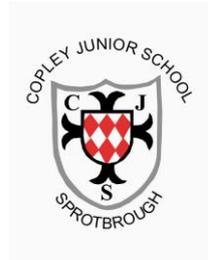




Copley Junior School Newsletter



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Year 3 Express

Many thanks to parents/carers and relatives who joined Year 3 pupils for the opening of their Scrumdiddlyumptious café on Thursday. The children had been very busy making healthy flatbreads, iced biscuits and crispy buns. As part of their Design Technology work children worked in groups to design and make healthy fruit smoothies together with beautiful packaging.



This was Year 3's enterprise event for the year. We will let you how much the children have raised and what they decide to spend it on.

Year 5 Express

Our Year 5 express on Wednesday was a team rocket building challenge! Many thanks to parents and relatives who joined us for this active and competitive afternoon!



10 Day Active Travel' Campaign

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Active Travel' campaign. If any child was absent through ill health and wishes to walk and collect their sticker/s in the first week back after half term, then they are welcome to do this. Our Eco Council will collate results to share with you and children will receive their small prize for completing the challenge in due course.

Winter Menus

New winter menus are introduced after the half term break. These run on a three week cycle and are available for you to view on the website at:

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

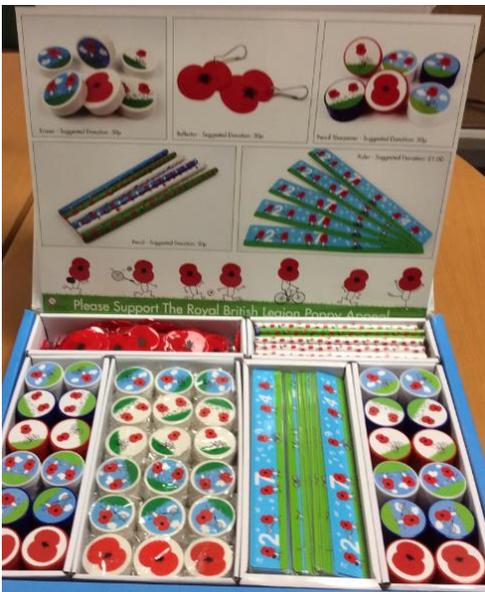
As always, there is a quick link to new content on the home page under the section 'Latest Additions to the Website'.

School Photos - Individual and sibling photographs were taken this week by our photographer. We look forward to seeing the photographs soon.

British Legion Poppies

We are selling poppies in school from Monday 5th November. We suggest a minimum donation of 20p. We are also selling:

- for 50p each - poppy reflectors that can clip onto school bags, rubbers, pencils and pencil sharpeners
- for £1 - rulers



With Remembrance Sunday approaching, children in our School Council will be leading an assembly about this year's commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War One, why we wear a poppy at this time of year and we will reflect on those who have served our country in times of conflict.



After our assembly the School Council will be placing the remembrance pebbles they have prepared around the school grounds. If children find a remembrance pebble, we hope they will take a moment to think about all the people in the armed forces and their families. Once children have had their moment with the pebble, they can choose to either leave the pebble for another child to find so they can have a moment to remember, or they can keep the pebble.

School Updates



New Parent Curriculum Leaflets

Curriculum leaflets are available now on the website for the projects children are studying after half term:

Year 3 - Predator

Year 4 - Road Trip USA (starting after the Year 4 express event on Wednesday 14th November)

Year 5 - Pharaohs

Year 6 - A Child's War (continued)

Please visit the website to see what the children will be learning next half term at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/curriculum-leaflets>

A quick link is also available under the 'Latest Additions' section on the home page.

Invitation to Parent/Carer Curriculum Workshops

We offer curriculum presentations through the year to share with you our approach to teaching and learning at Copley. We very much hope you will be able to join us for one of our **maths workshop presentations** next half term:

Wednesday 28th November 2.30pm - 3.15pm

Wednesday 28th November 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Thursday 29th November 9.05am - 9.50am

Please note that we run three identical sessions at different times to give plenty of opportunity for parents to attend around work and family commitments. Children are welcome to attend the 5.30pm session with parents/carers.

Many thanks to members of the Parent Forum who contributed ideas as to the content so that we can ensure the sessions are as helpful to you as possible. Our November workshop sessions will share with you our updated Maths Calculation Policy for addition. The workshops will share how we teach calculation methods, which are very different to how we as adults were taught when we were at school and will provide important information about our approach to the teaching of maths. We hope that all parents/carers will be able to join us for one of these important sessions.

House Point Success



Teachers and adults in school award house points for effort, good work, achievement in different curriculum areas and for being helpful, polite and thoughtful to others. We

announce the weekly house point totals in our Friday Achievement Assembly.

We have so many hard working and well behaved pupils, who regularly receive house points to mark their success. In order to recognise this further, we have a half termly reward scheme. Each half term, the top five children from each class with the highest number of house points for the half term are entered in the year group draw. One winner from each year group receives a £5 book voucher.

Well done to the house point winners from the first half of the Autumn term:

Year 3 - Lily W

Year 4 - Lucas J

Year 5 - Charlie L

Year 6 - Connie M

Reading Reward Assemblies

Regular reading at home is essential for the children's development of skills and it is so enjoyable in its own right too. Every week that children read at least four times, and have their reading record signed by an adult, they receive a raffle ticket for our half termly class draw.

