



Copley Junior School Newsletter



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Learner Values

At Copley, we are keen to promote pupils' personal development and self-esteem just as much as their academic progress. Our Learner Values support our school ethos of helping children to develop important life skills and are embedded throughout our school and our curriculum.

Our seven Copley Junior School Learner Values were chosen by a whole school pupil vote as well as discussions with our teaching team, governors and the Parent Forum. I am very proud of the children as I think their choice of key values that are important to us at Copley is excellent:

respect, perseverance, self-belief, independence, creativity, team work, friendship.

All classrooms have our Learner Values displayed:

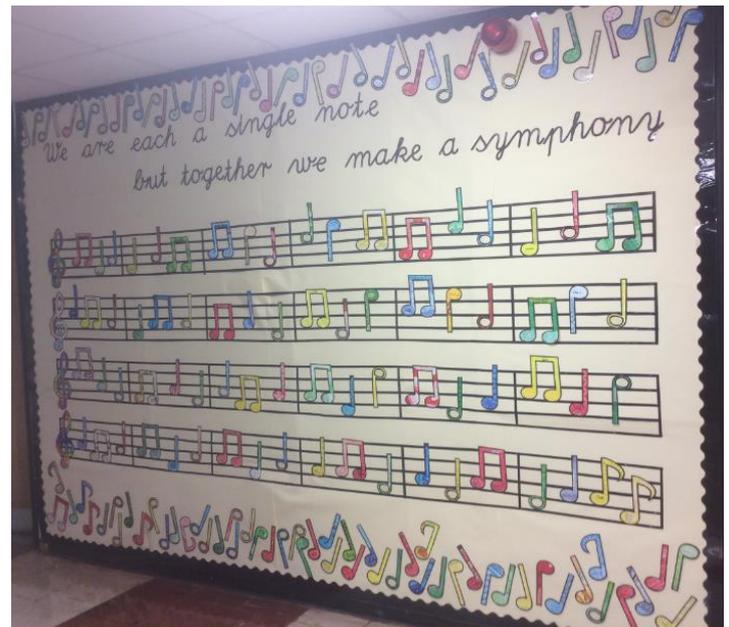


All children have their own Learner Value card. Children are awarded stickers to put in their card when they demonstrate a particular Learner Value to a high level. This year, when ten stickers are awarded for any

Learner Value, we will also award a certificate.

Central Learner Values Display

Our central Learner Values display always involves all the children in school. For our display below, all the children have designed and written their name on a note for our theme '**We are each a single note but together we make a symphony**'.



Parents' Evenings

Your child's class teacher will have contacted you to invite you into school for an appointment so that you can meet your child's new teacher, discuss your child's early progress and agree priorities for the year. Our Parents' Evenings are on **Monday 1st** and **Wednesday 3rd October**. Please contact the school office if you require an alternative appointment.

Clubs

As stated in the original letter, there are **no after school clubs on Monday 1st and Wednesday 3rd October** as it is our Parents' Evenings.

Club places have all been allocated and added on each parent's ParentPay account. This confirms the place and the club fee as appropriate for each club.

School Twitter

Join us on Twitter! Follow us at **@CopleyJunior** to receive regular tweets to keep you up to date with school news and insights into the daily life of the school.



Pupil Leadership Opportunities

At Copley, we are keen to provide leadership opportunities for our pupils. I am always so impressed with the initiative demonstrated by our children. They undertake these roles very responsibly and with such great confidence. Our pupil leadership roles include:

- Year 6 House Leaders
- School Council - all years
- Playground Leaders - Y4-Y6
- Sports Council - all years
- Eco Council - all years
- Y5 / 6 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
- Year 6 Mini Life Coaches
- Year 6 Recycle Team

You can find more about our pupil leadership groups, by visiting their website pages under the 'Our Community' section of the school website.

