



Copley Junior School Newsletter



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Children in Need - Thank You!

Thank you very much for your generous support of Children in Need. We raised an amazing **£226!** Well done to children in the School Council for organising the day.

National Anti-Bullying Week



Well done to all children who sent in an entry for our 'odd sock' design competition. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors really enjoyed choosing the winner for each group. Well done to Allegra P, Isabelle S, Emma H and Haashir N. They were presented with stationery sets in an assembly this week.



Being different is ok, Wear odd socks today.

Each class took part in work around the theme of 'Choose Respect'. A selection of the work is shared on the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors' page of the website, including the pupil nominees from each class from the

'Copley Day of Kindness' initiative organised by the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. This is available on the website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/anti-bullying-ambassadors>

There is also a quick link on our '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 week:

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. You are welcome to bring your child to the 5.30pm session.

We have recently updated our maths calculations policy for addition. As well as finding out how we teach calculation methods at Copley, some of the children will join us to model some of our teaching approaches.

We hope as many parents/relatives as possible will join us for one of these important sessions.

CSA News

Santa's Grotto Tickets

This year we are selling tickets for Santa's grotto via ParentPay. If your child/ren want to see Santa at the Christmas Fair then you need to **buy a ticket in advance. Please buy your tickets by Friday 30th November.**

Non Uniform Christmas Fair Donation

Day: On **Friday 30th November** children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes. We would be most grateful if children could bring a donation for the Christmas Fair - items for the tombola, raffle, children's chocolate tombola, filled jars etc. will all be gratefully received. The CSA has sent out a separate flyer with further details.

CSA Christmas Fair: Thursday 6th December

Our Christmas Fair starts as school finishes. All children will leave school as usual to meet their parent/carer and are invited to come back into school to the fair with an adult. In this way, we ensure every child leaves the fair safely in the care of their adult. We hope you will be able to join us!


Christmas Wish Tree

This year, the CSA are working with our Eco Council to promote an eco-friendly Christmas Wish Tree. Children are invited to buy a festive cardboard template for £2 and to take this home to decorate and write on their Christmas message to the class, before bringing it back to school to attach to the felt Christmas tree purchased for each class.



We are promoting this as an alternative to sending lots of separate cards, to reduce paper and costs. Children are still welcome


to use our post box to send Christmas cards as they wish. Please purchase any Christmas Wish Tree templates by Friday 7th December. Our school post box will open from Monday 3rd December and Year 6 elves will sort and deliver cards each day.

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE




Copley School's Eco-Council in conjunction with the CSA are offering Copley children the opportunity to buy a festive cardboard template for £2.





This recyclable template will be sent home for children to decorate & add a handwritten festive message to their class. Templates can be brought back into school & put on the felt Christmas tree in each class.



We are promoting this as an alternative to sending lots of separate Christmas cards to individual class members* - reducing the amount of paper used, as well as saving money spent on cards!

Children can order a template for £2 each using ParentPay until Friday 7th December.

The template will be sent home for children to decorate & return to school to put on their class Christmas Wish Tree.

This letter has been sent out on ParentPay only → to save paper!

All profit made from this Eco-initiative will go to CSA and be spent on the school.

*We appreciate some children may still want to send cards (though perhaps not as many?) and the Christmas post box will be in school for this.

A copy of the CSA flyer is available on the 'Letters' page of the website.

Diary Dates

Year 6 express - Year 6 are busy preparing to showcase their learning with parents/carers and relatives on **Thursday 29th November at 2.45pm**. We greatly hope you will be able to join us.

Year 3 'Christmas Experience' at St Mary's Church

Reverend Amanda and church members have prepared an engaging 'Experience Christmas' workshop for Year 3 children. On the afternoons of **Monday 3rd December** (Opal) and **Tuesday 4th December**, (Pearl) class will walk to St Mary's for 1pm and they will return to school at 3pm. During the afternoon they will visit different 'stations' in St Mary's to undertake different activities to help them learn more about the Christmas story. We are grateful to members of St Mary's Church for preparing this for us and I am sure children will enjoy the experience.

Year 5 and 6 Concerts - We look forward to sharing our Year 5 and 6 Concerts with parents/carers and relatives on **Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December**. We hope you will be able to join us. Further information will follow next week.

Year 3 Express - Year 3's express event is scheduled for **Friday 14th December at 2.45pm**. We hope parents/carers and relatives will be able to join us for this.

Club Information

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, which is posted on the 'Letters' page of the website.

Street Dance - The last club session for the term is on **Thursday 29th November**.

