



Copley Junior School Newsletter



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Christmas Fair - Thank You!

Our Christmas Fair was, once again, a very busy and enjoyable evening. Thank you so much to everyone who helped before, during and after the event, local businesses who supported us and everyone who generously donated to make the event successful. Thank you also to children, parents and relatives and everyone who came along and supported the event, making it such a success.

Our Fair was a very busy evening with a raffle, silent auction, the ever popular 'reindeer poo', chocolate tombola, 'guess the bottle' stall for the adults, guess the name of the soft toy, Santa's grotto, cake stall, refreshments, hot dogs prepared by our school cook, badge making stall, games, face painting and nails, lucky jars and the list goes on! We will let you know how much we have raised next week.



We had many prizes on our raffle and all remaining lucky winners have been contacted so they can collect their prizes.

Santa's Grotto Sponsors

We are very grateful to two local businesses who have been very generous in their sponsorship of Santa's Grotto:

[Hi-Plas](#)

[Home Spray UK Ltd.](#)

Local Businesses

Thank you to all the local businesses below who kindly donated to our Christmas Fair:

[Goals](#)

[Vue Cinema](#)

[Nando's](#)

[Otto Wine Bar](#)

[Exercise4Less](#)

[Perfect Harmony](#)

[Amy Woodhouse Sports](#)

[Cast Theatre](#)

[Cannon Hall Farm](#)

[El Toro Restaurant](#)

[Newton Arms](#)

[Tesco](#)

[Aldi](#)

[Lidl](#)

[Sainsbury's Local](#)

A huge thank you also to all our CSA members who have put so much time, enthusiasm and hard work into organising the Christmas Fair.



Year 5 and Year 6 Concerts

From what I have seen from rehearsals, Year 5 and 6 parents/carers and relatives have a real treat in store next week! School is full of the excitement of rehearsals, costumes and singing. We are really looking forward to sharing our Year 5 and 6 Concerts with parents/carers and relatives on **Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December**. The Concerts start at **1.30pm**. Please note we can only open the doors at **1.20pm** as we need to clear the hall and set up seating as soon as the children have finished their lunch. We hope you will be able to join us for:

Year 5: The Inn Crowd

Year 6: Jack and the Beanstalk

All parents/carers sign a permission form when their child joins Copley Junior regarding the taking of photographs and videos. **As a result, parents/carers and relatives are welcome to take photographs and videos at our concerts.** Please note that our agreement requires all parents/carers to sign that images taken should only be for family enjoyment and **no photographs or videos should be posted on the internet or any social networking sites.** This helps to safeguard our pupils and we value your support in this matter.

Dress Rehearsal: Monday 10th December at 1.30pm - On Monday 10th December it is our dress rehearsal. If you have a baby or toddler and you would like to join us for the dress rehearsal you would be most welcome.

Please send back the reply slip on the letter sent out so we know how many tickets you require for any of the performances you wish to attend.

As always, a copy of the letter is on the 'Letters' page of the website at:
<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters>

Please note that all children are required to stay in school on the concert days until both concerts have finished.



Year 3 Express Event

Friday 14th December - The Year 3 express will be held at 2.45pm and the children have some fantastic work to share with you. We hope parents/carers and relatives will be able to join us.

Methodist Church Christmas Workshop Visits for Year 4

As part of the 'Godly Play' sessions led by the Methodist Church, children in both classes will be visiting the Methodist Church next week:

Tuesday 11th December - Aquamarine class
Wednesday 12th December - Emerald class
Children will leave school after lunch and will be back at school before 3.15pm when the local roads start to get busier. Please ensure children have a coat ready for the walk.

Flu Vaccinations

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 flu vaccinations took place on Friday. For any children who missed their vaccination as they were absent from school on the day, a follow-up visit by the school nursing team has been arranged for Friday 14th December.

Club Information

We have a few final club sessions for the term next week:

Monday 10th - Create, Lego and Y3/4 Football

Friday 14th - Scotty's Heroes and Archery (this final archery date was added as one earlier session had to be postponed)

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

We are very grateful to members of St Mary's Church for organising a wonderful afternoon workshop session for both Year 3 classes this week to help them learn more about the Christmas story.

Children moved around the different 'stations' meeting the angel Gabriel, finding out more about the journey to Bethlehem, meeting one of the shepherds and a wise man. They took part in activities at each station including craft and dressing up, with time for a drink and biscuit too. The children learned many new things about the Christmas story. Thank you to Reverend Amanda and everyone at St Mary's Church for providing such an enjoyable afternoon of learning!



Diary Dates

We have a very busy two weeks ahead of us:

Thursday 13th December - Christmas disco from 3.30-5.00 pm (details below)

Tuesday 18th December - Year 5 and 6 Party (further details to follow)

Wednesday 19th December - Year 3 and 4 Party (further details to follow)

Thursday 20th December - Christmas lunch day and Christmas Jumper Day. Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas

jumper/casual clothes and to bring a donation for the 'Save the Children' charity

Friday 21st December - Christmas carols and readings at St Mary's Church 2.15pm-3.15pm (details below)

Friday 21st December - School closes

Monday 7th January - School closed - staff training day

Tuesday 8th January - School opens

Tuesday 8th January - Y3 Greek Day - dress as an ancient Greek! (details to follow)

Christmas Disco

Our School Disco is **from 3.30-5pm on Thursday 13th December**. Tickets cost £2 and this covers the entrance fee, a drink and a bag of crisps. Sweets and raffle tickets will be on sale. Any contributions of items for the children's disco raffle will be very gratefully received.

