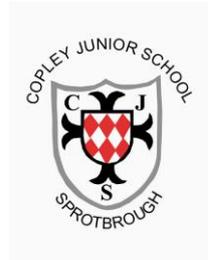


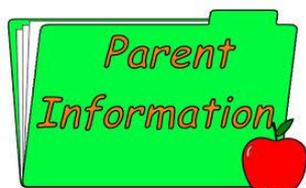


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Curriculum Updates for Parents



Year 6 SATS Assessment Meetings

We are holding two assessment meetings for Year 6 parents/carers on **Tuesday 22nd January** at **2.30pm** and **5.30pm** to provide information about the Year 6 SATS which take place from Monday 13th May-Thursday 16th May. **Please could all Year 6 parents attend one of these important information sessions next week.**

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** subtraction workshop presentations this half term:

Monday 11th February 5.30pm - 6.15pm
Tuesday 12th February 9.05am - 9.50am

Please note that we are offering two 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 subtraction. We would like to share with you the way we teach calculation methods and to share

further information about how we teach maths, including additional aspects requested in the parental feedback following our previous workshops. We hope as many parents/relatives as possible will join us for one of these important sessions.

Young Voices 2019

Miss Havercroft took her choir of 60 enthusiastic children to the Young Voices Concert this week. The children (and staff!) sang and danced with great enthusiasm and it was once again a fabulous experience. Thank you for the positive feedback from parents; it is greatly appreciated. Photos and video clips are now available on the website at:

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



The Children's University has informed us that we can record 4 hours in children's passports for the Young Voices afternoon rehearsal and concert. All the rehearsal times in school also count. Please take your passport to Miss Havercroft for signing next week!

Extra-Curricular Activities

Thank you for returning reply slips about our extra-curricular activities. All clubs are now full, but we have some places remaining for the following clubs:

- Street dance (Y3-6)
- Basketball (Y5-6)
- Football (Y3-4)
- Aromatherapy (Y5-6)
- Archery (Y4-6)
- Cooking Group 2 (Y4-6) - 1 place left only
- Star Medics First Aid Group 2 (Y4-6) - 3 places left only
- Create Club Group 2 (Y3-6) - 2 places left only

With clubs that prove very popular we will keep offering them whilst there is the interest. Mrs Sutton keeps very careful records and will endeavour to ensure that all children get chance to attend the club they are interested in in due course.

Gym Club and the two Scotty's Heroes clubs started last week and all other clubs start w.c. **Monday 21st January**. A copy of the club letter with all dates is posted on the 'Letters' page of the website.

Please check your ParentPay account, where you will be able to see if your child has been allocated a place and a payment tab has been added for you.

Scotty's Heroes - This club is organised by our external provider. The Y3/4 club is full but a few places remain for the Y5/6 club. If any children in Y5/6 want to take part in one taster session to see if the club is for them, then please contact Scotty's Heroes direct on 07835949404 or visit their Facebook page.

Mini Life Coaches - Another 50 children have signed up to our lunchtime Year 6 Mini Life Coach sessions for mindfulness colouring; outdoor fun and team work; creative crafts and yoga and relaxation. The new set of sessions will start next week.

Year 6 Visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

As part of their Cornerstones project on 'Frozen Kingdom', Year 6 had a great day meeting the polar bears and finding about adaptation, inheritance and evolution as part of their science work.



A gallery of photos from the day is on the Year 6 class page of the website at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-6>

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Year 5 are starting their swimming lessons soon and a letter and consent form has been sent home to both classes. Please complete the separate consent form and return by Monday 4th February.

A copy of the swimming letter has been added to the 'Letters' page of the website and dates have been added to the website calendar on the home page.

CSA News

Snowman Drive - Thank you for your valued support of the CSA Snowman Drive this week. This was a fun, past paced series of games and there was some very competitive playing from the children! Thank you to parents who came and supported the event.