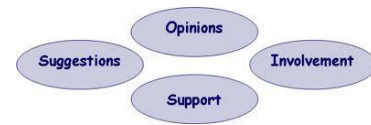
Parents/relatives are invited to join us from 4.15pm as the children would like to share one of their routines with you.

Science CREST Club - This club has now finished for the term.

Scotty's Heroes

Scotty's Heroes is run and organised by an external provider and we are pleased to host the club as it is very popular. Next term Scotty's Heroes is offering a club for Y5/6 on Tuesdays after school and a club for Y3/4 on Fridays after school. Booking for this club is via the external provider; the Facebook and phone number details are shared below.

Parent Forum



Our next Parent Forum meeting will be on **Friday 30th November** from 2.15pm-3.15pm. Agenda items will include review of the maths parent curriculum workshops and new maths calculations policy for addition; reviewing feedback from parents following visits to school for lunch and planning the content of presentations for the spring term. If you have any comments or suggestions, please speak to a Parent Forum member or, alternatively, you are welcome to email the school office.

Children's University

This week we presented 68 Children's University certificates in our Achievement assembly. All these children will now be invited to the graduation event at the Doncaster Hub in July. In total, the number of extra-curricular hours represented by these certificates totals an amazing **6 050** hours. Wow!

There is still plenty of time to join the Children's University this year. A passport can be purchased via ParentPay for £2 and will last over a year. It is a great way to recognise and reward children who take part in learning outside of school e.g. at school clubs or clubs they attend out of school. There will be another passport count next term.

Mobile Phones in School

As a general rule, children are not allowed to bring **any** electrical devices such as mobile phones, iPads etc. to school. Children are busy learning in their lessons and at breaks we want children to have exercise

Scotty's Heroes After School Club
Copley Junior School
Tuesdays 15:30 – 16:30 Year 5 & 6
Fridays 15:30 – 16:30 Year 3 & 4

Choose from one of our fantastic payment options

Option 1
Cover the full cost of the school half term with each club priced at £5

Option 2
Join our after school club subscription scheme at £15 per month. Guarantee your hero a place in every after school club and take priority booking over option 1.

Book now to secure your heroes place!

Telephone: 07835949404
Book now at Scotty's Heroes

outside and opportunity to engage with friends.

If there is a particular occasion when your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school e.g. because they are staying at a friend's house overnight, going straight after school to stay with a family member for the weekend etc. the mobile phone **must** be handed to a member of staff in the school office first thing in the morning so that it can be locked away until the end of the school day.

Please be aware that any personal items brought into school are done so at your own risk. Mobile phones should be handed into the school office in a **named envelope or clear zip wallet with your child's name clearly marked on the outside** so that your child's phone can easily be identified. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Children are not allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day, either in school or in the school grounds as they walk out at the end of the day. If any contact needs to be made with a parent, this will be done via the school office. We have needed to remind some children about this long established school rule this week. We value your support in reminding children at home about our expectations.

Switching on of Sprotbrough Christmas Lights

Thank you to Miss Havercroft and members of our choir who supported this lovely community event.

Next year the Sprotbrough Lights Group have plans to make the event bigger and better than ever. If you would like to support this, 'Christmas Bulb' stickers are on sale in school next week for 50p. Children write their name on the sticker and this is put on the wooden Christmas tree in school.

A letter with further details has been sent out and is available on the 'Letters' page of the website.

St Mary's Church Christmas Eve Services

Thank you to children who have already volunteered to be part of the Christmas Eve Services at St Mary's Church. Reverend Amanda would still like to hear from more girls and boys who would like to play Joseph, Shepherds or wise men! If parents/carers would like to express interest on behalf of their children, then please ring her on 01302 854836. There will be a rehearsal after school on Wed 19th December. There is no expectation of learning lines etc.

Family Film Club Screenings

Sprotbrough Methodist Church is keen to create opportunities where they can be more involved with the community. One of the ways SMC is doing this is through their Family Film Club. Please see below details of the December 'screenings' along with how to book free tickets.

SMC Family Film Club

Film - *The Greatest Showman Sing Along*

When - Sat 1st Dec

Where - Sprotbrough Methodist Church, Park Drive

Time - 3pm

Cost - Free (refreshments available for small charge)

Film - *Home Alone*

When - Sat 22nd Dec

Where - Sprotbrough Methodist Church, Park Drive

Time - 3pm

Cost - Free (refreshments available for small charge)

To sign up to the club and book free tickets go to [facebook.com/SprotbroughMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SprotbroughMethodistChurch) and see the Family Film Club post. (Home Alone tickets will be released after 1st Dec).

Reading through the newsletter it amazes me just how much happens in a week at Copley!

Best wishes,
E.A. Crayton