



Copley Junior School Newsletter

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Times Tables Rock Stars 'Rock Wrangle'

Thank you to everyone for your support for our Times Tables Rock Star Celebration Day on Thursday. The children (and staff!) looked fabulous!



After a final few weeks of practising times tables, all children had their final assessment using our Times Tables Rock Stars programme. The progress of all children has been celebrated including that of children who have achieved the most improved scores.



Five children from each year group with the highest scores for accuracy and speed went through to our 'Rock Wrangle' event. This saw year group competitions against the clock, supported by rock music backing tracks and our rock star audience of children - who were very active and vocal in their support!

The year group finalists all received a certificate and the year group winners were presented with an engraved gold medal. After a final tense round, our 2019 Times Tables Rock Star winner was announced as Afreen N in Year 6.



A full gallery of photos, which includes class photos, is now available on the website at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/maths-curriculum/times-tables-rockstars>

A quick link is also available on the home page.

We hope children will continue to practise their times tables over the summer - ready for Times Tables Rock Stars 2019-2020!

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Miss Mellor, our Maths subject leader, who has led this initiative and has worked so hard to make our Times Tables Rock Star programme and this week's 'Rock Wrangle' such a success. Thank you also to Miss Blades-Baker for organising our finalists' goody bags and 'top table' lunch experience!

AcSEED Award (Supporting Emotional Wellbeing in Schools)

We are very proud to share that we have met the national AcSEED criteria for emotional wellbeing and mental health support, and we have therefore been accredited with the AcSEED Award. Copley Junior is the first primary/junior school in Yorkshire to be awarded the AcSEED accreditation!

The external AcSEED review team reported back to us to share that they were particularly impressed with:

- "The work of the Wellbeing lead in promoting Positive Mental Health within Copley Junior.
- The work of the Anti-Bullying Ambassador pupil team.
- The involvement of Governors in the school's wellbeing development.
- The child friendly wellbeing policy is inspirational.
- Pupil leadership groups formulating policies and promoting student wellbeing.
- The Mini Life Coaches PowerPoints.
- Involvement in the 'Mental Toughness' programme.
- The Civic Mayor's 'Make a School Difference' Award for Mini Life Coaches.

- Achievement of the Diana Award - National Anti-Bullying Award.
- Listening to students and responding to their ideas to shape emotional wellbeing in school.
- The work of the Mini Life Coaches.
- The range of activities available to students with a focus on emotional health."



Many thanks to Miss Wright, who leads this aspect of our provision with such dedication and enthusiasm. Also, well done to our new team of Mini Life Coaches who have been elected from Year 5 following letters of application and interview. They are now undertaking training from Miss Wright so they are ready to lead pupil mentoring workshops next term.

More Success for Copley! Bronze School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been recredited with the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme that aims to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. This year we have participated in many inter- and intra-sports competitions in a range of sports including indoor athletics, cricket, football, swimming, gymnastics, outdoor athletics and cross country and our teams have achieved lots of success.

We are very close to achieving the criteria for the Silver Award, so this is our aim for next year.



Children's University Graduation 2019

This year we have 71 graduates of the Children's University, our highest number to date.

We are greatly looking forward to the graduation event at the Hub on **Tuesday 9th July**. Children attending the graduation will have an early lunch so we are ready to board the coach and travel to the Hub. Parents using the car park at the Hub - please arrive in plenty of time as unfortunately it is a pay and display car park which does not operate with cash, and you will need a debit/credit card and a phone to pay. A copy of the letter with all the arrangements is available on the 'Letters' page of the website.

The graduation will start at **1.15pm** and should finish by approximately 2.45pm. In a change to the arrangements, the Children's University has now offered coach transport back to school. Let us know if this would help you. Parents attending the graduation and collecting children afterwards do not need to return children to school as by the time we get back it will nearly be the end of the school day.

Year 6 Transition to Ridgewood

Pupils transferring to Ridgewood have their transition week from **Monday 8th July**. Ridgewood ask that children arrive no earlier than 9.15am but no later than 9.30am. Year 6 pupils are asked to assemble at Reception, where they will be met by staff and prefects who will escort them during the day.

Ridgewood provides a coach for the journey back to Copley each day. This is staggered with the different feeder schools so we have times allocated through the week as follows:

Mon 8th: Leave Ridgewood at 2.35pm

Tues 9th: Leave Ridgewood at 3.10pm

Wed 10th: Leave Ridgewood at 3.45pm

Thurs 11th: Leave Ridgewood at 2.35pm

Fri 12th: Leave Ridgewood at 3.10pm

If we allow 25 minutes for the coach ride back to school, on Monday 8th and Thursday 11th children will be back at about 3pm and then will come into Copley until the end of the school day. On Wed 10th July children will return at approx. 4.10 pm.

Annual Reports to Parents/Carers

School reports will be sent home on **Friday 12th July**. If you would like to discuss your child's report with the class teacher, please contact your child's teacher to make a mutually convenient appointment.

As Year 6 will return earlier in the afternoon from Ridgewood on Thursday, Year 6 reports will be sent home on **Thursday 11th July**.

Year 4 and Year 5 RSE Lessons

Following our scheme of work for RSE, Year 4 will be having a class RSE lesson on **Friday 12th July** and Year 5 will be welcoming the school nurse for a session about puberty on Friday 12th July. If there are RSE lessons planned where we feel children may have further questions to ask at home we always inform you beforehand. Further details will be sent home next week via ParentPay.

