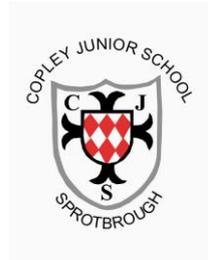




Copley Junior School Newsletter



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Harvest Festival - Thank You!

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Harvest Festival. We are very grateful for the huge number of donations given on both days, which were displayed on every table and ledge all around St Mary's. All our donations will be taken to Doncaster Foodbank, where they will make a big difference to many local families. I know helpers at the Foodbank are very grateful for our support.

It was lovely to see so many parents and relatives at our service. Our theme was 'Harvest around the World' and each class presented facts about the harvest traditions of their chosen country. We filled St Mary's with enthusiastic singing, especially for our 'Harvest Samba' song!



Cross Country Success - County Finals here we come!

Well done to our four cross country teams, as they competed with great success at the Keep Moat Stadium on Thursday.

Year 3 / 4 girls - Congratulations to the team who competed against over 100 cross country runners from local schools. Our

team came **4th** out of 29 teams and go through to the South Yorkshire Finals.

Year 3 / 4 boys - Congratulations to our Y3/4 team who came 12th out of 32 teams.

Year 5 / 6 girls - Well done to our girls' team as they competed against over 100 runners. Our team came **2nd** out of 32 teams and go through to the South Yorkshire Finals.

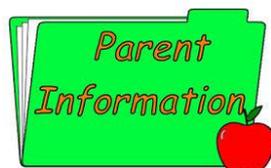
Year 5 / 6 boys - Congratulations to the team as they came **2nd** overall out of 33 teams and go through to the South Yorkshire Finals.

The children were a credit to the school as they demonstrated superb sporting behaviour throughout. We now look forward to taking three teams to the South Yorkshire Finals. What a great achievement!



More photos are on the 'Sports Competitions' page of the website, together with all the individual placings. There is a quick link on the home page. The South Yorkshire Finals will be held at Cannon Hall Farm on **Tuesday 11th February**.

Curriculum Updates



Maths Parent Workshops

All parents/carers are invited to join us for parent curriculum workshops on how we teach multiplication methods, with the children as our expert helpers.

We are holding two workshops at different times to hopefully suit everyone's availability:

Tuesday 15th October at 9am

Wednesday 16th October at 5.30pm

Each session will last 40 minutes and children are welcome to accompany you to the 5.30pm session. We hope you will be able to join us for one of these important information sessions.

Copley Assessment Models

The assessment models that teachers use to evaluate children's attainment and progress are available on our website. We send home a report at the end of each term that indicates children's achievement against these year group objectives in reading, writing and maths.

You can find these at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/assessment/reading-assessment>

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/assessment/writing-assessment>

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/assessment/maths-assessment>

Parent Governor Election

A vacancy has arisen for one Parent Governor representative to serve on the Governing Body of Copley Junior School. Nominations are invited from any parent/guardian who has a child currently attending the school. In the event of more than one nomination being received, an

election by a secret ballot will take place at the school and we will send out further details about this in due course. We have sent out two letters via ParentPay with all the details and these are posted on the 'Letters' page of the website also.

If you are considering making a nomination for our Parent Governor vacancy, please contact the school office to make an appointment with me and I would be very pleased to answer any questions and to give you further information about the role and responsibilities.

Express Events

We hope you will be able to join us for the following 'express' events, so that the children can share their learning with you:

Wed 23rd October at 2.45pm - Year 3 express

Thursday 24th October at 2.45pm - Year 4 express

Friday 25th October at 2.45pm - Year 5 express

Thursday 28th November at 2.45pm - Year 6 express

Diary Dates

School Photographs - School photographs of individuals and family groups is planned for Tuesday 22nd October. A letter has been sent out via ParentPay with all the arrangements. As always, all letters sent out can be found on the 'Letters' page of the website at:

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

Year 3 Visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife

Park - On Tuesday 5th November, Year 3 are planning to visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to launch their project on 'Predators'.

Year 5 Visit to Weston Park Museum - On Friday 8th November, Year 5 are planning to visit Weston Park Museum to launch their project on 'Pharaohs'.

