their 10 day challenge on the date that is most convenient for you, with a final challenge date of Friday 28th June. As in the autumn term, active travel can be counted if your child has actively travelled **to school or from school** or, even better, has travelled actively **to and from** home. The challenge is for pupils and their families to choose an active way of getting to school over a 10 day period.

If you live a distance from school please remember that park and stride (if you are walking for at least 5 minutes) also counts. Children will collect stickers if they travel actively each day and there are small prizes to be won if active travel is achieved for a full 10 day period.

As always, the full letter is available on the 'Letters' page of the website at:

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

Children's University Graduation



Children who have achieved more than 30 hours of extra-curricular learning recorded in their Children's University passport this year are invited to attend the Children's University graduation at the Hub. This is always a lovely occasion and parents/carers and relatives are welcome to join us. A huge pile of certificates have arrived in school ready for us to present next week. We are waiting for the invitation letter from the Children's University to send out to you.

[Owing to difficulties arranging coach transport for children to the event, the Children's University has had to move our graduation date to the afternoon of Tuesday 9th July.](#) I apologise for any

inconvenience this may cause, but I appreciate it is a complex task for the Children's University to organise all the graduation ceremonies required for Doncaster schools. We will move our afternoon parent science presentations to a new date (to follow). For any Y6 children attending the Ridgewood transition week, Ridgewood are most happy for parents to collect children at approx. 2pm so they can still attend the graduation. We should receive the letter from the Children's University confirming all the arrangements ready to send to send out to you next week.

CSA News

CSA Treasure Hunt

We hope families enjoyed taking part in the CSA Treasure Hunt event. Please return your completed entries to school for the deadline date of **Monday 10th June**.

Textile Recycling

The CSA has organised our next collection for **Tuesday 11th June** - please bring your recycling bag to school for 9am if you are able to support this. It is a great way to support our environmental drive for recycling and to raise funds for charity and CSA fundraising.

Father's Day Gifts

Many thanks to CSA volunteers who came to help us with the lunchtime craft sessions. Many children took part and we have sent home the prepared gift ready for Father's Day.

CSA Meeting - Our next CSA meeting is at 2pm on Tuesday 11th June as we plan for our Summer Fair. All parents/carers are welcome to join us and we appreciate every offer of help for this event.

Non-Uniform Day for the Summer Fair

On **Monday 17th June** we are holding a non-uniform day for all children. In preparation for our Summer Fair, we would like to ask for a donation(s) for any of the stalls listed below:

[Sponsorship for the Summer Fair](#) - If anyone can support with sponsorship for the Bouncy Slide at £50 (actual slide cost £100) please contact the Secretary of the CSA via the school office.



Copley School Association (CSA) (Registered Charity no. 1099817)

COPLEY JUNIOR'S SUMMER FAIR
THURS 27TH JUNE
Starts at 3.45 p.m.

MARR FARM HOT DOGS
BOUNCY SLIDE (Free Entry & All Welcome)
BEAT THE GOALIE
TOMBOLAS

2ND HAND UNIFORM
FACE PAINTING
GAME STALLS
& MORE....

Donation(s) Request!

Non Uniform Day on Monday 17th June.

CSA kindly requests that each child brings into school a donation(s) on this day.

Donations needed for.....

- Raffle and Silent Auction prizes
- Children's Tombola (any unwanted/unopened gifts)
- Bottle Tombola e.g. toiletries, soft drinks... also used bottle bags (alcohol & all glass bottles directly to the school office by an adult please)
- Lucky Dip (small new pocket money toys/stationery)
- Cakes (baked or bought, biscuits, buns - welcomed on the day in the morning or at the fair)

Bouncy Slide Sponsor(s)!

Sponsorship(s) of a minimum of £50 are welcomed.

Publicity (if wanted) on the day of the fair & in the school newsletter can be arranged. If you or your business would like to sponsor the slide please contact the school office.

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Help Welcomed!

If you are free to help at this event please contact the school office.

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Charity Match Funding!

If your business or employer would like to match fund this charity run event, then please contact the school office.

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*Thank you for your continued support & we hope you enjoy the fair!
All profit will go towards new interactive classroom whiteboards.*

Junior Civic Mayor

All Year 4 children in Doncaster are invited to apply for the role of Junior Civic Mayor. This is a fantastic opportunity to shape local policy and ensure the voice of children is heard.