One child's tickets is drawn from each class and they have the fun of choosing a brand new book to take home to keep from our fantastic range of titles. Well done to the following children:

Y3 - Isabelle F and Jayden D

Y4 - George C and Emilia K

Y5 - Luke C-S and Darcy C

Y6 - Zak R and Sienna S

Please support your child by discussing their reading, hearing them read regularly and signing your child's reading record. We hope to see even more raffle tickets in the reading reward draw next half term.

Club Information

Please note that, in accordance with the original letter sent out in September, we ask that **all** children are collected after clubs at 4.30pm after half term as it is getting dark so much earlier. The only exception to this is in cases where parents have contacted us to establish a different arrangement. **From after Easter, children will be allowed to walk home independently again after clubs, if we have your written permission.**

The final club sessions for each club this half term are listed on the website calendar and are listed on the original letter sent out.

Secondary School Admission September 2018

All parents/carers of children in current Year 6 need to apply for a secondary school place by the national closing date of **31st October**. You can apply online at www.doncaster.gov.uk/admissions and click on the 'Secondary Admissions' link.

All applications must be submitted by 31st October to ensure you have the best chance of being offered your preferred school.



Children's University Passport Count

The Children's University has brought forward their autumn term visit to us to **Wednesday 7th November**. **Please could all children bring their passports to school on this date.**

Our link tutor will total all the hours completed so far and then we will receive some lovely certificates to present to the children to reward their success so far this year.

If your child has not yet joined the Children's University, there is still plenty of time. All that is needed is a £2 payment via the payment item established for all parents/carers on ParentPay.

Year 5 Request

As part of an upcoming project, Year 5 are asking for donations of unwanted photo frames (with or without glass), scraps of fabric, old currency, buttons, beads, game pieces and counters or any broken costume jewellery. Any other unusual or small items which can be glued or sewn would be appreciated.

The photo frames need to be smaller than an A4 sheet of paper and must have a back, however it does not matter if they are designed for standing or wall mounted. They will be using these items to create ornate clocks which demonstrate the numerous interpretations of 'time' e.g. 'a stitch in time', 'time is precious'.



Class Visits

We have two class visits during the first week back:

Thursday 8th November - Year 3 are visiting the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to launch their project on 'Predators'.

Friday 9th November - Year 5 are visiting Weston Park Museum to launch their project on 'Pharaohs'.

If parents/carers have not made their voluntary contribution yet, then please visit your ParentPay account as soon as possible.

CSA News

CSA Christmas Cards

This is a lovely CSA initiative - children can design a Christmas card that is then professionally printed in time for you to send to friends and family. Siblings who are not pupils at Copley are most welcome to join in too. The strict deadline for returned cards is **Monday 5th November**, as we want to ensure that the printed cards are returned to you in plenty of time to send out to friends and family.

Bags2School - Our next Bags 2School collection is scheduled for **9am on Tuesday 14th November**. This is a great way to recycle unwanted clothing and helps to raise additional funds for the school.

CSA Meeting - Our next meeting is at **2pm on Wednesday 7th November**.

Attendance



School attendance target = 97%	
Pearl	97.2%
Opal	97.2%
Aquamarine	91.1%
Emerald	91.5%
Topaz	94.3%
Diamond	91.4%
Amethyst	93.8%
Jet	99.2%
Weekly average attendance for the school = 94.6%	

Oh dear - a concerning week for attendance at school. For children who have been poorly I hope that the half term break will allow everyone to recover.

For parents/carers taking children out of school for a family holiday (**30 missed days of education this week alone**), please note that school does not authorise **any** absence out of school and you may be liable for an Education Penalty Notice and fine. For further details, please see our pyramid Attendance and Punctuality Policy on the website at:

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

St Mary's Church Half Term Activity



Pumpkin Patch Light Party

Thursday 1st November

4.30-6.30pm

St. Mary's Church Hall

For children aged 4-11

(accompanied 3 year olds welcome)

£3

To book contact Amanda

01302 854836 /e-mail

amanda.barraclough1@btinternet.com

Crib Casting

Reverend Barraclough will be casting for the three Crib services (all held on Christmas Eve) on **Wed 7th November** at **3.50pm** in church. All budding actors and actresses welcome! No words need to be learned for the roles.

Sprotbrough Christmas Lights Group

We are fundraising to support Sprotbrough Christmas Lights, helping to make them bigger and better each year.

The village event is on **Saturday 24th November** with a grand switch on at 5.30 pm - hope to see you all there early as things begin at 5pm, with children singing at 5.05 pm and the band strikes up shortly afterwards.

This year there will be more lights round the village Christmas tree, live music and light refreshments including hot chocolate and mulled wine. The road in front of the church will be closed for a while (from 5pm

to 6 pm) for Santa and his sleigh to stop by to greet you all (transport provided by Went Valley Lions). Take photographs with the sleigh!

Your support is needed please to make this a truly wonderful start to the festive season and help to build up funds to light the large tree at the top of Boat Lane ...next year if possible!

Stickers will be on sale in the school and nursery for **50p** from **November 5th**. We would hope that each child will buy a sticker to place on a wooden Christmas tree to be displayed in the school and nursery and later in the library when full of stickers.

Many thanks for your support. Hope to see you all on the day,
Sprotbrough Community Christmas Lights Group

I hope you have an enjoyable half term break with the children. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 5th November**.

Best wishes,
E.A. Crayton
Head teacher