'10 Day Active Travel to School' Campaign

We take part in two '10 Day Active Travel to School' challenges each year. For ten days starting on **Monday 14th October** we will record how children have travelled to school. If you live a distance from school please remember that park and stride (if you are walking for at least 5 minutes) also counts.

To give as much flexibility as we can, 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. Children will collect stickers if they travel actively each day and there are certificates and small prizes (lovely little pin badges that children are welcome to wear on their school jumper) to be won if active travel is achieved for the full 10 day period. A letter has been sent out via ParentPay with further details.

Parent Forum



Thank you to the following parents who are our Parent Forum members for this year:

[Mrs Knowles](#), [Mrs Powell-Pires](#), [Mrs Peebles](#), [Mrs Knight](#), [Mrs Case](#), [Mrs Glossop](#), [Mrs Ryder](#), [Mrs Kirk](#), [Mrs Concannon](#), [Mrs Rotherforth](#)

Our first meeting for the term is on **Friday 18th October at 2pm**. Agenda items include: evaluation of the parent feedback following science parent workshops in the summer term and information about the teaching of science on

the website; multiplication parent workshops, the updated calculations policy and videos; future parent workshops; new 'Quick Links' page on the website to signpost to key content; suggestion of establishing a healthy tuck shop for pupils.

If you have any views about Parent Forum agenda items you are most welcome to send an email via the school office.

Agendas and minutes are shared on the Parent Forum page of the website at: <https://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/parent-forum>

CSA News

Purple Voucher Book - We still have Purple Voucher books available for you to buy. The book costs £25 but will enable you to take advantage of many offers making it good value.

Bags2School - Our next recycling collection for unwanted clothes, bedding etc. in good condition is on Tuesday 19th November.

Card Designs - Many thanks to CSA members and parents who supported lunchtime workshops this week to enable children to complete a design for this CSA project. The designs will be made into a proof card for parents to then decide if they wish to purchase gift cards, cards, a cloth eco bag or mug with their child's design. The lunchtime sessions were incredibly well attended by the children, who have produced some very creative designs.



Bikeability

We had over 60 responses from parents regarding the Bikeability training sessions for Years 5 and 6.

Eighteen Year 6 children will be undertaking the training with three trainers on **Wednesday 23rd** and **Thursday 24th October**.

Further sessions have been booked for November for Year 5 pupils - further details will follow.

Club Reminder

Aromatherapy Club - A reminder that, following the schedule in the original club letter sent out, there is no Aromatherapy club on Thursday 17th and 24th October.

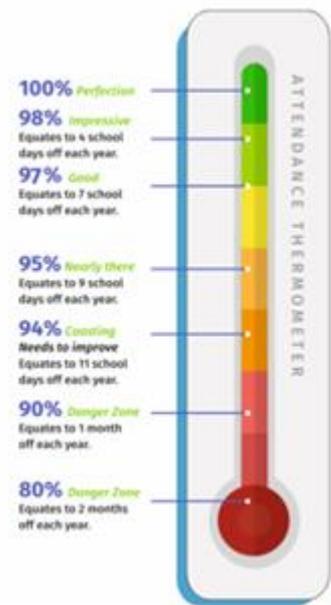
Before and After School Arrangements

A reminder that children are expected to enter and leave school independently in all year groups. Our cloak rooms are very short of space and children are expected to collect and put away their coats etc. independently.

In accordance with our safeguarding procedures all parents must enter school via the school office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Please could I also ask that you do not walk across the car park with your child. We tell children never to do this as it is not safe; please support us in this matter.

Attendance



School attendance target = 98%	
Pearl	98.5%
Opal	100%
Aquamarine	97.6%
Emerald	96.2%
Topaz	97.3%
Diamond	98.3%
Amethyst	99%
Jet	93.6%
Weekly average attendance for the school = 97.6%	

This week's attendance is below our target of 98%. I hope children have a good rest over the weekend if they have been unwell so we see everyone at school next week for a busy week of learning.

Best wishes,

E.A. Crayton
Head teacher