Mini Life Coach Workshops

At Copley we are keen to support children's emotional health and wellbeing. As part of this, Miss Wright our PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) leader, led training for our elected Mini Life

Coaches in the summer term. Since returning to school, the Mini Life Coaches have been very busy preparing their workshop sessions. These are offered at lunchtimes and children will have the opportunity to sign up for sessions running up to half term on Monday. Mini Life Coaches are keen to support children's emotional health and wellbeing and workshops include: mindfulness colouring; relaxation sessions and teamwork skills. In our Friday assembly, the Mini Life Coaches did a brilliant job of presenting their workshops to the whole school.

Pupil Premium

School receives a small amount of Pupil Premium funding for children who are either eligible for free school meals now or have had eligibility within the last six years.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Did you know? If you are in receipt of support payments, e.g. Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit etc. your child may be entitled to receive free school meals and additional support from the school.

Please contact the school office, in confidence, so we can support you in making the short application.

Morning Routine - All children should enter classrooms independently between 8.45-8.55am. If parents/carers wish to speak to teachers, you are welcome to make an appointment at the school office or see the teacher at the end of the day. Teachers are not available for meetings as the children enter school as they lead early morning learning activities from 8.45am.

Invitation to School Lunch

If you would like to join your child for a school lunch, to see how our lunch system operates, we have sent out invitations for 9th October, 11th October, 15th October, 19th October and 22nd October. Please return the reply slip on the letter sent out this week.

Menus for each week are available on the website at:

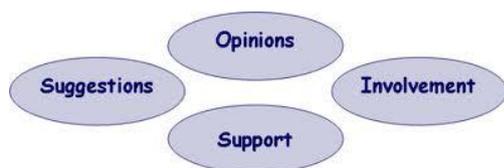
<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/day-by-day/lunchtimes>

Secondary School Admissions

The closing date for secondary school applications for the school year 2019-2020 is 31st October 2018.

You can find Doncaster LA's Admissions policy and information on our website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-school/admissions>



If you would like to join the Parent Forum, please return the reply slip by **Friday 5th October**.

Bikeability - In Years 5 and 6 we offer free Bikeability training. Trainers from Doncaster Culture and Leisure Trust work with groups of 12 at a time with two adults supervising each session. The two-day course provides high quality training for cycling and includes training on local quiet roads. Please return reply slips as soon as you can; all children who have returned a reply slips so far have been allocated a place

for the training course on 4th and 5th October and confirmation slips will be sent home on Monday.

Young Voices

Miss Havercroft is delighted to have such a large choir of Y5 and 6 pupils as we prepare for the 'Young Voices' Concert in January. A letter has been sent home with further details.

Young Shakespeare Company Visit

On Monday 15th October we have arranged for the Young Shakespeare Company to come into school and work with the children in Years 5 and 6. The performance and workshop always provide children with an engaging and inspiring first taste of Shakespeare, pitched perfectly for the age of the children. A letter has been sent with further details.

As always, copies of all letters sent home are available on the website at:

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

'Walk to School Fortnight'

From Monday 15th October we will be encouraging children to walk to/from school for 10 days as part of 'Active Travel' fortnight. Children who walk for the 10 days achieve their footprint badge - there is a different design for each 'Active Travel' fortnight and children always like to receive their badge. Further details to follow.

Sporting News

Cross Country - Our Y3/4 and Y5/6 teams are competing at the Keep Moat Stadium on Thursday 11th October 12-2pm.

Football - Well done to our Y5/6 football team who competed at the South Doncaster Semi Finals this week with great enthusiasm and spirit, winning and drawing most of their

matches, with a couple of losses along the way, to finish mid-field.



Harvest Festival

Parents/carers and relatives are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. We will be limited for seating, but there is plenty of standing room too.

The children in **Einstein (Blue)** and **Hodgkin (Green)** Houses are celebrating Harvest at **2.15pm on Thursday 11th October.**

The children in **Hawking (Red)** and **Darwin (Yellow)** Houses are celebrating Harvest at **2.15pm on Friday 12th October.**

As siblings are in the same House, this means parents/carers and relatives are able to attend one Harvest Festival as a family group.