Next Meeting - Our next CSA meeting is on **Wednesday 23rd January 2pm-3.30pm**. Please join us if you can.

Coppers for Copley - To encourage the value of saving, the CSA encourages children to save their coppers for the class jar. The CSA then match fund the total and the class have the fun of spending their savings, based on the class vote. Coppers for Copley closes for this year as we close for the Easter holiday.

Year 5 Residential Visit to Robinwood

Our Y5 residential visit at Robinwood has been booked for 13th-15th May. Children take part in a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities led by the experienced team at Robinwood, including canoeing, knight's challenge, the giant swing, the piranha pool challenge, raft building, crate challenge, the dungeon of doom, archery, zip wire, caving and climbing, not to mention rocket building! A letter has been sent out and a payment item set up on ParentPay. Please could deposits of £30 be paid before the 15th February to secure your child's place.

RSPB Great Bird Watch

Each year the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) promotes the Annual Bird Watch. This gives opportunity to spend an hour outdoors spotting birds in the local environment and supports the RSPB to monitor trends.

Our Eco Council has decided to take part and we will send our results in to the RSPB. We have many tasty treats to stock up our bird table to encourage the local birds to visit us!

If you would like to take part with your children, the Big Garden Bird Watch weekend is 26th-28th January. Our Eco Council will take part in the initiative close to these dates.

You can find out more information, including the bird observation form, on our Eco Council page at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/eco-council>

Pupil Safety Alert

Please could we remind all parents/carers that our staff car park is only for the use of staff and those parents/carers who require disability access. This includes dropping children off who are late. **Parent cars should not be entering the staff car park before the start of the school day, during the school day or at the end of the school day.** Children should enter via the pupil gate and path to the school office if they are late, accompanied by their parent to sign them in, and should not be crossing the car park around delivery vehicles and staff cars. Please support us in this matter to help keep our pupils safe.

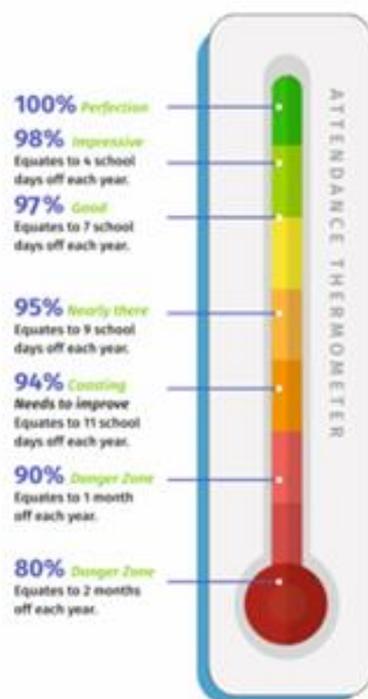
Congratulation to Miss Keep

Congratulations to Miss Keep and her partner, who have welcomed the arrival of baby Jackson Karl. I have only seen a photo so far - he looks absolutely gorgeous and weighed a very healthy 8.5 lb! We are looking forward to Miss Keep and Jackson visiting us in due course.

Miss Keep leads some P.E. in the afternoons as part of her role. As Miss Keep intends at present to take a year's maternity leave, we have been fortunate to secure P.E. teaching through a local sports provider, Active Fusion. We have had links with Active Fusion for many years and take part in many of their sports competitions.

Mr Henry will be teaching some P.E. classes with Years 3-5 (Miss Newton teaches some of Year 6's P.E. with great enthusiasm and skill!). Mr Henry is very experienced in teaching P.E. in local schools and will also be leading our Football and Basketball clubs, which provides great continuity as he will know the children who attend after school clubs as he is working in school.

Attendance



School attendance target = 97.2%	
Pearl	96%
Opal	95.2%
Aquamarine	98.9%
Emerald	98.8%
Topaz	98.1%
Diamond	99.5%
Amethyst	97.2%
Jet	100%
Weekly average attendance for the school = 97.8%	

Best wishes,
E.A. Crayton