Our disco starts at 3.30pm and children attending will go straight to the disco at the end of the day and will only need collecting by an adult at 5pm. This will save parents several journeys to and back from school.

We know that children enjoy wearing their own clothes for the disco. To give as much flexibility as we can, we are inviting **all children to come to school in non-uniform on Thursday**, whether they wish to attend the disco after school or not. This means children can come to school wearing clothes that they can then attend the disco in. If

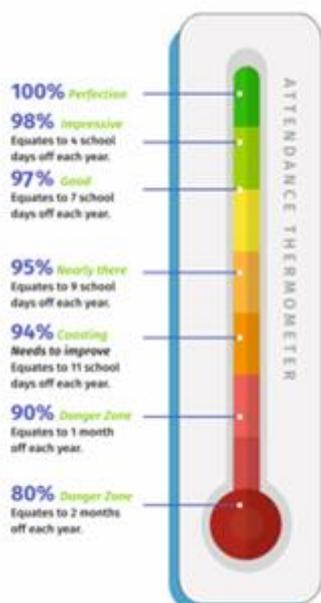
your child wishes to change just before the end of the day, owing to the nature of their preferred disco outfit, then this is also fine - just send your child with their disco clothes in a bag.

At the end of the disco, please walk down to the main school entrance door and form a line on either side of the path. Children will come out to find their adult and we will keep children with staff until every child is collected. Please note that the staff car park will be locked at the end of the disco in the interests of pupil safety until all children have left the school site. If you require disability parking for the disco please contact the office so we can make arrangements with you.

Safety Alert

Please could you support pupil safety by not driving into the staff car park and not using the staff car park to drive into and turn around. We do not allow any access to the staff car park unless you require disability access. This is in the interests of pupil safety as children are crossing to and from the Year 5/6 entrance gate. Please ensure that children in your care do not walk across the staff car park at any time, including the start and end of the school day, and that everyone walks on the paths in order to keep safe.

Attendance



School attendance target = 97%	
Pearl	96.6%
Opal	97.6%
Aquamarine	98.9%
Emerald	96.4%
Topaz	99.5%
Diamond	96.2%
Amethyst	99.6%
Jet	97.5%
Weekly average attendance for the school = 97.8%	

Quite a good week for attendance - please support good attendance up to the end of term.

Punctuality

Our school day starts at **8.55am**. The entrance gates are locked at 8.56am and any child entering school after 8.55am receives a late mark which is recorded on their attendance record.

Carol Service

On Monday 10th December, children will be given a Christmas Christingle box. Any voluntary donations of loose change to fill the boxes are greatly appreciated. Please could children bring their filled candle box, with proceeds going to the Children's Society, back to school by **Friday 21st December** so they can be taken to our Christmas Carols and Readings service at 2.15 pm.

On the afternoon of Friday 21st December we walk to church for a Christmas Carols and Readings service at 2.15pm. This local visit is covered by the permission letter signed by parents when your child started at the school, so we don't ask for individual parent signatures for this visit. As the children will almost fill the church, we are unfortunately unable to invite all parents to

this event on this occasion. We will have space for about ten parents/relatives, so if you would like to join us and help walk with the children to church please let the school office know, and we will say 'yes please' to the first ten parents/relatives!

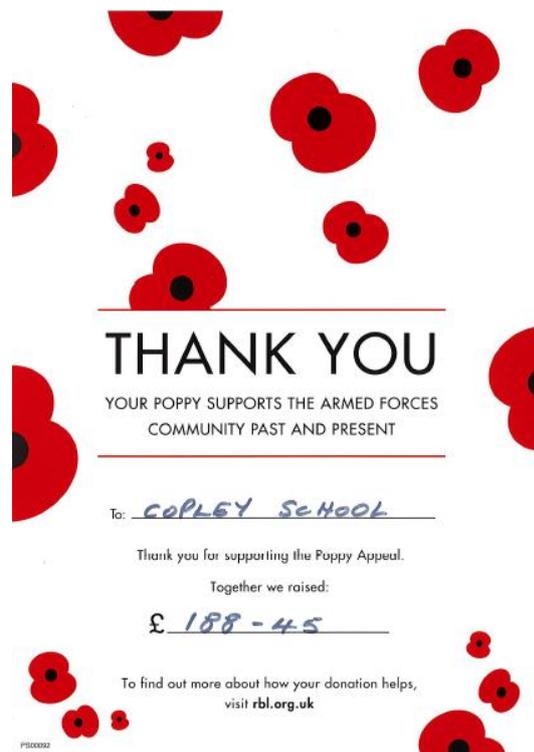
School Food Hygiene Award

Our school kitchen has had a Food Standards Agency Inspection and received the top score of 5 'Very Good'.

Congratulations to Mrs Hemstock and her lunchtime team!



Thank You from the British Legion



Best wishes,
E.A. Crayton
Head teacher