Sporting Success

Well done to children in every year group who were chosen to represent us at Active Fusion's Sports Festival at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield on Friday. This gave our pupils opportunity to engage in sports in the same facilities as Olympic Champions!

We represented Sri Lanka on this occasion. Well done to all the children, who as always

took part with enthusiasm and demonstrated great team spirit and sporting behaviour throughout the day. Photos to follow next week!

Year 6 Graduation Evening

Our Year 6 Graduation Evening is on **Monday 15th July at 6pm**, with a welcome drink from 5.45pm. Our presentation evening is always a very special occasion and is time to mark the achievement of each and every one of our Year 6 children.

Information for Children: Dress code for the event is **smart** evening wear:
trousers/shirt/tie
trousers/shirt/tie/jacket
dress
smart trousers/smart top
etc.



Walking To and From School Arrangements

Our new Year 2 parents/carers have been asked to let us know about collection/walking home arrangements ready for September. For all children in Year 4-6 next year we will transfer the current collection/walking home independently arrangements over to the next class teacher. Please let us know if you wish to change arrangements by completing the 'Walking To and From Home Alone' form. This can be done at the school office or the form can be downloaded for the website at <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/day-by-day/school-day/arrivals-and-departures>

Transition

Our Year 2 pupils will be coming to Copley for further transition visits next week. On **Thursday 11th July**, all classes will be spending time with their teacher for next year to find out about all the exciting learning opportunities ahead.

Classes for next year are as follows:

- Pearl Class (Miss Havercroft) moving to Miss Tierney (Emerald Class)
- Opal Class (Mrs Westerman) moving to Miss Mellor (Aquamarine Class)
- Emerald Class (Miss Tierney) moving to Miss Blades-Baker (Topaz)
- Aquamarine Class (Miss Mellor) moving to Miss Wright (Diamond)
- Topaz Class (Miss BB) moving to Mrs Henfield (Jet)
- Diamond Class (Miss Wright) moving to Miss Hull (Amethyst)

Y5 Swimming Gala

A reminder that Y5 pupils selected to compete in the swimming gala need to be at school on **Wednesday 10th July at 8.30am** to board the coach for the competition at Dearne Valley Leisure Centre, with their swimming kit and water bottle.

Science Parent Presentations

We hope you will be able to join us for our **science parent presentations at 9am or 5.30pm on Wednesday 10th July**. Miss Hull, our science subject leader, will be sharing our approach to the teaching of science, how we cover the science curriculum and ensure progression of skills and children from each year group will present some of their learning to you. We hope you will be able to join us. Please return the reply slip to let us know how many seats are required. As always, a copy of the letter is available on the 'Letters' page of the website.

Year 5 Express – Year 5 teachers would like to invite parents/relatives to their express event at 2.45pm on **Thursday 11th July at 2.45pm**.

Samba Celebration

Year 4 parent/relatives are invited to join us from 2.45pm on **Tuesday 16th July** so

that children can showcase some of the work from their Samba lessons this year.

Guitar Celebration

Children learning to play the guitar have done really well with their lessons this year. Parents/relatives are invited to join us from 2.45pm on **Wednesday 17th July** so they can share some of their pieces.

Copley's 40th Birthday Picnic

We look forward to our birthday picnic on **Wednesday 17th July**. Next week children will choose their sandwich filling so our cook can place her food orders.

Copley Has Talent

Our School Council, led by Miss Tierney, has been very busy organising 'Copley Has Talent'. Children in every class are invited to showcase their varied talents before our finals event, which will be watched by the whole school in the last week of term.

Clubs

This week sees the last club sessions of the term for all clubs, with the exception of Tuesday's Scotty's Heroes which has its last club session on Tuesday 16th July. On **11th July** you are welcome to join the Street dance club from 4.20pm when children will share a short performance.

Year 6 children are expected to attend their clubs once they return from Ridgewood - please inform the school office if you wish to make a different arrangement.

Y4 Pedestrian Training

The LA Road Safety Officer is visiting school on **Monday 8th July**. She will take small groups at a time out to practise crossing the road safely.

School Reading Books

Reading Books - Please could children return **all books to school as soon as possible**. Over the next couple of weeks and through the holiday all books will be checked, an audit undertaken and our new books (a £450 investment) placed on shelves ready for September.

Scouts Gala and Road Race - Sunday 14th July



The poster is for the 'GALA & ROAD RACE' event. The top section is green with the title 'GALA & ROAD RACE' in large, stylized, black letters. Below the title, it says 'NEW LANE PARK, SPOTBROUGH' in white text on a black banner. There is a small Facebook icon in the top right corner. Below this, there is a logo for 'scouts be prepared' and the text 'SUPPORTING THE 67TH DONGASTER SCOUTS DIVISION'. The middle section is purple with 'FREE ENTRY*' written vertically on the left. In the center, it says 'Sun 14TH July 12 noon'. On the right, there is a list of activities: '★ GIFT STALLS', '★ DONKEYS', '★ ARCHERY', '★ CRAFT STALLS', '★ KIDS TENT', '★ BOUNCY CASTLE', and '★ FAIR RIDES'. The bottom section is green with a black banner that says 'ADDITIONAL PARKING AT THE IVANHOE DN5 7NS AND COUNTRY CLUB DN5 7SD *ROAD RACE ENTRY FEES APPLY.'. At the very bottom, there are logos for 'MOT & Repair', 'RIVERSIDE', 'ADRIAN WELCH GLASS & GLAZING', and 'MIDDLETON RESTORATION & REDYOLING'.

Best Wishes,

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Head teacher