We will give application forms next week for all children who have returned the expression of interest form. Children are asked to write just 50-100 words to share why they would be perfect for the role. We have encouraged all Year 4 pupils to consider applying for the role as children at Copley are so engaged, articulate and full of good ideas.

Calling all Year 4 pupils!

Would you like to help make a difference to children in Doncaster?

Could you be the one to help get the voices of Doncaster children heard and listened to?

Would you like to go to important events with the Civic Mayor?

You could be Doncaster's next

Junior Civic Mayor

The **Junior Civic Mayor** will need to be confident and enthusiastic.

Speak to your teacher to find out more information and how to apply.

Your teacher needs to send your application in for you by the 20th July 2019.

Teachers needing more information can email JuniorCivicMayor@doncaster.gov.uk or phone 01302 737120.

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Diary Dates

Year 5 Visit to the Tropical Butterfly

House - On Friday 14th, Year 5 children are visiting the Tropical Butterfly House as part of their 'Beast Creator project.

Year 6 Graduation -

Monday 15th July

Our Year 6 graduation is a very special occasion and Year 6 parents and relatives are warmly invited to join us from 5.45pm. A letter of invitation will be sent out next week.



Year 3 'Sing Out' Choir Concert

Our Year 3 Choir is performing at the Dome on **Thursday 13th June**. The children will arrive at the Dome for 3pm for a final rehearsal, with the evening concert finishing at approximately 8.30pm.

Rock Wrangle!

Please support your children to practise their times tables and division facts in preparation for our Rock Wrangle whole school competition event on 4th July. Children will be rewarded for the most improved results from our initial assessments and finalists from each year group will go through to the grand finale event.

Copley-St Joseph, Carquefou Link

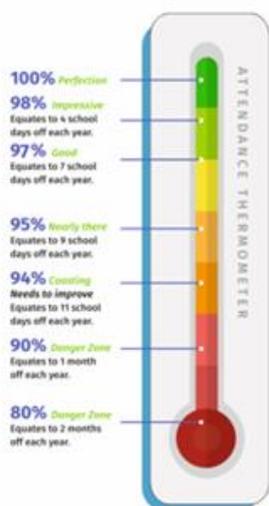
Our link with St Joseph, Carquefou is highly valued and really enhances our teaching of French in Year 5. Miss BB and Miss Wright spent two days teaching at St Joseph and leading the curriculum focus study work being completed across the two schools.

Lots of photos and work is shared on the website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/international-links>



Attendance



School attendance target = 97.8%	
Pearl	93.1%
Opal	95.4%
Aquamarine	96.3%
Emerald	96.8%
Topaz	95.2%
Diamond	98.4%
Amethyst	97.2%
Jet	97.9%
Weekly average attendance for the school = 96.2%	

Attendance across school remains a concern, with attendance this week once again below expectations.

Please support excellent attendance over the next few weeks. Children in Years 3-5 will be undertaking assessments in reading, writing and maths to inform annual reports and next year's teaching and it is essential that all children complete these.

Diary Dates

11.06.19	CSA Recycling Collection
11.06.19	CSA meeting at 2pm
12.06.19	Sports Afternoon 1pm
13.06.19	Y3 Sing Out Concert pm
14.06.19	Y5 visit to the Tropical Butterfly House
17.06.19	Non uniform day - contribution day for the Summer Fair
18.06.19-21.06.19	Y6 Residential Visit to Northumberland
21.06.19	Parent Forum at 2.15pm
24.06.19	Y3 Visit to Magna
25.06.19	New Y3 intake tour and meeting at 5.30pm
26.06.19	Opera North Concert Y5
26.06.19	Y5/6 Athletics Tournament
27.06.19	Summer Fair at 2.30pm for pupils/3.30pm for parents
28.06.19	Reserve date for Sports Afternoon at 1pm
02.07.19	Aquamarine Class visit to the Methodist Church
03.07.19	Emerald Class visit to the Methodist Church
04.07.19	Rock Wrangle and Disco 3.30-5pm
08.07.19	Ridgewood transition week
09.07.19	Children's University Graduation pm
10.07.19	Science curriculum presentation for parents at 9am
11.07.19	Y5 express at 2.45pm
12.07.19	Reports out to parents
15.07.19	Last Y5 swimming session
15.07.19	Y6 Graduation at 6pm

All dates are also entered on the website calendar - please see our Home page. Regular reminders of upcoming events will be shared via the weekly newsletter. In the event of any dates needing to be changed, the website calendar will be updated accordingly and information provided via the weekly newsletter.

Best Wishes,
E.A Crayton
Head teacher