All children are asked to bring in some fruit/vegetables, tinned or packaged food for our Harvest display. You are also welcome to send in toiletries e.g. soap, deodorant, toothpaste etc.

After our Harvest Festivals, and St Mary's Harvest Festival Service, our chosen charity, Doncaster Food Bank, will then collect the items.



If any parents/carers have availability to help us accompany the children on the walk to church we would be most grateful. Please let the school office know.



Reading Support

This week we sent 51 reading alerts to parents/carers. We do this when your child does not appear to be reading regularly at home as their reading diary has not been signed by a parent/carer.

The reading that children complete at home is vital to their reading development and parental support is invaluable.

We encourage children to read at least five times a week and just 15 minutes a day makes such a difference to your children's reading ability, not just in English but in all other curriculum subjects.

If children read four times a week they will be given a raffle ticket and will be entered in our half termly class draw, with the winner being able to select a reading prize. We ask that parents sign their child's reading diary **every time** their child has read.

Safety Alerts

Road Crossing Patrol - Mrs Jones is recovering from an accident and we have sent her flowers and our best wishes. The LA do not have a relief crossing patrol officer to provide cover for us, so please be aware of this on your journeys to and from school.

Staff Car Park - We give regular reminders that children should never walk through the staff car park at the start or end of the school day. Please could all parents/relatives respect this important safety message in the interests of our children's safety.



Children's University

We have already sent home many passports so that children can start recording all the hours of learning that they complete at extra-curricular activities. If your child forgets their passport for a club, it can be filled in the following week so that all hours are counted. You can request a passport at any time by selecting the 'Children's University' payment item on your ParentPay account. Children receive certificates as they reach different amounts of hours completed. All children who achieve 30 hours or more by the end of May will be invited to attend the graduation ceremony at Doncaster Hub.



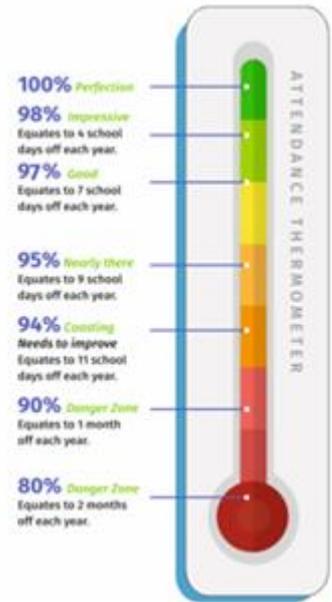
You can read more about the Children's University by visiting our website at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/childrens-university>
There is also a quick link on the home page.

CSA News

Christmas Cards - CSA members are organising this popular project once again. Children have the chance to create their own Christmas card design which is then professionally printed ready to send for the festive season.

Purple Voucher Scheme - This year the Purple Voucher Scheme offers chance to join the membership club so that you can take advantage of offers until 31.12.19. Please see the CSA letter sent out this week for more details.

Attendance



School attendance target = 97%	
Pearl	87.9%
Opal	85.5%
Aquamarine	99.3%
Emerald	100%
Topaz	99%
Diamond	96.2%
Amethyst	89.6%
Jet	87.5%
Weekly average attendance for the school = 92.8%	

Charity Fund Raising

Eve Merton Trust and Macmillan Cancer Support - Well done to Jude B and Jorge O who organised their own fayre out of school and raised £81. We are very proud of you!

Bloodwise - Next week the pupils pictured below are aiming to raise funds for Bloodwise, the Blood Cancer charity. They have organised two activities - **Guess the Sweets in the Jar** (20p per guess) and **Guess the Name of the Dog** (50p per guess and the prize is pictured below!) The girls will be taking guesses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning breaks next week and children are welcome to come along if they would like to take part.

Best wishes,
E.A. Crayton

